



**City Council Study Session PWCD SFA
January 14, 2019 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
MINUTES**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Wales 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: Bob Baggett, Larry Brown, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Largo Wales, Deputy Mayor Bill Peloza arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following directors and staff were in attendance: Assistant Director of Engineering Services Jacob Sweeting, Capital & Construction Engineering Manager Ryan Vondrak, Senior Project Engineer Matt Larson, Development Services Manager Jason Crumb, Senior Planner Thaniel Gouk, Senior Transportation Planner Cecile Malik, Economic Development Manager Doug Lien, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Innovation & Technology David Travis, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, City Attorney Steve Gross, Police Commander Steve Stocker and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Mattingly.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There was no announcement, report or presentation.

III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Resolution for 2019 LTAC Approval (Hinman) (15 Minutes) (5:35 p.m.)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the Lodging Tax Grant disbursements recommended by the Auburn Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Manager Lien presented Council with information on the disbursements of funds from the Lodging Tax Grant and requested the approval of two grants. The proposed grants are for the Veterans Day Parade for \$3500 and Pet Palooza for \$5000. Manager Lien advised Council that the application process has been reopened due to not all of the grants funds being awarded.

B. Resolution No. 5395 - 2019 VRFA Fee Schedule (Tate) (10 Minutes) (5:50 p.m.)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, endorsing use of the 2019 Valley Regional Fire Authority Fee Schedule as adopted by the VRFA Board of Governance

Director Tate introduced Fire Marshall Karen Stewart with the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) and presented Council with an update on the VRFA Fee Schedule, how the fees are collected, and the proposed 3.6% fee increase.

Council questioned how fees for sprinkler heads are calculated and was advised by Fire Marshall Stewart that fees for sprinkler heads are calculated per device and not by square footage of the building.

C. Ordinance No. XXXX Identity Theft (Gross) (10 Minutes) (6:00 p.m.)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, relating to criminal offenses, adopting the crime of Identity Theft, and amending Chapter 9.62 of the Auburn City Code

City Attorney Gross presented Council with the benefits of adopting Identity Theft into the City Code as a Gross Misdemeanor, including allowing officers to charge identity theft directly, and if King County declines to charge a case it will allow City Prosecutors to charge a case as identity theft instead of attempted identity theft.

Council discussed that the more tools the Police Department and City Prosecutors have the better it will be for everyone, that it could potentially reduce the number of violations from repeat offenders and speed up the prosecution process. Council requested that the number of identity theft cases be tracked for one year.

D. Draft Council Chambers Seating Assignments (Council) (10 Minutes) (6:10 p.m.)

Council discussed the draft council chambers seating assignments. Councilmember Trout-Manuel requested that her and Councilmember Brown switch seats. Councilmember Brown agreed to the change and the other Councilmembers were in consensus. No other changes were requested and name plates will be moved before the next Council meeting.

IV. PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Capital Project Status Report (Gaub) (20 Minutes) (6:20 p.m.)

Capital & Construction Engineering Manager Ryan Vondrak and Senior Project Engineer Matt Larson provided Council with an update on Capital Projects and discussed the number of current projects, total project costs, the current status of individual projects and upcoming projects including; the Lake Tapps Parkway ITS Expansion Project, both Phase Two and Phase Three of the Auburn Way North Preservation Project, and the 2019

Arterial Patch and Overlay Project. Manager Ryan also advised Council of the open house scheduled for January 16, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Rainer Middle School regarding the Lea Hill Road Corridor Study.

Council discussed the spreadsheet that lists the Capital Projects and thanked Manager Ryan and Engineer Larson for the potential dog park and the new roundabouts.

B. Heritage Site Update (Tate) (15 Minutes) (6:40 p.m.)

Overview of the status of the demolition activity and redevelopment of the Heritage Site

Development Services Jason Krum provided Council with an update on the demolition and redevelopment of the Heritage Site, code enforcement notices and penalties, deadlines to reply to code enforcement actions, project deadlines and confirmed that the owner has hired a new contractor who has submitted the necessary demolition applications and plans on moving forward the beginning next week and the demolition should be completed by the end of the month.

Director Tate advised Council how and when liens are filed, the option of moving forward with an abatement action if the owner does not meet future deadlines, the number of grandfathered parking spaces allowed on the Heritage Site and the challenges with rebuilding a 100 year old building.

Council discussed their concerns regarding the limited number of parking spaces for the Heritage Site, how parking is going to be accommodated and potential rental rates.

C. Downtown Development Update (Tate) (15 Minutes) (6:55 p.m.)

Overview of downtown development activity and façade improvement projects

Director Tate provided Council with an update on the Downtown Development projects, including design and permit review for the Auburn Apartments, Legacy Senior Living and Tru By Hilton and façade improvement projects at Rail Hop'n Brewing, Brekke Building, Driessen Building and Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro.

Council discussed parking at Legacy Senior Living, what type of awning will be installed at Vinifera, and the configuration of the Tru By Hilton building.

Deputy Mayor Peloza called for a 10 minute recess at 6:50 p.m. the meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no other discussion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. MATRIX

A. Matrix

Councilmembers discussed the option of adding a discussion regarding the Auburn Avenue Theater, a presentation on the Auburn Valley Arts group, an update from Technology Director David Travis and an update on the West Hill Parks and Recreation to the matrix.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2019.



BILL PELOZA, DEPUTY MAYOR



Teresa Mattingly, Deputy City Clerk

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