	City Council Study Session Finance, Technology and Economic Development Special Focus Area April 25, 2022 - 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers and 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 Jeyaraj called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

B. Roll Call

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

Department Directors and staff members present include: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, DEI Program Manager Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Utility Billing Services Manager Joan Nelson, Development Services Manager Jason Krum, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Right-of-Way Specialist Amber Olds, Economic Development Manager Jenn Francis and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Waste Management 2021 Annual Report (Thomas) (20 Minutes)

Manager Nelson and Waste Management Public Sector Manager Laura Moser provided Council with the 2021 Annual Waste Management Report including events, community sponsorships and memberships

reducing contamination in residential recycling, and the implementation of the 2021 contract.

Council discussed where to dispose of shredded paper, on truck camera's, compressed natural gas trucks, bulk pickup service and union contracts.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Presentation on King County Veterans and Human Services Programs at the Auburn Senior Center (Faber) (20 Minutes)

Director Faber introduced Manager Lozier and Supervisor Hurley. They provided Council with a presentation on South King County Senior Centers and Resources including Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy, VSHSL funding, Senior Center Hubs, Resource Navigation Program, community outreach, site visits, support groups and referrals.

Council discussed resources for Ukrainian Refugees, housing assistance, clients within the boundary area, homelessness, vouchers, qualifications, mental health assessments, and inpatient care.

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj recessed the meeting for 5 minutes at 6:48 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

B. Inclusive Auburn Update (Backus) (30 minutes)

Manager Goodson-Moore, Patricia Davis and Linda Poralis provided Council with an Inclusive Auburn Update including project management, program structure, equity audit and policy review, program structure, advisory team, expectations, Racial Equity Toolkit, and final tasks and reports.

Council discussed the Racial Equity Toolkit process, budgeting decisions, Police Department training, policy reviews, survey results, recommendations, tracking equity, frequency of meetings and trainings and equity dashboard.

C. Preservation Funding Ad Hoc Committee Report and Proposed Strategy (Gaub/Thomas) (20 Minutes)

Director Gaub and Director Thomas provided Council with an update on the Pavement Preservation Funding Ad Hoc Committee including arterial and collector streets and local streets funds, purpose of Ad Hoc Committee, funding options, funding strategy, potential costs, City utility tax comparison, and next steps.

Council discussed car tab prices, condition of roads, and funding.

D. Ordinance No. 6858 (Gaub) (5 Minutes)

Director Gaub introduced Specialist Olds who provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6858 related to a Franchise Agreement with MCI Communications Services LLC.

Council discussed the telecommunications service companies.

V. FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Economic Development Partnership (Tate) (20 Minutes)

Economic Development Manager will present information about the partnerships with the Downtown Auburn Cooperative, the Auburn Area Connect and the Business Improvement Area Committee. This is the second of a five-part series from the Economic Development Division

Chair Baggett chaired this portion of the meeting.

Manager Krum introduced Manager Francis, Downtown Auburn Cooperative Executive Director Cheryl Rakes, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Advisor Taryn Hornby and Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce President Kacie Bray.

Manager Francis provided Council with an update on Economic Development Partnerships including the Business Improvement Area Committee (BIA), downtown area cleanup, Sign Grant Program, upcoming BIA projects, and the importance of partnerships.

Ms. Rakes provided Council with a presentation on the Downtown Auburn Cooperative including the purpose, relation to the BIA, upcoming events, funding, and connections with the community.

Ms. Hornby provided Council with a presentation on the SBDC including locations, program history, audits, their mission, advising services, training services, client demographics, and economic impacts.

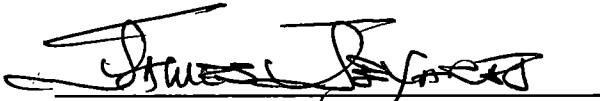
Ms. Bray provided Council with a presentation on Auburn Area Connect including economic development, education and workforce, business advocacy, business retention and recruitment, community outreach, promotion of the BIA, and connection events.

Council discussed live music events, volunteer qualifications, list of storefronts, location of SBDC, and the new location of Chamber of Commerce.

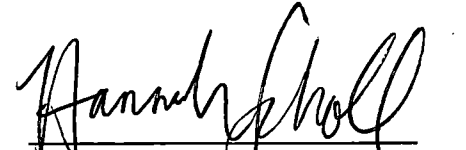
VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2022.



JAMES JEVARAJ, DEPUTY MAYOR



Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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