



City Council Study Session
March 28, 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 at Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

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

Department directors and staff members present included: City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Assistant Police Chief William Pierson, Patrol Officer Jason Blake, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Public Works Director Randy Bailey, Assistant Community Development Director Jeff Tate, Code Compliance Office Chris Barack, Code Compliance Officer Jason Arbogast, Code Compliance Officer Tami Kapule, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Human Services Manager Erica Azcueta, Human Services Program Coordinator Emily Pearson, Council Administrative Assistant Antoinette Manthey, Innovation and Technology Assistant Director Ashley Riggs, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Rob Roscoe and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

II. Announcements, Reports, and Presentations

A. Giving Campaign Donation

Deputy Mayor Wales introduced Lynn Norman on behalf of Pediatric Interim Care Center. Ms. Norman thanked the employees from the City of Auburn for their donation to the Pediatric Interim Care Center. The Employee Giving Campaign donated half of the funds raised from the Giving Campaign to the Pediatric Interim Care Center.

B. Presentation on Proposed South County Recycling and Transfer Station (20 Minute Presentation/20Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

Kevin Kiernan, Assistant Division Director for King County Solid Waste presented to Council on the proposed King County Recycling and Transfer station planned to replace the Algona Transfer Station. He reviewed the need for a new transfer station; including issues like insufficient queuing space, insufficient capacity, lack of space for recycling and the lack of ability to compact waste. He explained the benefits of a new recycling and transfer station such as shorter wait times, having an enclosed facility that will minimize impacts to the neighborhood, including recycling services, more capacity and improved operational efficiency.

The County has a six step site selection process that involves potential site identification, a broad area screening, a focused screening, comparative evaluations, a SEPA and an Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

King County has narrowed site selection to two sites and an alternative. The current site, (alternative one) at 901 C Street SW, Auburn and (alternative two) located at 35101 West Valley Hwy S, Algona. He reviewed the findings and concerns for each site. King County is responding to the comments received for each site and will issue the final EIS in October 2016 and a final siting decision in late 2016. There will be additional opportunities for public input during permit and design phases.

Council questioned the impact on traffic in the area of the proposed sites. Mr. Kiernan stated King County will provide traffic mitigation for each site.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel asked how the site would be affected by the Boeing plume. Director Snyder explained each site would need to be investigated additionally for the Boeing plume.

Councilmember Pelloza stated he prefers alternative two. The site in Auburn has traffic congestion concerns, a hotel, and a government facility near the site.

Councilmember Wagner stated that the EIS does not give consideration to economic impact. Mr. Kiernan stated King County will do separate study for economic impact.

- C. Junior City Council National League of Cities Presentation (20 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A) (Deputy Mayor Wales) Presentation from the Junior City Council on their recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Junior City Council Chair Sydney Campbell, Junior City Councilmember Brandon Berend and Junior City Councilmember Tyler Cushing presented Council with a report from their trip to the

National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C.

Chair Campbell thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to attend the National League of Cities Conference. She explained the group joined a mock caucus and attended many workshops and events where they gathered ideas to bring back to the City of Auburn's Junior City Council.

Member Berend stated they spoke about various topics that impact their communities. There were many networking opportunities for the group to share and gather information.

Member Cushing stated there was a large emphasis on bonding and allowing growth within your Junior City Council. He found the experience very beneficial and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

Deputy Mayor Wales expressed her appreciation to both the Junior City Council and the City Council on working together.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked the Junior City Council what the Council can do to improve the City of Auburn.

Chair Campbell explained during the caucus the group developed a list of four issues that are currently a concern in the City of Auburn. The Junior City Council will vote on which issues they would like to address at their next meeting and report back to the Council with the results.

Councilmember Wagner explained that things move slowly in government. He asked the Junior City Council if while they were in Washington D.C. they got an understanding as to why government action is slow. Member Cushing stated he has been a Paigee at the Washington State Legislature and while he was in Washington D.C, they talked about how items have to go through many committees and areas helping everyone to understand why items take so long to get through the process.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked what were the large concerns they heard while interacting with other Junior City Councils. Chair Campbell stated she spoke with one Junior Council that had a problem with youth getting in trouble. They worked with the community and found alternative activities for the kids.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There was no modification to the agenda.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Ordinance No. 6594 (5 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A)
(Hinman)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending Sections 2.07.040, 2.07.050, 2.07.060, 2.07.070, 2.07.080 of the Auburn City Code relating to the composition of the Auburn Junior City Council

Junior City Council Chair Campbell explained the proposed Ordinance has been reviewed by the Mayor, the Legal Department and the members of the Junior City Council. The Ordinance would allow for 18 members of the Junior City Council, two from each school with 9 voting members and 9 alternates.

Councilmember Pelosa asked if other Junior City Councils allow for alternates. Member Cushing stated other Junior City Councils do utilize alternate members.

