

**City Council Study Session PWCD SFA
February 10, 2020 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
MINUTES**

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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, Larry Brown, James Jeyaraj, Robyn Mulenga and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Chris Stearns was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: Chief City Prosecutor Harry Boesche, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Assistant Director of Engineering Jacob Sweeting, Right-of-Way Specialist Amber Price, Senior Transportation Planner Cecile Malik, Senior Traffic Engineer James Webb, Traffic Operations Engineer Scott Nutter, Assistant Finance Director Kevin Fuhrer, 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. City Organizational Overview - Parks, Arts & Recreation (Faber)(30 Minutes)

Director Faber presented Council with an overview of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department and discussed the nine different divisions within the department, various programs, services and events, general fund expenditures, tax and fee supported services and pending projects including; the Arts & Culture Center, Auburn Arts Alleyway, Auburn Ave Theater, the 104th Street/Green River Park plan and the Jacobsen Tree Farm Park plan. Director Faber also discussed the Mountainview Cemetery, volunteer opportunities, the advisory boards and reviewed the Park Maintenance Study and Auburn's cost per acre for park maintenance.

Council discussed the Senior Center usage and the Auburn Golf Course being recognized as one of the 20 best golf courses in Washington state.

B. BERK Presentation (Thomas)(60 Minutes)

Director Thomas introduced Allegra Calder and Sherrie Hsu from Berk Consulting, who presented Council with an overview of the Auburn Fiscal Sustainability Analysis. Ms. Calder discussed City services and funding structure, benchmarking, fiscal condition and fiscal strategies and how Auburn is a "full-service" City by providing services that match community expectations. Ms. Calder also discussed Auburn's General Fund revenue sources, property, sales and utility tax comparison and revenue and expenditure comparisons.

Ms. Hsu reviewed revenue and expenditure forecasts, the difference between the General Fund and the Cumulative Reserve Fund, the City's fiscal condition, fiscal strategies, revenue tools and potential revenue enhancement strategies.

Council discussed how significant this budget will be, how to maintain services within the City, and potential tax increases.

C. New South King County Base Site Selection for King County Metro (Gaub)(20 Minutes)

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi called for a 5 minute recess at 6:56 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Planner Malik introduced King County Metro Capital Projects Managing Supervisor Jeff Arbuckle, who reviewed King County Metro's services, growth plan, the benefits of a new South King County base, key features, top 3 sites, public attitudes and awareness survey and next steps.

Council discussed potential businesses at the King County base, the timeline for completion of the project, potential new routes, and new job opportunities.

D. Ordinance No. 6756 (Comeau)(20 Minutes)

An Ordinance adding chapter 9.14.050 to the City Code related to the assault of a Police Officer

Prosecutor Boesche presented Council with information on creating a new section to the Auburn City Code related to the assault of a Police Officer and discussed how the new section would allow City Prosecutors to file misdemeanor charges against a suspect who assaults a City Police Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Parking Enforcement Officer, or Animal Control Officer when the County declines to file class C felony charges.

Council discussed how the County determines whether they will charge assault on a Police Officer as a felony or not.

E. Ordinance No. 6760 (Thomas)(10 Minutes)

An Ordinance establishing the Local Sales and Use Tax rate for Local Revitalization Financing for 2020

Director Thomas presented Council with information to levy an additional 0.0192% sales tax credit against the Washington State Sales Tax for Local Revitalization, which is estimated to generate \$250,000 for Local Revitalization funding to promote community and economic development.

Mayor Backus advised Council that the levy is against the Washington State Sales Tax, leaving them with a smaller portion of the sales tax, and is not an additional sales tax to be collected from consumers.

F. Resolution No. 5498 (Thomas)(10 Minutes)

A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the purpose of making loans from the General Fund and/or the Cumulative Reserve Fund to funds sustained by grants, fees, or tax credits between February 2020 and February 2023

Director Thomas presented Council with information on interfund loans and discussed their purpose and the benefits when managing the City's short-term funding needs in the Arterial Streets Program, Community Development and Block Grant Fund, and Local Revitalization Area Debt Service Fund.

IV. PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ordinance No. 6735 (Gaub)(5 Minutes)

Discussion of draft Ordinance No. 6735 granting a franchise for water facilities to the City of Tacoma

Councilmember Brown presided over this section of the meeting.

Specialist Price presented Council with information on granting a franchise for water facilities to the City of Tacoma. She reviewed the applicants process and requirements for obtaining a franchise agreement and next steps.

Council discussed how many years a typical franchise agreement lasts.

B. Right-of-Way Vacation No. V1-19 (Gaub)(5 Minutes)

City Council discuss Right-of-Way Vacation No. V1-19

Specialist Price provided Council with an overview of the general process for a right-of-way vacation and what is required from the applicant. She also discussed Davis Development Services Right-of-Way Vacation application to provide additional parking for the medical office building located on the adjacent property, the benefits to the City for vacating this

right-of-way and next steps.

C. Modification to the 2020-2025 TIP (Gaub)(5 Minutes)

Engineer Webb and Engineer Nutter presented Council with information on three proposed projects to the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and modifications to two other existing programs.

Council discussed how funds are moved from annual programs to new projects.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

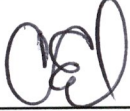
VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2020.



CLAUDE DACORSI, DEPUTY MAYOR



Teresa Mattingly, Deputy City Clerk

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