

City Council Study Session
February 29, 2016 - 5:30 PM
Auburn City Hall
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Wales called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

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

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Police Commander Mark Caillier, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

II. Announcements, Reports, and Presentations

- A. Pierce Transit Long Range Plan - Destination 2040 (20 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A)**
Pierce Transit Presenters: Rebecca Japhet, Public Relations Officer and Darin Stavish, Principal Planner

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Darin Stavish, Principal Planner for Pierce Transit's Destination 2040 Long Range Plan, presented an overview of the Plan to Council. Mr. Stavish shared the two key components of the long range plan; a range of future alternative service scenarios for growth through 2040 and the Puget Sound Regional Council travel demand modeling and evaluation of scenarios for potential ridership. Mr. Stavish explained the four future scenarios of either constrained or unconstrained funding. Scenario 1 is a baseline that does not change from current conditions, it keeps funding and ridership at their current status; Scenario 2 projects a 2% growth, the existing route structure would remain mostly unmodified with some increased frequency in trunk routes and a small increase in the higher urban areas; Scenario 3 projects a 2.5% increase that would allow for upgrading or maintaining the assets Pierce Transit currently has while returning to the agency's highest historical levels of service; Scenario 4 projects a 3% growth with high growth in transit service hours, expanded and new routes and unlimited or unconstrained funding availability. Scenario 4b would include service to Auburn.

Mr. Stavish reviewed the internal challenges and obstacles that Pierce Transit faces while working to restore service hours, including the uncertain or unstable financial outlook, vehicle conditions and replacement schedules and the aging out of the current Pierce Transit workforce. Some of the external challenges and obstacles that Pierce Transit will face is improving or maintaining the public's perception of the agency, creating a culture of greater transit usage in Pierce County and the fact that suburban land use patterns are not conducive to transit usage beyond the area of Tacoma.

Mr. Stavish reviewed some of the opportunities for growth including the underserved transit dependent population areas, evaluating the Pacific Avenue SR 7 Corridor for a higher capacity or even a bus rapid transit service, utilizing emerging technologies, new potential riders and regional connections with the ST3 Projects.

Councilmember Peloza asked about the coordination with Sound Transit on a light rail project. Mr. Stavish explained they would like to expand the light rail project into Pierce County. Pierce Transit will serve the light rail station.

B. Auburn Youth Resources (15 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A)

Michael Jackson, Sylvia Fuerstenberg, Rand Redlin from Auburn Youth Resources presented to Council the plan for the Arcadia House Project. The project's intent is to provide innovative housing, resources and support that serve to lift chronically homeless youth toward a productive future and sets them on a path to selfsufficiency in a new modern state-of-the-art facility. This a shelter with transitional housing, office space, drug and alcohol treatment and the other services homeless youth need. Mr. Jackson reviewed the need in South King County. The goals of the project is to construct a new and innovative center that serves the needs of the homeless youth, offer meaningful services and programs that focus youth on productive outcomes, low barrier to services under one roof, and to intervene in the cycle of homelessness and meet the stated goals of All Home (rare, brief and one time). Mr. Jackson reviewed the services provided and the program benefits by Auburn Youth Recourses.

Auburn Youth Resources is seeking funding from the City as well as funding from King County and other funding partners.

Deputy Mayor Wales questioned the total structural cost of the project. Mr. Redlinn stated the development budget is almost \$3 million. Most of the funding for the building is coming from the State of Washington and King County.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked about the length of stay. Ms.

Fuerstenberg explained it would be somewhat unlimited. She said some

young adults need additional time to transition into regular housing.

Councilmember Holman suggested an aggressive outreach campaign to neighbors to mitigate complaints.

Mayor Backus reiterated that the youth that AYR is helping are local.

III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Committees (30 Minute Presentation/20 Minute Q&A) (Deputy Mayor Wales)
 - 1. Committee Matrix
 - 2. Progression of Leadership
 - 3. Committee Notes Example

Councilmember Wagner and Councilmember DaCorsi presented the Council with the revised committee matrix.

Councilmember DaCorsi explained the ad hoc committee considered whether a committee had required attendance or the meeting was more of a networking opportunity. The committee suggested that the Puyallup River Watershed Council be removed from the matrix, and recommended adding the Governors Affordable Housing Board.

Councilmember DaCorsi recommended having the Independent Salary Commission identify and define what is compensable attendance.

Councilmember Holman questioned City Action Days and the Congressional City Conference as only networking. Councilmember DaCorsi explained these items are not required attendance. Deputy Mayor Wales suggested the title for those two items be changed to advocacy.

Councilmember Holman suggested adding the First Tier Suburbs Council as part of NLC.

Deputy Mayor Wales explained that the next step will be to provide the revised matrix to the Independent Salary Commission for review. The Salary Commission will determine which meetings will be considered as compensable for a Councilmember.

Councilmember Pelosa stated he is opposed to removing the Puyallup River Watershed from the matrix.

Director Hinman stated the City is going to institute a pilot a program with an on-line form where Council can report on their attendance at

committee meetings.

Mayor Backus requested the length of commitment be included on the matrix.

**B. Council Retreat Goals (5 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A)
(Hinman)**

Director Haugan presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the increase in internet access to achieve digital parity by a percentage by 2020. He spoke about establishing an Internet Utility, leveraging public infrastructure including the proof of concept of providing internet service to a low income area over the summer, building both public and private partnerships, and establishing standards as guiding principles. He reviewed the emerging opportunities and the progress that can be anticipated.

Deputy Mayor Wales thanked Director Haugan for the work and progress they have provided thus far.

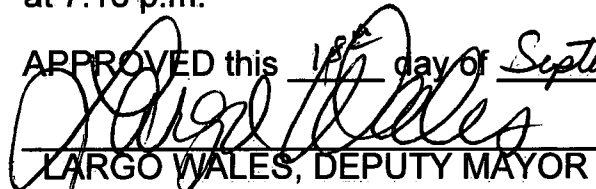
IV. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deputy Mayor Wales requested an overview of the private versus public parking availability and costs at a future meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of September, 2017.


LARGO WALES, DEPUTY MAYOR


Danielle Daskam, City Clerk