Councilmember Wagner stated he agrees with having alternates. He asked if there is a problem getting a quorum. Chair Campbell stated the current ordinance states there has to be five of the nine members to have a quorum. She explained there is currently only 4 official Junior City Council members.

B. Gangs & Graffiti Presentation (15 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A) (Snyder & Lee)

Police Officer Blake defined what a gang is and the 13 different criteria that are necessary to have someone designated as a gang member. He highlighted two areas that are of concern for the Police Department; that the subject participates in gang activities and a subject targets a rival gang member. There are gangs in Auburn and there are also residents of Auburn who are gang members of gangs in the surrounding area. Officer Blake stated it is not illegal to be a member of a gang. The crimes committed on behalf of the gang are illegal. The State of Washington has adopted gang enhancements in sentencing for crimes committed for gang crimes.

Officer Blake noted there is a difference between a tagger and gang graffiti. The Police Department focuses more on gang graffiti and leaves the tagging to Code Enforcement. The Police Department documents all graffiti. He explained it is important for quick removal, arrests and prosecution if possible and education and enforcement in the community.

Code Enforcement Officer Barack explained that the City takes graffiti very seriously and they take care of it quickly. This helps to keep it from happening more frequently. If the graffiti is on a private party's property the City provides the resident with a paint voucher that helps the property owner cover the cost of paint and cleaning

supplies. Code Enforcement Officer Barack reviewed the various options the City has to help clean up graffiti.

Assistant Director Bailey explained the City sends staff to take care of graffiti on City property as soon as possible.

Councilmember Pelozo asked how many gangs are in the Auburn School District. Officer Blake stated there are at least five different gangs in Auburn.

Councilmember Baggett asked if the Police substation on Lea Hill will help reduce gang activity in the Lea Hill area. Officer Blake stated any additional police presence helps.

C. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding (15 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A) (Hinman)
City of Auburn's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

Human Service Manager Azcueta and Human Services Program Coordinator Pearson presented Council with a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Manager Azcueta explained the City currently receives approximately \$519,000.00 in CDBG funding. These funds are used for neighborhood revitalization, economic development project and direct services, acquisition of property, and rehabilitation of property. The funds must benefit residents that are designated low income set by King County standards. The funds for public service must remain below 15% of the total grant amount.

Councilmember Pelozo asked if the facility for the Ukrainian Outreach Center has a facility in Auburn. Manager Azcueta stated they do not have a facility in Auburn, but they must prove they are providing the services to Auburn residents.

Deputy Mayor Wales expressed her concern that the City is supposed to spend \$500,000 on low income and 20% of those funds are allocated to administration and program management. She stated those costs should be absorbed by the City and CDBG funds should go directly to the low income residents. Manager Azcueta explained those guidelines are set by HUD.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated she would like to see larger projects with more impact in the community. Manager Azcueta stated these funds are for CDBG funds. Staff is currently reevaluating the way General Fund Human Service dollars are being allocated.

Councilmember Holman stated the HUD guidelines want larger

projects that are measurable. He requested an explanation of funds that were not spent. Manager Azcueta listed the various ways a jurisdiction will have funds from a previous year.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel stated she would like funds spent on larger projects that have more impact.

Council questioned various projects and how the grant recipients spent the funds for residents of Auburn.

D. Resoluitioun No. 5217 (5 Minute Presentation/25 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 Council with Resolution No. 5217 regarding the first and second reading of ordinances and Council's involvement in Council Committees and Boards.

City Attorney Heid noted the first and second reading of ordinances is not required by law. The City Council just needs to have an opportunity to discuss the topic in depth. The Council Liaison positions cause concern because it is important for the whole Council to have the opportunity to get the same information at the same time.

Councilmember Holman stated he wants to ensure there is good discussion of ordinances at study sessions. But he wants to ensure the Council can still have the ability to adopt quickly if necessary.

Councilmember Wagner stated he does not want to suspend the rules on a regular basis.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated Council is trying to create debate in an informal setting to get all of the Councilmembers questions answered.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated he wants to discuss all of the ordinances in depth at study sessions. It can be discussed many times at several study sessions.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel stated items are supposed to be discussed in depth at a study session as many times as necessary to allow each Councilmember to have all of their questions answered.

City Attorney Heid stated ordinances can go to as many study sessions as necessary.

Councilmember Holman stated he is in favor of having ordinances brought to a study session for discussion but he also wants to have a first and second reading.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated if ordinances must be brought to the Council at a study session then the ordinances will be discussed more in depth.

Councilmember Wagner stated the second reading gives the audience an opportunity to speak on the issue.

Councilmember Baggett stated he wants to make sure there is time for proper review. The first reading could be at a study session then the second reading can be at the Council meeting.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF October, 2017.



LARGO WALES, DEPUTY MAYOR
Clerk.



Shawn Campbell, Deputy City