

**City Council Meeting
May 4, 2015 - 7:00 PM
Auburn City Hall
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn, and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Holman, Rich Wagner, Bill Pelosa, Wayne Osborne, Claude DaCorsi and Yolanda Trout. Councilmember Largo Wales was excused.

Department Directors and staff members present included: Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Chief of Police Bob Lee, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Director of Administration Michael Hursh, Innovation and Technology Operations Manager Ashley Riggs, Innovation and Technology Customer Support Manager Reba Stowe, Community Services Assistant Emily Pearson, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation - Relay for Life

Mayor Backus to proclaim May 15-16, 2015 as Relay for Life of Auburn Days

Mayor Backus read and presented a proclamation declaring May 15-16, 2015 as Relay for Life Days in the city of Auburn. Mayor Backus encouraged all to participate in this year's Relay for Life event to raise money to fight cancer, increase community awareness of cancer, and stimulate a sense of relationship and camaraderie among participants. The proclamation was presented to Cheri Staples, Relay for Life of Auburn Co-Event Lead/People Lead. Ms. Staples invited all to walk or sponsor someone who has committed to walk at the Relay for Life event at Troy Stadium beginning at 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 15.

B. Presentation on Best Starts for Kids Program

Presentation by Patty Hayes, Interim Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County

Ms. Patty Hayes, Interim Director of Public Health - Seattle and King County provided a presentation on the regional initiative, Best Starts for Kids, that would fund prevention and early intervention based on the latest brain science. Best Starts for Kids is supported by research, which shows that early investment in a child's development—starting with prenatal support—delivers the greatest returns.

Examples of Best Starts for Kids strategies include:

- Universal access to developmental screenings for very young children, when it is proven to be most effective at helping infants and toddlers prepare for school.
- Increase access to mental-health screenings for middle school-age youth.
- Nurse home visitations for first-time mothers—from pregnancy through a child's first two years—to make sure they get off to a strong, healthy start.
- Flexible funding for families to prevent homelessness. For example, helping a working mother keep her transportation so she can make it to work and not lose her job, decreasing the likelihood that she and her family become homeless.

The proposal Executive Constantine presented to the Metropolitan King County Council includes a six-year levy lid increase of 14 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which would raise \$58 million in the first year. The cost to the average King County homeowner would be about \$56 per year. The King County Council will vote on the proposed legislation by July 20th and in time for placement on the November 2015 ballot.

III. **APPOINTMENTS**

There was no appointment for Council consideration.

IV. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There was no change to the agenda.

V. **CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS & CORRESPONDENCE**

A. **Public Hearings**

No public hearing was scheduled for this evening.

B. **Audience Participation**

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue. Those wishing to speak are reminded to sign in on the form provided.

Leslie Kessler, a 30-year employee of Green River College, expressed concern regarding Green River College administration's proposal to reduce staff and eliminate four programs: Geographic Information Systems, Auto Body Technology, Carpentry Technology and Parent Child Education. She urged the City Council to advocate for the programs proposed for termination.

Glen Martin, a carpentry instructor at Green River College, presented the Council with letters from several carpentry technology students in which they talk about their backgrounds and studies and express concern with the proposed staff reductions and program eliminations at Green River College.

Vern Reber, a carpentry student at Green River College, stated he was

released from prison in February 2014 to a clean and sober house in Auburn. He entered the carpentry technology program at Green River College and currently has over 60 credits. He is also one of the three carpentry students who gained direct entry into the Carpenters Union since January. Mr. Reber expressed concern about the proposed elimination of the carpentry technology program at Green River College and his ability to obtain his AAS degree through Green River College's program.

William Payne, Sr., retired Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, and is currently attending Green River College's carpentry technology program on the GI Bill. He expressed concern with proposed cuts at Green River College.

Derick Whittaker, a student at Green River College's carpentry technology program, expressed concern with the proposed elimination of the carpentry program and other programs. He questioned the college's construction of a new trades facility and the subsequent proposal to eliminate the carpentry and auto body technology trades programs.

Ajay Narayanan, a physics and astronomy instructor at Green River College, recited from Green River College's mission and values statements, which in part promises access through barriers to enrollment and provide programs in services that prepare learners for professional and technical careers. The College promises equity to increase accommodation for students and communities with diverse needs and to contribute to the educational, economic and social development of the community. Mr. Narayanan stated the proposed elimination of the geographic information systems, auto body technology, carpentry technology, and parent child education programs goes against the College's mission and values. He spoke against the elimination of the programs.

Jamie Fitzgerald, stated he was an instructor at Pierce College and returned to Green River College as a member of the faculty. He spoke against the proposed elimination of the college programs. He referred to a "field guide" found on the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges website, which states in part: Green River works closely with local employers to design curriculum for today's jobs and tomorrow's careers. Instructors are experts in their fields, many having substantial experience employed in the field they teach. Industry leaders regularly serve on advisory committees. These committees strive to build and maintain relationships benefitting students, the college and the community."

Mark Millbauer, stated he has four children, who attended Green River College, and he is an auto technology instructor at Green River College. Mr. Millbauer is also the faculty's union president. He questioned the investment in the new trades building at the campus and the equipment that has been purchased and waits to be installed in the building. Mr. Millbauer stated the union has been in difficult contract negotiations with the College for over a year and three of the four programs slated for elimination are headed by three of the top leaders in the union.

David Hoskin spoke about halfway houses in residential neighborhoods and asked for the City's assistance to protect the neighborhoods.

Diane McBride spoke regarding the proposed elimination of the programs at

Green River College. She stated her son participated in two trade programs through Green River College and spoke in favor of retaining the trades programs.

Larry Galloway, an instructor at Green River College for fifteen years, and who served as an administrator and dean of five divisions at the college spoke regarding the proposed program cuts at Green River College. Mr. Galloway questioned the budget shortfall at Green River College, the elimination of vocational programs, and the decline of full time instructors versus the number of part-time instructors.

Sara Beth Radical spoke about her experience in pursuing a position in the automotive industry. Ms. Radical stated her potential for annual income in the auto collision repair industry is nearly double the amount for the field she obtained a bachelor's degree. Ms. Radical stated she is two quarters away from completing her auto body technology degree. She expressed dissatisfaction that the college has not informed the students directly of the potential elimination of the programs in which they are enrolled.

Sue Hart from Buckley stated she has been a marketing specialist for the trades programs at Green River College for the past year. She spoke about the demand for a work force trained in the trades and funds available from the industries for scholarships and sustaining the programs.

Richard Jones of Auburn and a student at Green River College, spoke against the elimination of the trades programs at Green River College.

Dione Ybarra, urged the City Council to support the trades programs at Green River College. Mr. Ybarra stated no one in his family has graduated from high school or college. Mr. Ybarra is a student at Green River College working towards his degree and working a job to support himself.

Mohammed stated he is from Iraq. Mohammed stated he is thankful to be living in the United States. He has completed four quarters in auto body technology at Green River College and looks forward to obtaining his college certificate and a good job. He spoke against the proposed cuts to the trades programs at Green River College.

Walter Lowe resides in Maple Valley and teaches in the English Department at Green River College. He expressed appreciation to the Auburn City Council for the opportunity to convey concerns with the proposed cuts at Green River College.

Amanda Linbritten, who lives in Auburn, spoke against the proposed cuts to programs and personnel at Green River College.

Mayor Backus thanked the audience for attending and sharing their stories and concerns. She reminded that the City has no direct control over Green River College, but she and Council will engage in conversations with the College administration.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council review.

VI. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendations to the City Council, if any.

Councilmember Osborne reported on behalf of the Council ad hoc committee on finance that reviews claims and payroll vouchers. Councilmember Osborne reported that he and Councilmember Wales reviewed the claims vouchers and payroll vouchers reflected on this evening's Consent Agenda. The ad hoc committee recommends approval of the claims and payroll vouchers as presented.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

- A. Minutes of the April 20, 2015 City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the March 30, 2015 Special City Council Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Coleman)
Claims voucher numbers 433315 through 433478 in the amount of \$854,924.75 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$159,185.80 and dated May 4, 2015.
- D. Payroll Vouchers (Coleman)
City Council approve payroll vouchers 535506 through 535537 in the amount of \$286,402.73 and electronic deposits in the amount of \$1,347,022.24 for a grand total of \$1,633,424.97 for the period covering April 16, 2015 to April 29, 2015.
- E. Public Works Project No. CP1024 (Snyder)
City Council approve Final Pay Estimate No. 8 to Contract No. 14-06 in the amount of \$19,562.55 and accept construction of Project No. CP1024, M Street SE and Auburn Way South Intersection Improvement Project.

