

	City Council Study Session Muni Services SFA February 24, 2020 - 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers AGENDA 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

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Claude DaCorsi, Bob Baggett, James Jeyaraj, Robyn Mulenga, Chris Stearns and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Larry Brown was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: Assistant City Attorney Doug Ruth, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Capital and Construction Engineering Manager Ryan Vondrak, Project Engineer Seth Wickstrom, Assistant Director of Human Resources Aaron Barber, Human Resources Manager Melissa Medisch, Assistant Director of Engineering Jacob Sweeting, Chief of Police Dan O'Neil, and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Mattingly.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports or presentations.

III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Innovation & Technology Update (Travis)(30 Minutes)

Director Martinson, Manager Medisch and Assistant Director Barber provided Council with an overview of Human Resource programs and services and discussed the department structure, recruitment and benefits, civil service hiring, training and development, collective bargaining agreements, employee relations and the Inclusive Auburn Initiative.

Council discussed how efficiency studies are completed, the process and timeframe for hiring police officers, Council's Inclusive Auburn Initiative training, sexual harassment training and the option of having job notices

translated into different languages.

Director Travis provided Council with an update on the Innovation and Technology department and discussed how the department is broken up into three groups; Technical Services, Customer Success and Technology Projects, the types of projects each team works on, budget expenses and revenues, 2019 request statistics, and the cost related to cybercrime.

Council discussed how often computers are replaced, how much the City spends on Cyber Security, and 2020 budget expenses.

B. Capital Projects Status Report and Feature Project (Gaub)(10 Minutes)

Manager Vondrak and Engineer Wickstrom provided Council with an update on the City's Capital Projects. The Capital Project Group is currently managing 40 projects, of which 23 are in the design phase and 17 are in some form of the construction phase. They also discussed the 2020 first quarter feature Capital Project; the Auburn Municipal Airport Runway Enhancements. They reviewed the purpose and the benefits of the project, schedule and funding, total project cost and the timeline to begin and complete construction.

Council confirmed there will be a fence at the end of the runway for safety purposes.

C. Overview of the Bridges (Tate/Gaub/Comeau)(15 Minutes)

Overview of the Bridges community: an island of Kent within the City of Auburn

Director Tate presented Council with an update on the annexation discussion with the City of Kent for the Bridges community located on Lea Hill. He discussed how this community is surrounded by the City of Auburn, the merits of annexing the Bridges community into the City of Auburn, future development on existing open spaces and the importance of engaging the community due to the potential impact on the residents of the Bridges.

Council discussed which City provides utility services in the Bridges community and verified with Director Tate that the City of Kent reached out to the City of Auburn regarding changing the boundaries of the Bridges.

IV. MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ordinance No. 6762 (Comeau/O'Neil)(15 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to the regulation of fireworks, and amending Sections 8.24.030 and 8.24.050 and repealing Section 2.22.190 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Stearns presided over this section of the meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Ruth provided Council with an update on Ordinance No. 6762, which changes the penalty for selling or discharging fireworks

outside the appointed times from a misdemeanor to an infraction. He also discussed the penalties related to firework sales when violating the fireworks code, the maximum fine on each violation and the crime of reckless discharging fireworks has been created.

Chief of Police O'Neil discussed the difference between infractions versus citations, Washington State Law regarding the sale and discharge of fireworks, what is defined as a legal firework per Auburn City Code, the challenges to arrest, prosecute and enforce firework violations, how other cities handle fireworks and 2020 recommendations for dealing with fireworks.

Council discussed the penalties of neighboring cities for firework violations, who is responsible for cleaning up firework litter, the option of getting a permit to use fireworks in the parks, and how the City enforces the closure of the parks.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2020.



CLAUDE DACORSI, DEPUTY MAYOR



Teresa Mattingly, Deputy City Clerk

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