

**City Council Study Session
April 25, 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 located at 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

City Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Largo Wales, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Bill Peloza, Yolanda Trout-Manuel and Rich Wagner. Councilmember Bob Baggett was excused.

City officials and staff members present included: Mayor Nancy Backus, Chief of Police Bob Lee, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Assistant City Attorney Jessica Leiser, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

At this time, the meeting recessed to executive session. See "Executive Session" below for more information.

II. Announcements, Reports, and Presentations

- A. King County Metro Long Range Transit Plan Presentation (20 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A)**
Senior Transit Planner Paul Roybal and Transportation Planner Briana Lovell from King County Metro

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Transportation Planner Briana Lovell presented King County Metro's Long Range Vision for 2040 - Metro Connects. The plan is considered a draft and public comments will be accepted until May 20, 2016.

In anticipation of one million more people and 850,000 more jobs in the region over the next 25 years, King County Metro developed a plan to meet the increasing demand for transit, coordinate its service with Sound Transit and other transportation providers, promote equity and social justice to ensure fair treatment, access and opportunity for all users, and reduce emissions.

It is projected that a 70 percent growth in Metro service, from 3.5 million service hours to 6 million service hours will be needed by 2040.

Ms. Lovell reviewed the types of service available in the transit network, including frequent service, express service, and local service.

Key transit issues in Auburn include connections to downtown Auburn and Auburn Way North, which will be a focus for future growth. Additionally, service to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and City of Enumclaw will be expanded.

The proposed plan includes: 20 new RapidRide lines around the county coming every 5 to 15 minutes; new express buses arriving every 15 to 30 minutes, local

service tailored to community needs, connections to Link Rail, expanded travel options, and improvements to 600 miles of roadways.

Senior Transit Planner Paul Roybal stated the transit system will require substantial capital and service investments. He spoke regarding the capital facilities needed to support the 2040 plan, including dedicated bus lanes in certain corridors and traffic signal priority on 600 miles of roadway for all service types.

Metro Connect will provide travel options including ride matching, community shuttles, first and last mile connections, and accessibility improvements.

Mr. Roybal stated Metro will partner with jurisdictions to improve non-motorized connectivity to the transit system, invest in park and rides, and improve passenger facilities to ensure safety and ease of use.

Metro Connects projects a 40 percent park and ride increase with 13,000 new park and ride spaces, which would be distributed throughout the county. Metro will work with agencies in developing transit-oriented development around the transit centers. Mr. Roybal stated passenger facilities will change significantly in the future and will be major activity centers and assets in the community.

Mr. Roybal reported that in order to increase 70 percent more bus service, 500 more buses, two or three additional bus bases, additional passenger facilities, and additional bus lay-over facilities will be required.

Mr. Roybal stated the Plan would be implemented in six year implementation periods.

Councilmember DaCorsi questioned the prioritization criteria. Ms. Lovell stated that once the plan is adopted there will be a higher certainty between communities and Metro of Metro's future plans. During implementation phases, communities will be able to communicate its local priorities and growth centers.

Councilmember Wagner expressed his opinion that transit agencies are not adequately showing the benefit of public transit to the non-regular user of transit.

Councilmember Holman expressed concern about the linking of RapidRide with the Link light rail system. He suggested that RapidRide should also augment commuter rail.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pelloza, Mr. Roybal stated Metro is always seeking grant funding for all facilities, and RapidRide has been the beneficiary of several federal grants administered through the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Councilmember DaCorsi spoke regarding the need for alternative services in South King County.

Councilmember Trout inquired about ride sharing incentives. Mr. Roybal stated Metro is working on trial projects, including Trip Pool which is an on demand ride share program.

III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Facade Improvement Progress Update (15 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A (Hinman))

Economic Development Manager Doug Lein presented a PowerPoint and short video regarding the downtown façade improvement program. Mr. Lein stated the

Council's agenda packet includes a summary of the grants provided in 2015 and a project information sheet for each of the seven façade improvement projects completed thus far. Three additional projects are still in process. The 2015 Budget included \$100,000.00 for the downtown façade improvement project, and the total grants awarded in 2015 totaled \$99,007.89. The projects included: the Auburn Valley Barber Shop at 316 East Main Street; Home Plate Pub at 144 East Main Street; Tribeca Spa at 510 East Main Street; PNW Dentistry at 110 D Street SE, the Masonic Temple at 10 Auburn Way South; Hello Gorgeous Boutique at 204 East Main Street; 230/240 Auburn Way South; West Law Offices at 332 1st Street NE, Zola's Café at 402 East Main Street; and Nelson's Jewelry at 101 East Main Street.

In response to a question from Councilmember Peloza, Economic Development Manager Lein stated City staff are actively working with the owner of the building at 102 East Main Street to develop a façade improvement design.

- B. Resolution No. 5217 (5 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A) (Heid)
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending the City Council Rules of Procedure as adopted by Ordinance No. 5802 and amended by Resolution Nos. 4282, 4429, 4467, 4615, 4686, 4740, 4813, 4909, 5105, 5112 and 5115

City Attorney Heid presented Resolution No. 5217, which was discussed at the March 28, 2016 Study Session. The Resolution amends the Council Rules of Procedure to add clarification on Council liaison positions and provide a change from first and second reading of ordinances to a requirement for preliminary review of all ordinances at a Study Session prior to placement on the City Council regular or special meeting agendas for Council review and adoption.

All Councilmembers spoke in favor of the changes as presented.

Councilmember Wagner suggested adding an additional preamble statement to reflect the change would accommodate the need of the City Council to either expedite review of ordinances where no further discussion is needed or to slow down the process when more discussion is warranted.

Councilmember Holman proposed adding "study session" to Section 2.6, paragraph 2.

The Resolution will be included on the May 2nd Council agenda for consideration.

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:32 p.m. immediately following the call to order and roll call, Deputy Mayor Wales recessed the meeting to executive session for approximately 10 minutes in order to discuss pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). City Attorney Heid, Police Chief Lee, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Roscoe, and Assistant City Attorney Jessica Leiser attended the executive session. It was indicated no final action would follow the executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 5.39 p.m.

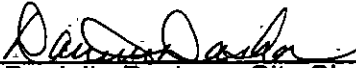
V ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6.34 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2016.



LARGO WALES, DEPUTY MAYOR



Danielle Daskam, City Clerk