Deputy Mayor Holman moved and Councilmember DaCorsi seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes minutes, claims and payroll vouchers, and Public Works Project No. CP1024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SCORE Jail Update (Mayor Backus)

Mayor Backus is the City's representative on the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Board and presented a PowerPoint presentation on SCORE jail statistics. The SCORE member cities include Auburn, Renton, Federal Way, Tukwila, Burien, SeaTac and Des Moines.

Mayor Backus presented SCORE Member City Billable Average Daily Population (ADP) at 331 during the month of March 2015, which is an all-time high for member cities.

Graphs for Total ADP by Month and Year and Auburn Billable Average Daily Population were reviewed. An all-time record number of 672 inmates for both member cities and contracts was recorded in March 2015. Mayor Backus noted Auburn's billable ADP continues to decline and is at 79.

Mayor Backus also reviewed Total Bookings for Member and Contract Agencies, SCORE Contract Billable Average Daily Population, and Male versus Female Member Agency Bookings.

X. ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 6560 (Second Reading) (Snyder)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending sections 18.04.031, 18.04.125, 18.04.249, 18.04.390, 18.04.440, 18.04.660, 18.04.835, 18.04.891, 18.07.020, and 18.31.130 of the Auburn City Code relating to Communal Residences

Councilmember Osborne stated he received an email from the Rental Housing Association of Washington conveying concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Osborne stated the Rental Housing Association believes the annual inspection provisions of the ordinance are in violation of RCW 59.18.125. Councilmember Osborne moved and Deputy Mayor Holman seconded to table Ordinance No. 6560 until the May 18, 2015 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5144 (Coleman)
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute Addendum Number V to the fixed-base lease at the Auburn Airport initially between Sky Services, Inc., currently Auburn Flight Services and the City of Auburn

Councilmember Osborne moved and Deputy Mayor Holman seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5144.

Councilmember Osborne stated the resolution would allow a helicopter dealership at the Auburn Municipal Airport.

Councilmember Pelozo spoke in favor of enhancing the business base at the airport.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on their significant City-related activities since the last regular Council meeting.

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Holman reported on his attendance at the last Junior City Council meeting and the Junior City Council's anti-cyber bullying campaign. Deputy Mayor Holman also reminded that the City of Auburn will be celebrating its 124th birthday on June 5th. Celebrations and exhibits will be at the City Hall Plaza.

Councilmember Pelosa reported on his attendance at the South County Area Transportation Board meeting, the King County Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee meeting, the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 management meeting, the Cities and Schools Forum, the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce awards banquet, the Puget Sound Regional Council annual meeting, and the Auburn Food Bank Empty Bowls fundraiser.

Councilmember Osborne reported he attended the Green River System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Advisory Board meeting.

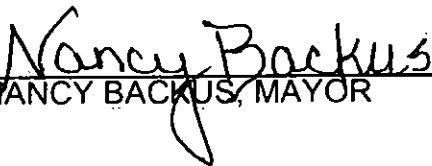
B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Committee to End Homelessness forum hosted by Sound Cities Association. Mayor Backus reported on the success of Auburn's Clean Sweep event held this past weekend and thanked the Kiwanis Club, Longhorn Barbecue, volunteers, KaBoom! and the City team for their efforts and contributions. Mayor Backus also reported on her attendance at the Lions Club special needs fishing derby, Healthy Kids day at the YMCA, a car show to benefit Relay for Life organized by City of Auburn Maintenance and Operation employees, King County Executive Constantine's State of the County address, the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition of Service dinner, the Auburn Youth Ribbon cutting ceremony, the Empty Bowls fundraiser benefiting the Auburn Food Bank, and the Northwest Anglers youth fishing derby.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of May, 2015.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Danielle Daskam, City Clerk