

	City Council Study Session Community Wellness Special Focus Area May 24, 2021 - 5:30 PM Virtual MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Virtual Participation Link

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The City Council Study Session was held virtually.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers virtually present: Deputy Mayor Claude DaCorsi, Bob Baggett, Larry Brown, James Jeyaraj, Robyn Mulenga, Chris Stearns and Yolanda Trout-Manuel.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson, Police Chief Dan O'Neil and City Clerk Shawn Campbell were in Chambers.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: Senior City Staff Attorney Harry Boesche, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Planning Services Manager Jeff Dixon, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Financial Planning Manager Bob Brooks, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Utility Billing and Solid Waste Services Supervisor Joan Nelson, Planner II Alexandria Teague, Planner Jeremy Hammar and Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

An updated version of Ordinance No. 6822 was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Housing Action Plan (HAP) Briefing (Tate)(30 Minutes)

The City is preparing a Housing Action Plan (HAP) document under a Washington State Dept. of Commerce grant. On February 22, 2021 the City consultant, EcoNorthwest, provided an introductory briefing to Council on the existing conditions influencing housing supply in Auburn. In follow up, the consultant will describe the preliminary recommendations that are part of the draft of the Housing Action Plan issued for public comment through June 1

Jeff Dixon provided Council with a summary of the process for creating the Housing Action Plan.

Tyler Bump with ECONorthwest provided Council with the preliminary recommendations for the Housing Action Plan. He explained the project overview, the framework for the South King County Housing Market, the household Area Medium Income (AMI) in South King County, housing affordability trends, future housing needs and the public engagement outreach activities. Mr. Bump also provided Council the recommendations for the Housing Action Plan including; reducing the parking requirements, offering a density bonus, promoting lot aggregation, fee waivers for targeted development types, creating policies to lower cost of affordable housing development, consideration of a voluntary inclusionary housing program paired with a development bonus or financial incentive, reduced parking requirements for Micro Units, encourage middle housing options, development of middle housing, preservation of affordable housing and recommendations for implementation of the Housing Action Plan.

Council discussed the amount of cost burden residents in Auburn, projected rents in the next ten years, forecasted population growth, parking per housing units, inclusionary zoning, buildable land areas and micro units.

B. SEPA and Environmental Review Series 1 of 6 Presentations (Tate)(30 Minutes)

Planning Services staff to provide a presentation on State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules and implementation

Planner Teague and Planner Hammar provided Council with a presentation on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). They provided a brief history of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). They reviewed the key provisions of SEPA, when SEPA is required, the exemptions to SEPA and the SEPA process in Auburn.

Council discussed the definition of the Environmental Impact Study, the exemptions specific to the City of Auburn and SEPA's impact on climate change.

C. Ordinance No. 6816 (Thomas)(60 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Section 8.08.180 of the Auburn City Code relating to solid waste collection charges

Director Thomas explained the timing of the utility rate study. Manager Nelson provided Council the 2021 Solid Waste Rate Study. She reviewed the background for the current rates, the new rates, and current costs, the Solid Waste Fund, the Rate Study Assumptions, the transition to the new solid waste contract and changes from the rate study.

Council discussed the proposed rates, senior discounts, age range for senior discounts and potential impacts on illegal dumping and littering.

D. Ordinance No. 6822 (Thomas)(10 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Sections 3.40.010 and 3.41.010 of the Auburn City Code to restore an inadvertently omitted allocation of tax revenue to an established City fund

Director Thomas provided Council with a presentation on the correction to the Auburn City Code relating to the Utility Tax and Arterial Street Preservation funds.

Council discussed the rate structure.

V. COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no community wellness discussion items.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of June, 2021.



CLAUDE DACORSI, DEPUTY MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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