



City Council Study Session PWCD SFA

April 13, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Virtual

MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi 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. Virtual Participation Link

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The City Council Meeting was held virtually and in person in the Council Chambers.

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 and the following department directors and staff members were present: Chief of Police Dan O'Neil, Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: Senior City Staff Attorney Harry Boesche, Assistant Information and Technology Director Ashley Riggs, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub and Emergency Manager Jerry Thorson.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

The Study Session agenda was modified to add Ordinance No. 6768 and Ordinance No. 6769.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. King County Regional Mitigation Plan (Hinman)(15 Minutes)

Overview of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act which requires state and local governments to develop all-hazard mitigation plans as a condition of federal grant assistance.

Manager Thorson provided Council with an update on the King County Regional Mitigation Plan. He gave a brief explanation of the plans that are required for the City to update.

B. Ordinance No. 6768

An Ordinance extending the deadline for the public to apply for reduced utility rates

Director Thomas explained to Council that Auburn City Code sets a deadline of May 31, 2020 for low income Seniors and permanently disabled utility customers to submit an application for the Utility Discount or Rebate program. Due to the Utility Customer Service Center being closed and many of the documents required to apply being difficult for applicants to obtain during the Stay At Home Order, she recommended an extension of the deadline to apply until July 31, 2020 and to extend the reduced rates approved in 2019 through July 31, 2020.

C. Ordinance No. 6769

An Ordinance to suspend the requirement that pets be spayed or neutered prior to adoption during the COVID Public Health emergency

Mayor Backus explained that Auburn Valley Humane Society (AVHS) is requesting a temporary suspension of the requirement to have a pet spayed or neutered prior to adoption until the Stay At Home Order has been lifted and veterinarians are allowed to perform non-emergency surgeries.

V. PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Sound Transit Parking and Access Presentation (Tate)(15 Minutes)

Sound Transit staff to provide City Council with an update on the Auburn Station Parking and Access Improvements Project

Councilmember Stearns presided over this section of the meeting.

Director Tate introduced the Sound Transit staff; High Capacity Transit Project Manager Zac Eskenazi, South Corridor Development Director Chelsea Levy, Government and Community Relations Office Katie Drewel and Acting South Sound Project Director Melissa Flores.

Ms. Drewel provided Council with a update on funding for this project regarding COVID-19. Mr. Eskenazi provided Council with a brief background of the project, the components that have been environmentally cleared, the next steps for the projects regarding traffic and aesthetics, the community outreach plan and the potential benefits.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2020.

for Nancy Backus

CLAUDE DACORSI, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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