



**City Council Study Session
March 30, 2015 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor John Holman called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

City Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Holman, Rich Wagner, Bill Peloza, 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, Public Affairs and Marketing Liaison Dana Hinman, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Innovation and Technology Operations Manager Ashley Riggs, Innovation and Technology Customer Support Manager Reba Stowe, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Director of Administration Michael Hursh, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Police Chief Bob Lee, Police Commander Steve Stocker, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, Storm Drainage Engineer Tim Carlaw, Water Quality Program Coordinator Chris Thorn, and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

II. Announcements, Reports, and Presentations

A. Use of Force Review and Commendations, Inquiries and Allegations of Misconduct (30 Minutes Presentation) (Stocker)

Chief Lee explained this is the first year this report has been compiled to provide to Council. In the past the report was only provided to the Mayor. The report is required by the State of Washington for accreditation. The report shows the Police Departments training needs and areas in need of improvement both individually and as a department. The Police department is sharing this report with Council and the public to be more transparent and gain more public trust.

Chief Lee introduced Commander Steve Stocker. Commander Stocker explained the Police Department creates a Commendations

Inquiries and Allegations of Misconduct (CIA) report at the end of each year. The Auburn Police Department responded to 89,350 CAD incidents in 2014, creating 18,174 case reports, 5,189 arrests, booked 2,940 people into SCORE jail, and issued 9,495 infraction/citations. He also stated this is only a portion of officer interaction with citizens. He reviewed the different areas of the report.

Commendations are used to recognize action or performance of members of the Police Department who act or perform in a manner that is outstanding or beyond what is normally expected. A basic commendation usually consist of a call or email from inside or outside the City.

Internal investigations involve a complaint or a possible violation of department standards, written directive, City policies or applicable civil service rules. The investigation can begin internally or from a citizen complaint.

Supervisory Inquiries involve a complaint made regarding the quality of service delivery. The complaints vary in degree and are usually handled by the employee's immediate supervisor.

Commander Stocker reviewed the Internal Investigations, Supervisory Inquiries and Commendations at the Auburn Police Department from 2009 to 2014.

Councilmember Wagner asked if the complaints typically come from lawyers or citizens. Commander Stocker stated most complaints are received from citizens.

Commander Stocker reviewed the statistics for collisions in 2014. The Police Department had 32 collisions in 2014, of those 22 were deemed preventable.

Councilmember Trout inquired regarding actions taken if an employee is found to have had misconduct. Commander Stocker explained the City looks at the employee, the seriousness of the event and then typically coaching and counseling appropriate to the offense.

Commander Stocker reviewed the use of force or response to resistance statistics. The Auburn Police department received no allegations of excessive use of force in 2014.

Deputy Mayor Holman asked what constitutes use of force. Commander Stocker explained there is no longer a threshold for when an interaction with a suspect becomes use of force, now

anytime a suspect resists in any way and the officer needs to respond it is categorized as use of force.

Councilmember Trout noted the takedown methods in the report and asked for clarification on the what constitutes a takedown. Commander Stocker explained takedowns are a hands on event, if the report writing software does not have the exact type of takedown the officer will select general takedown.

Deputy Mayor Holman asked what the City of Auburn's policy is on lateral vascular holds. Commander Stocker explained the City of Auburn allows officers to use the lateral vascular hold as long as they have the proper training. The trainers for the City of Auburn Police Department have gone through national training.

Commander Stocker reviewed the effective versus non effective use of force techniques. In 36% of the use of force incidents, suspects reported an injury, only 6% of officers reported injury after a use of force event.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked about the effectiveness of tasers. Commander Stocker stated Tasers are effective about 50% of the time.

Chief Lee stated accidents are up in 2014, the department has hired approximately 40 new people in the last several years. Most of the accidents are backing accidents. The department is working with the new staff on coaching and training. The department requires every officer to attend 40 hours of crisis intervention training at the Washington State Academy. The supervisors up through command staff are required to take a Leadership in Police Organization training.

Mayor Backus stated these statistical reports have been issued each year. She wants the information to be transparent for citizens and Council.

Councilmember Pelozo stated this is the first report with this type of information that has been provided to Council. He feels this will be very valuable information for both Council and the citizens of Auburn. He asked how much training each officer receives each year. Commander Stocker said each officer receives a minimum of two days of training each year. Many officers receive additional training beyond the minimum.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Deputy Mayor Holman stated he wanted to discuss the Finance ad hoc committee under other discussion items.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Low Impact Development Initial Briefing (15 Minutes Presentation 15 Minute Discussion) (Carlaw)

Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw and Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn presented Council with the Low Impact Development briefing.

Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw stated the City has a federal permit which has six requirements. The requirements are public education and outreach, public participation and involvements, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post construction runoff control, pollution prevention and good housekeeping. The State of Washington permit added maximum daily load compliance and monitoring to the requirements. Failure to comply with all NPDES Phase II requirements puts the City at risk of fines, third party lawsuits and jeopardizes the City's ability to secure grants and loans.

Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw explained in 2012, 13 municipalities including the City of Auburn appealed the new requirements. In 2013 the Pollution Control Hearing Board decision on the appeal resulted in changes to the watershed-scale stormwater planning condition and new or revised definitions of conveyance system, discharge point, outfall, and receiving waterbody or receiving waters.

Councilmember Wagner stated the State wanted to City to do the monitoring. Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn explained the Federal Government does not have a requirement for monitoring. That requirement comes from the State. The City has to either do the monitoring in house or enter into a group.

Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn reviewed the Stormwater Management methods. The City has managed stormwater in traditional methods, the City is looking at the low impact development practices and ways to incorporate the changes to the City's system.

Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn reviewed the LID Stormwater Facilities. The facilities reduce volume thereby minimizing high flows, remove pollutants from stormwater, replenish streams and wetlands through shallow groundwater, reduce the size of conventional stormwater facilities, increase open space, are visually attractive, can result in construction and maintenance cost savings, and can increase densities.

Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn reviewed different types

of Low Impact development; including bioretention, permeable pavement, rain garden, dispersion, downspout dispersion, sheet flow, vegetated roofs, rainwater harvesting and minimal excavation.

Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn stated the NPDES Permit does require the City to require low impact development where feasible, review and amend local codes and standards, site and submission scale requirements, and have LID on small, medium and large projects.

Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw reviewed the schedule for the next three years. The City is required to update the City Code to meet the new requirement before January 2017. The City will have to do more education, training, inspection maintenance and the cost to the City and the developers will be higher.

Councilmember Wagner stated costs need to be a part of what is considered for the feasibility of a project. Director Snyder stated the consideration of cost for the feasibility of a project is limited by the State.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

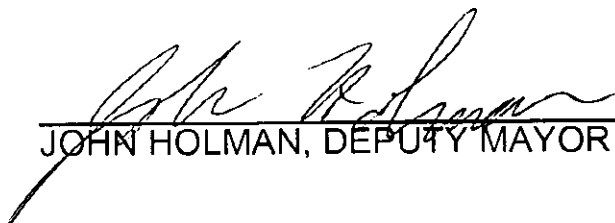
A. Finance Ad Hoc Committee

Deputy Mayor Holman stated the current assignments to the Finance ad hoc Committee are scheduled end. He requested Councilmembers consider who would like to step down from the current Committee and who would like to step up to be on the Committee. In the future a new member will be appointed to the Committee every quarter and the member that has served two terms will step down.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2015.


JOHN HOLMAN, DEPUTY MAYOR  Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk