	City Council Meeting March 15, 2021 - 7:00 PM Virtual MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION LINK

1. Virtual Participation Link

The City Council Meeting was held virtually.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson, Police Chief Dan O'Neil and City Clerk Shawn Campbell were in Chambers.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: City Attorney Tina Russom, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson and Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session

City Council to hold an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for potential litigation. The executive session is expected to last 30 minutes.

Mayor Backus recessed into executive session at 7:07 p.m. for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) for potential litigation.

Mayor Backus extended the executive session by 3 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation - Multicare Auburn Medical Center 100th Centennial Celebration

Mayor Backus to proclaim 2021 as "MultiCare Auburn Medical Center 100th Centennial Celebration" in the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus read and presented the proclamation to MultiCare CEO Mark Smith.

Mr. Smith thanked Mayor Backus, the Council and Community Healthcare Consultant Pat Bailey for their support of the Auburn Medical Center.

B. Proclamation - Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Mayor Backus to proclaim March 2021 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus read and proclaimed March 2021 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn.

C. Proclamation - Tamil Heritage Day

Mayor Backus to proclaim March 15, 2021 as "Tamil Heritage Day" in the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus read and proclaimed March 15, 2021 as "Tamil Heritage Day" in the City of Auburn.

Councilmember Jeyaraj provided Council with a brief explanation of what Tamil is.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Transportation Advisory Board

City Council to confirm the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board for three year terms expiring December 31, 2023

Cheryl Rakes - Downtown Auburn Cooperative

Cynthia Rapier - Green River College

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to appoint Cheryl Rakes and Cynthia Rapier to the Transportation Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VI. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Backus announced she and Deputy Mayor DaCorsi will form an ad hoc committee regarding grocery worker hazard pay.

VIII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings - (No public hearing is 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.

1. Virtual Participation

Marnie Guile, Christina Harris, Marina Coleman, Lori McLeod, Nancy Tristan, Terry Lake and Aarron1jenigirl@gmail.com all provided comments in support of hazard pay for grocery workers.

Bob Zimmerman, 33029 46th Place South, Auburn
Mr. Zimmerman expressed concerns about propane tank safety.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

IX. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendation to the City Council, if any.

1. Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baggett)

Councilmember Baggett, Chair of the Finance ad hoc committee, reported he and Councilmember Jeyaraj have reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the Consent Agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

X. 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 February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the February 22, 2021 and March 8, 2021 Study Session

C. Claim Vouchers (Thomas)

Claim voucher list dated March 1, 2021 which includes voucher numbers 462596 through 462718 in the amount of \$3,056,627.64 and no wire transfers

Claim voucher list dated March 15, 2021 which includes voucher numbers 462719 through 462852 in the amount of \$4,571,824.52 and seven wire transfers in the amount of \$1,334,789.22

D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539112 through 539115 in the amount of \$542,982.80, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,251,518.10, for a grand total of \$2,794,500.90 for the period covering February 10, 2021 to February 23, 2021

Payroll check numbers 539116 through 539121 in the amount of \$75,859.78, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,373,649.25, a special payroll with check numbers 539122 through 539123 in the amount of \$17,141.09, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$13,347.79, and a second special payroll for check numbers 539124 through 539125 in the amount of \$10,306.29, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$5,452.98, for a grand total of \$2,495,757.18 for the period covering February 24, 2021 to March 9, 2021

E. Public Works Project No. CP1926 (Gaub)

Approve an increase of \$125,000.00 in the total maximum authorized contract amount for Public Works Contract No. 20-02; Construction of Project No. CP1926, 2020 Arterial Street Preservation (15th St NW)

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5585 (Comeau)

A Resolution expressing solidarity with farmers protesting the passage of the Farming Bills in India, and support of Washington Residents adversely affected

Councilmember Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5585.

Council discussed concerns regarding supporting other countries when there are concerns in our country, Council's ability to exercise their voice for national concerns and setting a precedent regarding national issues.

MOTION CARRIED 5-2 Deputy Mayor DaCorsi and Councilmember Trout-Manuel voted no.

B. Resolution No. 5587 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to grant an easement to Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE) for the purpose of installing underground power facilities for the Academy Water Pump Station 1 Replacement Project (CP1916)

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5587.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi reported he attended the Growth Management Policy Meeting and the National League of Cities Virtual Conference.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the National League of Cities Virtual Conference and she shadowed Outreach Program Administrator Kent Hay for a day.

Councilmember Baggett reported he attended the King County Metro meeting.

Councilmember Brown reported he attended the Valley Regional Fire Authority Governance Board meeting.

Councilmember Stearns reported he attended the National League of Cities Virtual Conference and the King County Regional Sexual Assault Resource Center virtual fundraiser.

Councilmember Jeyaraj reported he attended the Diversity and Equity Team Meeting.

Councilmember Mulenga reported she attended the Children Youth and Advisory Board Meeting.

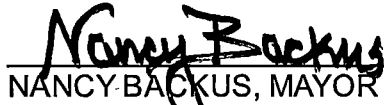
B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Sound Transit Board Meeting, the Sound Transit Realignment Committee Meeting, the swearing in of a new police officer and a virtual DECA Alumni Panel. She also requested public comment on the Best Starts for Kids levy.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED this 5th day of April, 2021.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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