



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

March 6, 2017 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Flag Salute

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 25 West Main Street in Auburn. Mayor Backus 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: City Attorney Dan Heid, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Planning Services Manager Jeff Dixon, Traffic Engineer James Webb, Utilities Engineering Manager Lisa Tobin, Storm Drainage Engineer Tim Carlaw, Police Commander Dave Colglazier, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. AmeriCorps Week Proclamation

Mayor Backus read and presented a proclamation declaring March 4-11, 2017 as AmeriCorp Week in the City of Auburn to AmeriCorp volunteers Jimmy Smith, Sarah Seelmeyer and Corlyn Kutzner.

III. APPOINTMENTS

A. Junior City Council Appointments

City Council to confirm the following appointments to the Junior City Council for a two-year term to expire August 31, 2019:

Phoebe Galito
Eunice Ugaddan

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Trout-Manual seconded to confirm the appointments to the Junior City Council.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated both the applicants are from Olympic Middle School.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There was no modification to the agenda.

V. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing 2017 Stormwater Management Program Plan

City Council to conduct a public hearing to accept comments on the draft 2017 Stormwater Management Program Plan.

Water Quality Manager Thorn explained the City is regulated by a NPDES Municipal Storm Water Permit. This permit requires they City to have a Stormwater Management Program Plan that allows for public comment. The public hearing is the final component of the public comment period.

Mayor Backus opened the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

Virginia Haugen, 2503 R Street SE, Auburn
Ms. Haugen stated she is disappointed in how Washington State handles environmental issues. She does not want to pay money to get rid of rain water.

Mayor Backus closed to public hearing at 7:13 pm.

2. Public Hearing on 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Modification

City Council to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments and suggestions with regard to the proposed modification to the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Traffic Engineer Webb explained the City is required to adopt a Transportation Improvement Program annually for the ensuing six year. Tonight's public hearing is to modify the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mayor Backus opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

Virginia Haugen, 2503 R St SE, Auburn

Ms. Haugen stated she was disappointed that people who have been complaining about the roads to her have not shown up to comment at the public hearing. She stated the City should maintain the property it has instead of building additional property.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

Linda Redman, 2704 18th St SE Auburn

Ms. Redman encouraged Council to build shelters for the homeless.

Mayor Backus noted the City is working with Valley Cities Counseling to provide a day center and overnight shelter in the near future.

Jon Cheethem, 21102 Snag Island Drive, Lake Tapps

Mr. Cheethem spoke in support Ordinance No. 6639. He stated his company and City staff have worked very hard to get the zoning of this parcel where he wanted it to be. He stated the rezone has been through the Comprehensive Plan amendment process, before the Planning Commission and the Hearing Examiner for consideration and now it is before Council for final approval.

Virginia Haugen 2503 R St SE, Auburn

Ms. Haugen stated she was a Councilmember when the first Comprehensive Plan was adopted. She has concerns about the environmental changes in the City.

C. Correspondence

No correspondence was been received.

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 that he and Councilmember Wagner reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers as presented and described on this evening's agenda and recommend City Council approval.

Councilmember DaCorsi reported the ad hoc committee established to review annual selection of the Deputy Mayor met this evening. Committee members are collecting information from numerous jurisdictions, and they will present their findings to Council at a later date.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported on the ad hoc committee established to review the previous inclusive city resolution. The committee is still collecting information. The committee will report back to the full Council at a later date.

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 February 13, 2017 Special City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers

Claims voucher numbers 442825 through 442955 in the amount of \$548,724.26 and six wire transfers in the amount of \$600,522.38 and dated March 6, 2017.

D. Payroll Vouchers

Payroll check numbers 537126 through 537155 in the amount of \$773,527.54 and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,468,727.11 for a grand total of \$2,242,254.65 for the period covering February 16, 2017 to March 1, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Wales suggested a new ad hoc committee be appointed to review alternative funds for the \$20 car tab fee.

Councilmember Holman made a point of order and asked whether it is required for a Councilmember to meet with the Mayor to set a date for an item to be on the agenda allowing staff time to prepare documents. City Attorney Heid stated Council can open discussion of an item without first meeting with the Mayor. Typically the item would be then scheduled for a future meeting.

Councilmember Pelozo stated this item was discussed at the last Study Session. The Transportation Benefit District set a date for the next meeting of 120 days. The Council will need to make a decision before the next Transportation Benefit District Board meeting. He believes Council should move forward with selecting the ad hoc committee tonight.

Councilmember Pelozo moved and Deputy Mayor Wales seconded to establish an ad hoc committee to discuss the \$20 car tab fee.

Councilmember Pelozo reiterated the Council has a 120 day window to review this issue that was set by the Transportation Benefit District Board. He stated he is concerned about allowing sufficient time to study the issue before bringing it back to the full Council for consideration.

Councilmember Holman stated he is very much in favor of discussing funds designated for fixing the roads. He does not want the discussion to happen at an ad hoc committee meeting where the public is not able to attend the meetings. He requested the discussion happen at an open public meeting.

Councilmember Wagner stated an ad hoc committee is supposed to have a scope of work. The Council could make the scope be that the ad hoc committee simply gather the data and not provide any recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated the intent of this ad hoc committee is to gather data and come up with suggestions for alternative funding. The Council can make changes to the suggested funding options.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated he believes the ad hoc committee system has worked very well and has been transparent. This item should be discussed in an open public meeting. He would like the committee to bring a strong, sensible recommendation back to the full Council. He suggested the Council form an ad hoc committee with four Councilmembers.

Councilmember Holman stated he is a huge proponent of a discussion where the Council will find funding to repair the roads. He is not in favor of having this discussion in an ad hoc committee. He believes a Council of seven is not too large of a group to discuss this item and believes people should hear the reasoning of Council on why funds are being cut from the various programs or budgets.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated when funds were needed to repair the airport, staff was able to find the funds. She wants to work with staff to find these funds also.

Councilmember DaCorsi explained this issue goes beyond dollars. The full Council will need to give the ad hoc committee direction on what their mission should be. This may take more than 120 days and the Council may have to consider budget modifications.

Councilmember Baggett stated this process will need to be transparent. The Council needs to consider the people they represent.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel stated she believes the ad hoc committees were good to allow Council to gather the data. The Council needs to get into the details on this issue.

Mayor Backus confirmed that a four person ad hoc committee would need to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Councilmember Holman moved and Deputy Mayor Wales seconded to establish an ad hoc committee of three Councilmembers and an Ex Officio member of that ad hoc as the Deputy Mayor and that the subject of the ad hoc committee will be to determine funding sources for transportation.

Councilmember Pelosa stated the purpose is not only to find funding. The ad hoc committee will also need to look at what the Washington State Legislature and King County are doing with the car tab fees.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated she would like the scope of work to include getting rid of the \$20 car tab fee altogether.

Councilmember Pelosa moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to amend the amendment to strike funding sources and add looking at the full spectrum of the \$20 car tab fee which may include funding sources.

Councilmember Wagner asked for clarification on what full spectrum meant.

Councilmember Pelosa stated the ad hoc committee would examine why the City needs a \$20 car tab fee and who can afford the fee based on the ST3 bond and the Auburn School District bonds that have recently passed.

Mayor Backus confirmed the Transportation Benefit District Board does not have any say in the City budget. The Council will have to take action then the decision will go back to the Transportation Benefit District Board for discussion and action.

Councilmember Wagner stated listening to this discussion shows why a Transportation Benefit District is useful, all funds collected can only be used for transportation. The funds raised by the Transportation Benefit District could not be moved to a different area of the budget.

City Attorney Heid restated the second amendment as strike the funding source limitations of the second amendment and replace it with the full spectrum of issues related to the \$20 car tab fee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

City Attorney Heid restated the first amendment as amended is "the ad hoc committee to include four members including the Deputy Mayor as an ex officio member, of the Committee looking at the full spectrum of Issues regarding the \$20 car tab fee."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

City Attorney Heid stated the original motion as amended is "To create an ad hoc committee to address the \$20 car tab fee to include four members

including the Deputy Mayor as an ex officio member of the Committee looking at the full spectrum of issues regarding the \$20 car tab fee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

Councilmembers Peloza, Baggett and DaCorsi volunteered to be on the ad hoc committee with Deputy Mayor Wales as an ex officio member.

X. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6639

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the request of Kana B, LLC for rezoning of four parcels totaling approximately 5.87 acres located east of East Valley Highway from C1, Light Commercial and C3, Heavy Commercial, to M1, Light Industrial to implement the Comprehensive Plan and amending the City's zoning maps

Councilmember Holman moved and Councilmember DaCorsi seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 6639.

Councilmember Holman stated this will be a great addition to the City of Auburn.

Deputy Mayor Wales thanked staff for adding a map and the presentation at the previous Study Session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6640

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the request of Romart Investments, LLC for rezoning of one parcel totaling approximately 2.27 acres located at the northwest corner of 182nd Ave E and Lake Tapps Parkway E from R5, Residential to C1, Light Commercial to implement the Comprehensive Plan and amending the City's zoning maps

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Trout-Manual seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 6640.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Ordinance No. 6641

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the request of City of Auburn, Community Development and Public Works for rezoning of three parcels totaling approximately 137.38 acres located west of C Street Southwest from M1, Light Industrial and M2, Heavy Industrial to C3, Heavy Commercial to implement the Comprehensive Plan and amending the City's zoning maps

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Holman seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 6641.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5272

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending the 2017-2022 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program of the City of Auburn pursuant to Chapter 35.77 of the Revised Code of Washington

Councilmember Pelozo moved and Councilmember Holman seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5272.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5288

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Auburn Transportation Benefit District regarding a 0.2 Percent Sales and Use Tax

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Holman seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5288.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated she believes this should wait until the Council decides about the car tab fee.

Councilmember DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to table Resolution No. 5288.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Wales reported the City Council appointed two new members to the Junior City Council. The Junior City Council has four students going to Washington DC to participate in the National League of Cities Conference. Once they return the Junior City Council will provide a full report to Council. The Junior City Council is also working on an annual scholarship.

Councilmember DaCorsi reported he chaired the Regional Transportation Committee he also attended the 2017 Economic Development Board for Tacoma Pierce County.

Councilmember Holman reported he attended the induction of Judge Matt Williams to King County Superior Court, the Seattle King County Economic Development meeting, the Forensic Investigation Council meeting and the SCORE Jail Administrative Board meeting.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Sound Cities Caucus Chair training.

Councilmember Pelosa reported he attended the South County Area Transportation Board meeting.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the READY (Real Emergency Aid Depends on You) training held at the Auburn Ave Theater, the Valley Regional Fire Authority Awards Banquet, a meeting with Robertson's Property Group to discuss the lack of development at the former Valley 6 Drive In, and she attended an event at West Auburn High School challenging the students to an essay competition called the Voice of the Community where each student writes a letter to the Mayor regarding an issue they find important within the City.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF March, 2017.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk