

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 20, 2017 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

Mayor Nancy Backus was in attendance, and the following department directors and staff members were present: Finance Director Shelley Coleman, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Police Commander Dan O'Neal, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. South Sound Behavioral Health Presentation

Bill Robertson, CEO/President of MultiCare Health System, Gregory J. Unruh, CHI Franciscan Foundation President, Brad Cheney, Executive Director, Ben B. Cheney Foundation, and co-chair of Behavioral Health Campaign; and Tim Thompson of Thompson Consulting spoke regarding the Alliance for South Sound Health (a joint venture of the CHI Franciscan Health and MultiCare Health System) campaign to construct and operate a new behavioral health hospital to serve South King County and Pierce County.

Bill Robertson, CEO of MultiCare, stated the State of Washington ranks 48th out of 50 states for access to behavioral health services

and the South King County and Pierce County area rates the lowest in the State of Washington for behavioral health services. Thus the efforts of MultiCare and CHI Franciscan were joined to improve the state's standing for in-patient capacity, ambulatory, and clinic based mental health services. A 120 bed hospital is planned for the Allenmore Hospital Campus on South Union in Tacoma.

Mr. Unruh, President of CHI Franciscan Foundation, spoke about the opportunity to partner with MultiCare in meeting the health needs of the community. Mr. Unruh spoke about the need for additional mental health services in the area noting that many who have mental health issues end up in the hospital emergency room or in jail where they do not receive psychiatric care. Members of the coalition are working with federal, state and local officials to secure funding for the project.

Mr. Cheney, co-chair of the Alliance for South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition, spoke regarding the coalition and thanked Mayor Backus for her assistance and efforts as part of the Alliance.

Tim Thompson of Thompson Consulting, noted South King County and Pierce County are drastically under served for hospital beds for those with mental health issues. The Coalition is looking for funding to construct a new behavioral health hospital to serve those in need. CHI Franciscan and MultiCare have each pledged \$10 million for construction. The Coalition has secured a commitment from the State in the amount of \$5 million and anticipates an appropriation of \$2.5 million this year from the state. Mr. Thompson also spoke of pending federal legislation that will allow loan services for this type of facility. Mr. Thompson reported the Coalition has secured funding from the City of Tacoma (\$1.5 million), Pierce County (\$1.5 million), and Gig Harbor (\$50,000 annually for a period of time). Commitments are anticipated from the cities of Steilacoom, University Place, Lakewood, and Puyallup. Mr. Thompson asked that the City of Auburn consider a capital commitment of \$400,000 for the project by the end of the year. According to Mr. Thompson, the requested amount is calculated on population and the impact of the service area.

Deputy Mayor Wales requested from the Coalition a list of cities' contributions.

The total project construction is estimated at \$44 million plus \$16 million in start-up costs. Construction will begin in 2017 with construction complete in first quarter of 2019.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Robertson stated the average length of stay in the facility is 13 days and serves as a crisis intervention. The patient is then referred to community based resources for continued care.

Mr. Robertson reported Auburn MultiCare Hospital has 58 beds for behavioral health care (38 for geriatric psychiatric and 20 for adult in-patient), and the facility is at capacity.

B. Service Recognition

Mayor Backus presented City Clerk Danielle Daskam with a service award pin in recognition of her 25 years of service with the City of Auburn.

III. APPOINTMENTS

There was no appointment for Council consideration.

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There was no change to the agenda.

V. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

No public hearing was scheduled for this evening.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue. Those wishing to speak are reminded to sign in on the form provided

Steven Bailey, King County Library System, 1102 Auburn Way South, Auburn

Mr. Bailey spoke briefly regarding the King County Library System's Strategic Planning process to date. The process began last year with a community engagement process, which resulted in over 4,000 responses. Mr. Bailey provided copies of draft strategic scenarios for review and feedback. He encouraged the Council to participate in the survey that is being offered for insights and opinions on how King County Library System moves forward. The survey is available until March 31st.

Virginia Haugen 2503 R St SE

Ms. Haugen spoke about the passing of former Auburn Football Coach and Athletic Director, Bob Jones. Ms. Haugen also commended police services.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council review.

VI. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Baggett reported on behalf of the Finance ad hoc committee that reviews claims and payroll vouchers. Councilmember Baggett reported he and Councilmember Wagner reviewed the claims vouchers in the approximate amount of \$5.1 million and payroll expenses in the approximate amount of \$2.1 million. The ad hoc committee had no questions and recommends approval of the claims and payroll vouchers as described on the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember DaCorsi, chair of the ad hoc committee on the selection of the Deputy Mayor, reported he and Councilmembers Pelozo and Trout-Manuel met this afternoon. Councilmember DaCorsi indicated the ad hoc committee would report to the Council at the April 24th Study Session.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel, chair of the ad hoc committee on inclusive city, stated the ad hoc committee will meet later this week, and she anticipates a report to the Council at the April 24th Study Session.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

A. Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Special City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers

Claims voucher numbers 442956 through 443166 in the amount of \$4,667,355.35 and four wire transfers in the amount of \$466,894.59 and dated March 20, 2017.

D. Payroll Vouchers

Payroll check numbers 537156 through 537185 in the amount of \$592,915.90 and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of

\$1,489,130.91 for a grand total of \$2,082,046.81 for the period covering March 2, 2017 to March 15, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Wales requested consideration of Public Works Project No. CP1507 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A through D.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Public Works Project No. CP1507
City Council award Contract No. 17-02 to Tucci & Sons, Inc. on their low bid of \$1,576,112.80 plus Washington State sales tax of \$13,038.36 for a total contract price of \$1,589,151.16 for Project No. CP1507, Auburn Way North Preservation Project.

Councilmember Peloza moved and Councilmember DaCorsi seconded to approve the award of Project CP1507 to Tucci & Sons in the total contract price of \$1,589,151.16.

Councilmember Peloza questioned whether the federal grant for the project is restricted to this particular project or whether it can be used for other projects. Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer advised the grant is restricted to only Project CP1507 and to only the scope identified.

Councilmember Wagner recalled the engineers have demonstrated to the Council previously that by fixing the best roads first would cost the City less in the long term; however, the policy does leave some roads in very poor condition for some time. Assistant Director/City Engineer Gaub stated there is approximately \$1.5 to \$2.0 million per year in the Arterial Street Preservation Fund, and about half of those funds will be used for the match to the federal grant to complete the replacement and overlay of pavement from 22nd Street NE to 45th Street NE. In order to complete a rebuild for B Street NW, it took about a year and three-quarters worth of the funds allocated to the Arterial Street Preservation Fund. Assistant Director/City Engineer Gaub stated completing a mix of very poor and better roads would result in getting less roadwork accomplished overall, and in the meantime the good roads will continue to degrade.

In response from comments from Councilmember Pelosa, Assistant Director/City Engineer Gaub explained the particular federal grant for this project can only be used for preservation and for a federally classified road.

Councilmember DaCorsi suggested Councilmembers urge the federal congressional members to change the grant scoring methodology.

Deputy Mayor Wales questioned the cost of repairing an average pothole. Assistant Director/City Engineer Gaub explained the cost to repair a pothole is dependent on the cause of the pothole and whether it is a subgrade issue or just wearing of the surface of the roadway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5277

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the 2017 Stormwater Management Program Plan and authorizing the Mayor to include a copy of the Program Plan in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit Annual Report for 2016 to the Washington State Department of Ecology

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5277.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5289

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Third Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Auburn and Aviation Management Group, LLC

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Pelosa seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5289.

Resolution No. 5289 extends the current contract with Aviation Management Group, LLC up to an additional 60 days.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Wales reported the Junior City Council met this evening. The Junior City Council will report on their activities at the National League of Cities at the April 24th Council Study Session and will report on homeless youth at the May 22nd Council Study Session.

Councilmember Pelosa reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC. Councilmember Pelosa stated he attended several sessions on the national opioid epidemic. Councilmember Pelosa also encouraged citizens to use the Drug Take Back Program in the community.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported on her attendance at the National League of Cities Conference where she attended sessions related to the nation-wide opioid epidemic, public safety and crime prevention, the Hispanic Elected Local Officials HELO Committee, sanctuary cities, immigration reform, and women in municipal government. Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported members of the HELO Committee will be traveling to Mexico in August to speak to immigration officials, businesses and residents along the border. Councilmember Trout-Manuel also reported she was able to meet with representatives of the Washington State congressional delegation while in Washington, DC.

Councilmember Baggett reported he attended the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) Caucus. The organization coordinated last year's Cascadia Rising scenario and is a large collaboration of regional cities and towns for emergency management and response.

Councilmember Holman reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC. Councilmember Holman stated he is the vice chair of First Tier Suburbs Council, and this summer the cities of Auburn and Bellevue will co-host the

next meeting of the First Tier Suburbs Council this summer with the assistance of Sound Cities Association.

Councilmember DaCorsi reported he attended the King County Regional Transit Committee where members received a continuation of the presentation on Metro Connects Development Program. The presentation included a report on how the policy development will be undertaken and the timing of the implementation of the Metro Connects Program. The Committee also received a briefing on the One Center City Project.

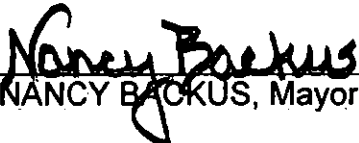
B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported her office is working to schedule a "town hall" meeting that will be a forum on the heroin and opioid epidemic and a source of resources for treatment. Mayor Backus announced Police Commander Jamie Sidell retired last week from the Auburn Police Department, and he will begin a new job with the Renton School District as Director of Security. Mayor Backus announced the promotion of Dan O'Neil to Police Commander. Commander O'Neil was in attendance and received the congratulations of Mayor Backus and the Council. Mayor Backus reported on her attendance at the Muckleshoot Tribal Wellness graduation event, the 47th Legislative District Town Hall meeting with Senator Fain, Representative Sullivan and Representative Hargrove, and the Auburn Noon Lions Dinner Auction. Mayor Backus reported on the passing of Cha Cha Andersen, wife of former Environmental Services Manager Chris Andersen, after an eight year battle with cancer. Mayor Backus also spoke about the recent passing of Bob Jones, former Auburn High School football coach and Athletic Director. Mayor Backus announced that the street in front of Auburn Memorial Stadium will be known as Bob Jones Way.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED THE 3rd DAY OF APRIL, 2017.


NANCY BACKUS, Mayor


Danielle Daskam, City Clerk

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