

City Council Study Session
May 23, 2016 - 5:30 PM
Auburn City Hall
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Wales called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Wales; Bob Baggett, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Bill Pelloza, Yolanda Trout-Manuel, and Rich Wagner.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following Department Directors and staff members were present: Police Commander Steve Stocker, Engineering Aide Amber Price, Police Officer April Clapp, Human Services Manager Erica Azcueta, Human Services Coordinator Emily Pearson, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Property Analyst Josh Arndt, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Assistant Engineering Services Director/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Transportation Manager Pablo Para, Assistant City Attorney Jessica Leiser, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

B. Announcements

There was no announcement.

C. Agenda Modifications

There was no change to the agenda.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are not considered at study sessions.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Mayor's Homelessness Task Force (20 Minute Presentation/20 Minute Q&A) (Hinman)
Mayor's Homelessness Task Force Report

Director of Administration Hinman introduced the co-chairs of the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force, Carla Hopkins from the King County Library District and Denise Daniels from the Auburn School District. Several task force members were in the audience.

Using a PowerPoint, the task force co-chairs spoke about the composition of the task force, its mission, and processes.

The task force determined the primary causes of homelessness are: inability to find affordable housing; increase in poverty (due to stagnant wages, fewer benefits and diminished safety nets); and mental illness.

Task force co-chairs reviewed the statistics of homelessness in the region and in the city of

Auburn.

The task force offered 46 recommendations, in seven categories of activity. The task force's 15 priority recommendations are:

Improve public safety, sense of well-being:

- create a program where homeless are hired daily to help clean the community
- ensure police have information to provide service and shelter referrals to homeless

Expand emergency shelter options:

- open additional shelter in City--more than just the winter shelter
- expand shelter service to youth under 18
- increase supply of low-barrier shelter beds in the city

Expand services:

- create a hygiene center
- expand programs, facilities and services to address behavioral health issues

Expand permanent housing and related services:

- Provide additional subsidized housing for single adults
- Provide landlord assistance for damages as well as rent guarantee

Improve public understanding and ability to assist:

- Educate residents about homelessness
- Continue to expand City's involvement with county, state, etc for funding

Advocacy:

- Advocate for more state funding for all types of behavioral health services
- Advocate for funding for individuals without state insurance/on disability to access mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Advocate to require utilities to expand subsidy for low income customers

Other:

- Create best practice training for all systems to build connections between agencies

Task force co-chairs also stated there is not a simple, one-size fits all path out of homelessness. The task force recommends creation of an "implementation committee" to help drive forward the recommendations of the task force.

B. Vietnamese Memorial (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Faber)

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Faber updated the Council on the status of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located at Les Gove Park. Since the adoption of Resolution No. 5012, the City and the Vietnam War Memorial Alliance have been finalizing design of the Memorial and the Honor Wall as well as determining the the exact location for placement in Les Gove Park. The Memorial location is near the walkway on the eastern border of the park.

In addition to numerous primary donors, the main fund raising will come from the sale of memorial tiles (1,000) for the Honor Wall.

The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000.00.

- C. Ordinance No. 6593, Renewal of Franchise Agreement with PSE Natural Gas (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the renewal and amendment of Ordinance No. 6018 for Puget Sound Energy, Inc. franchise agreement for the Transmission, Distribution and Sale of Natural Gas

Engineering Aide Price provided the staff report for the renewal of the franchise agreement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE). She reported PSE has applied for renewal and amendment to their existing Franchise Agreement to continue to operate within the City's rights of way for natural gas transmission and distribution facilities. The City determined minor amendments to the Agreement were needed to provide for better communication and coordination between PSE and the City.

A public hearing on the franchise renewal was held May 16, 2016. The approving ordinance will appear before the Council at their next regular Council meeting.

- D. 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan Update (10 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

Transportation Manager Pablo Para presented the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Manager Para reviewed the summary of proposed amendments to the TIP. He reported nine new projects were added to the TIP due to potential funding opportunities.

Staff will continue to develop the 2017-2022 TIP update in coordination with the City's Capital Facilities Plan process and budget development. A public hearing on the TIP and its final approval are slated for June 20, 2016.

- E. Resolution No. 5220 (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Hinman)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington declaring certain properties as surplus and authorizing their conveyance for park and open space purposes to the North Tapps Estates Homeowners Association

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Faber and Property Analyst Arndt presented Resolution No. 5220 authorizing the surplus and conveyance of property for park and open space purposes to the North Tapps Estates Homeowners Association.

Per the plat requirements of PLT07-0001, the developer of the North Tapps Estates subdivision dedicated Tract P, which was to be owned, reserved and maintained by the City as a park, and Tract C, which was to be owned, reserved and maintained as open space. The small size of the two tracts make each of these tracts more suitable for maintenance and ownership by the Homeowners Association rather than ownership and maintenance by the City as each of the two tracts are primarily utilized by the homeowners living within the North Tapps Estates development. The HOA has been maintaining the two tracts and now wishes to take over ownership.

City staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 5220 to surplus and convey Tracts C and P to the North Tapps Estates Homeowners Association on the condition that the HOA continue to maintain the tracts for their intended purposes.

- F. Resolution No. 5232 - SpanaFlight, LLC Airport Lease (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to

negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an airport property lease with SpanaFlight LLC

Community Development and Public Works Director Snyder presented Resolution No. 5232, authorizing an airport property lease with Spanaflight, LLC. Spanaflight wants to expand their business to the Auburn airport and would like to lease airport property for a flight school at the airport. Director Snyder noted the lease is temporary through the end of the year.

- G. Resolution No. 5233 - Les Gove Boundary Line Adjustment (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Hinman)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, declaring certain real property as surplus and authorizing the Mayor to convey interest in certain real property between the City of Auburn and Todd Hobert (for Parcel A) and James and Catherine Balzer (for Parcel B)

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Faber and Property Analyst Arndt presented Resolution No. 5233, declaring certain property surplus and conveying the property to adjacent property owners Todd Hobert and James and Catherine Balzer.

The survey completed for the Auburn Community and Teen Center project revealed that the current legal property boundary along the new parking lot area between 8th and 9th Streets in front of the gymnasium is approximately three feet west of the existing fence. For at least 20 years, the three-foot strip of land has been presumed to be part of the adjacent properties (currently owned by Todd Hobert and James and Catherine Balzer) and has been maintained and utilized by the owners. The strip of land is deemed to be of no value to the overall functions and operations of the Les Gove Community Campus and to the City in general.

It is recommended that the City Council declare the three foot strip of property as surplus and authorize the Mayor to convey the property to the adjacent property owners.

- H. Ordinance No. 6598 - Aggressive Begging (15 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A) (Heid/Lee)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending Sections 9.08.010 and 9.78.010 of the Auburn City Code relating to threatening and disruptive crimes – aggressive begging and disorderly conduct

Assistant City Attorney Jessica Leiser presented draft Ordinance No. 6598 modifying sections of city code relating to aggressive begging and disorderly conduct to bring the city code into compliance with a recent Supreme Court decision. The Court indicated any regulations where you have to read the message whether verbal or written in order to decide which regulation to apply is content based and subject to strict scrutiny. The amendments relate to or focus on conduct rather than content of speech.

- I. Downtown Parking Permit Program (10 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

Community Development and Public Works Director Snyder reviewed the prior and current downtown parking permit program. There are 81 current permit parking spaces. Permit duration are from one month, six months or 12 months. Parking space rentals are limited to businesses within the Downtown Urban Center (DUC) with a current City business license and Auburn residents with verified Auburn addresses. The current fees and terms are a result of a parking policy development. Director Snyder reviewed locations of the permitted parking and permit fee reduction opportunities.

- J. Resolution No. 5234 - Verizon Contract (5 Minute presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Haugan)
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an agreement with Verizon Wireless for Contract #GS-35F-0119P, related to GSA Federal Supply Schedule

Innovation and Technology Director Haugan presented Resolution No. 5234, authorizing an

agreement with Verizon Wireless for cell phone purchases and cellular services through the GSA-Federal Supply Schedule Contract.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

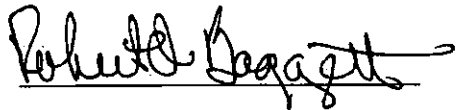
At 5:31 p.m. and immediately following the call to order and roll call, Deputy Mayor Wales recessed the meeting to to executive session for approximately ten minutes to discuss pending/potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). City Attorney Heid, Assistant City Attorney Leiser, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, and Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe attended the executive session. No action was anticipated as a result of the executive session.

The regular study session meeting was reconvened at 5:43 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF August, 2018.



BOB BAGGETT, DEPUTY MAYOR



City Clerk