

**City Council Study Session**  
**February 8, 2016 - 5:30 PM**  
**Auburn City Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**A. Roll Call**

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Wales, Bob Baggett, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Yolanda Trout, and Rich Wagner. Councilmember Bill Pelosa arrived at 5:53 p.m.

Officials, department directors and staff members present included: Mayor Nancy Backus, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Police Commander Mark Caillier, Director of Community Development and Public Works Kevin Snyder, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, Urban Design Planner Lauren Flemister, Utilities Engineering Manager Lisa Tobin, Water Quality Program Coordinator Chris Thorn, Storm Drainage Engineer Tim Carlaw, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Innovation and Technology Operations Manager Ashley Riggs, Community Healthcare Consultant Pat Bailey and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

**II. Announcements, Reports, and Presentations**

Deputy Mayor Wales thanked the full Council for the discussion from the last Study Session meeting. She encouraged the Council to fully discuss all items on the agenda.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**A. Main Street Urban Design Report (20 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)**

Urban Design Planner Flemister and Brice Maryman from MIG/SvR Landscape Architects presented the Main Street Urban Design report to Council.

Mr. Maryman stated the design goal is to redefine downtown Main Street, to provide access to downtown for all of the residents, to

promote downtown as a neighborhood, to strengthen downtown's spaces and to encourage economic development.

Mr. Maryman explained his firm has currently developed two different designs for the downtown core, "Rail Rooms" and "Rivers and Eddies". There are pros and cons for each idea. They are working with the staff to incorporate the two ideas together. Some of the issues being considered are onstreet parking, keeping as many parking spaces as possible, considering the street as a one way street, and incorporating the designs of the B Street Plaza. They are also considering the mural lot for redevelopment into a green space downtown and other publicly owned areas for development opportunities, and adding a protected crossing to the C Street railroad crossing.

Mr. Maryman explained the next step to complete the final design phase of the project is to gather staff final input, hold a final public information session, finalize the streetscape design, develop phasing planning level and cost and provide final presentation to the Council.

Councilmember DaCorsi said he liked the idea of a protected crossing at C Street, which would make the walkability in that area better.

Councilmember Pelosa stated he would like to see rain gardens.

B. NPDES Annual Report and Stormwater Management Program Plan (10 Minute Presentation/ 10 Minute Q&A (Snyder)

Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn and Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw presented the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Annual Report and Stormwater Management Program to Council.

Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw introduced the 2015 NPDES Municipal Permit and the 2016 Stormwater Management Program. He explained the issuance of this type of permit has become more stringent with tighter regulations.

Water Quality Program Coordinator Thorn reviewed why the City is required to have the stormwater permit, the requirements for the permit and how the City is in compliance with the permit. The City is required to provide public education and outreach within the community. The City must manage illicit discharge detection and elimination and control runoff from new and redeveloped construction sites. The City's Maintenance and Operations Department also maintains all the City storm ponds.

Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw reviewed the Storm Water Management plan for 2016.

The significant activities include implementation of the Low Impact Development Standards, adoption of a new stormwater management manual and development of Low Impact Development maintenance standards and levels of service.

Councilmember Wagner asked if the City upgrades the culverts to allow fish to pass through. Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw explained each culvert is reviewed on a case by case basis.

Councilmember Pelosa asked if the car wash kits are being utilized by residents. Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw stated fewer businesses are allowing carwashes on their property.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked about the response to reports of pollution. Storm Drainage Engineer Carlaw explained a call is made to the Maintenance and Operations Department, and they investigate if there is a problem. If an issue is discovered, staff members start with education of the property owner and work on mitigation of the pollution.

C. Valley Regional Fire Authority Interlocal Agreement for GIS Services (10 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A (Haugan)

Innovation and Technology Manager Riggs introduced the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City and Valley Regional Fire Authority for GIS services. He explained the City has been providing these services in the past, and this agreement simply formalizes the arrangement.

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

Mayor Backus introduced Community Healthcare Consultant Bailey.

Ms. Bailey thanked Mayor and Council for making Healthy Cities their number one Strategic Plan goal. She is promoting a healthy life for all ages. She has established partnerships with providers in the area including MutiCare, who wants to work with the City on this program, and six other partners. She stated the City needs to increase opportunities for healthy food options and provide a full spectrum of mental health and social services. She explained the City has developed a Blue Ribbon Committee to make recommendations and help promote a Healthy City. The first meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee will be next month.

Councilmember Wagner stated the Committee needs to work on priorities and costs for the programs. Ms. Bailey stated she is currently working on grants and involving a large network of

volunteers.

Councilmember Pelozo stated the Auburn International Farmers Market allows people to use their EBT cards at the market.

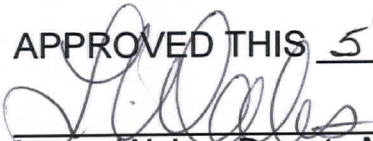
**IV. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was no other discussion.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2017.

  
Largo Wales, Deputy Mayor

  
Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk