



**City Council Study Session
January 12, 2015 - 5:30 PM
Auburn City Hall
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor John Holman 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

City Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Holman, Rich Wagner, Bill Pelosa, Largo Wales, Wayne Osborne, Claude DaCorsi and Yolanda Trout.

City officials and staff members present included: Mayor Nancy Backus, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Utilities Engineering Manager Lisa Tobin, Water Utility Engineer Susan Fenhaus, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Transportation Manager Pablo Para, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Chief of Police Bob Lee, Director of Administration Michael Hursh, Public Affairs and Marketing Liaison Dana Hinman, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, IT Operations Manager Ashley Riggs, IT Customer Support Manager Reba Stowe, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Comprehensive Water Plan (30 minutes) (Fenhaus)

Water Utility Engineer Susan Fenhaus and Utilities Engineering Manager Lisa Tobin reviewed Chapters 7-9 of the draft Comprehensive Water Plan. In November 2014, the Public Works Committee reviewed Chapters 2-6. A complete copy of the draft Comprehensive Water Plan is available on the City's web site.

Chapter 7 relates to Water Quality and includes water quality regulations, monitoring practices, water quality evaluation, blending studies, deficiency findings, and compliance recommendations. Water Utility Engineer Fenhaus advised there have been no violations of water quality standards, and Auburn's water quality is very good.

In response to a question from Councilmember Osborne regarding some of the manganese levels in water from some of the City's wells, Engineer Fenhaus explained that manganese is a secondary standard and affects the aesthetic quality of the water.

Councilmember Wagner suggested the Plan include a glossary.

Councilmember Trout questioned the notification protocols for any water quality deficiencies or incidents of contamination. Engineer Fenhaus explained public notification is dependent on the type of incident. If coliform or e-coli is detected, the public would be notified immediately. If a chemical exceedance is detected, the public notification may take place in 30 to 60 days and may be limited to the affected area.

Engineer Fenhaus spoke briefly regarding the Consumer Confidence Report, which the City issues annually and is required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Chapter 8 relates to Water Use Efficiency (discussed previously in Public Works Committee).

Councilmember Wagner noted the 2015-2020 Demand-Side Program Measures on pages 8-6 and 8-7. He questioned whether the City compiled any statistics on the effectiveness of the efficiencies.

Engineer Fenhaus reported that 27 toilet replacement rebates were issued to households last year, and a large number of low flow shower heads were distributed.

Chapter 9 relates to System Analysis and includes details on pump station analysis, the distribution system, hydraulic model, and storage analysis.

Engineer Fenhaus pointed out the City has two types of pump stations: open zones operated from a storage reservoir and closed zones (booster pumps) that do not have storage. The City's policy is that pump stations meet the required flow with the largest pump out of service and have emergency backup power.

The chapter also includes the sizing of improvement projects and the planning horizon for the required improvements. The planning window is currently six years, but the State will be changing the planning window to ten years. The Capital Improvements section of the Plan includes a 20-year planning period.

Councilmember Wagner referred to Figure 9-7, Fire Deficiencies by Planning Years. Councilmember Wagner suggested the Plan was too aggressive on implementing capital improvements related to fire flow.

Councilmember Osborne inquired regarding fire flow requirements and suppression storage required by the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA). Utilities Engineering Manager Tobin responded that Utilities staff works with Community Development staff as new developments come in. Any fire flow deficiencies found at that time

would be addressed at the development stage. Councilmember Osborne expressed concern that the VRFA may be over estimating fire flow needs and thereby increasing capital costs for the City.

B. Auburn/Sumner Boundary Revision (10 minutes) (Para/Gaub)

Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub and Transportation Manager Pablo Para presented information regarding a proposed boundary revision between the cities of Auburn and Sumner. Assistant Director Gaub distributed an aerial map with a depiction of the boundary revision.

The City of Sumner is planning a redevelopment of their former golf course site to construct a major warehousing site. Part of the plan includes proposed changes to the access at Stewart Road to improve the circulation and safety at the site.

Staff have been coordinating with Sumner staff and the site developer to review their proposal and make recommendations for a safe and efficient corridor, including the potential change to the jurisdictional boundary between Auburn and Sumner west of the Lake Tapps Parkway bridge over East Valley Highway. Benefits of the boundary adjustment include: creating a clear delineation of maintenance responsibility, Auburn would not be responsible or liable for any of the roadway infrastructure west of the Lake Tapps Parkway bridge or for the new traffic signal proposed to serve the new development, and Sumner would be required to provide access easements and an improved materials storage site to Auburn for Lake Tapps Parkway snow/ice response.

Assistant Director Gaub advised staff members are currently working with Sumner on an interlocal agreement outlining the responsibilities of each city.

Mike Dahlem, City Engineer for the City of Sumner, reported a traffic analysis of the corridor was conducted. With the development of the golf course property with warehouses, the corridor and intersection will not be a Level of Service F. Sumner is considering construction of a new bridge on 24th Street on the south side of the golf course property to relieve some of the impact on the intersection. Mr. Dahlem stated the majority of traffic will be traveling west on Stewart Road.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Dahlem explained the storm drainage runoff from the development site will go to the outfall pipes and south of Auburn to the river.

C. City Value Statements (20 minutes) (Tate)

City Council to consider draft value statements that would be used as the foundation for development of the City's Comprehensive Plan

Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate reviewed draft value statements, which were derived from the 2014

"Imagine Auburn" community visioning effort. The citywide value statements create a foundation for the Comprehensive Plan and future City decision making that implements the principles of the Plan. The draft Comprehensive Plan will be brought forward to the Planning Commission in March or April and then presented to the City Council mid-year for adoption.

Assistant Director Tate reviewed how the Council Vision Statement and value statements will lead to high level policy statements and narrow policy statements, which then lead to implementation actions.

Councilmember Pelozo suggested expanding the word heritage in the value statements to ensure the preservation of historic sites.

Councilmember Wagner suggested folding the effects of regionalism into the Plan. Councilmember Wales concurred.

Mayor Backus announced the City is taking a poll on the value statements on the City's web site.

Assistant Director Tate reviewed each of the value statements:

PLACE – We will create and maintain high quality neighborhoods, places and spaces.

The intent is to create a value of what the neighborhoods and the areas around town look and feel like.

Councilmember DaCorsi suggested including the word "destination" in the value statement.

WELLNESS - We will build and maintain an environment that promotes healthy and safe lifestyle options.

Councilmember Wales and Councilmember DaCorsi suggested rewording the statement "substandard housing, neighborhoods, and spaces will not be tolerated" to a positive statement.

Councilmember Wagner suggested including a reference to Auburn's health care systems and senior housing in the value statement.

Councilmember Wales suggested addressing public health and wellness programs offered by employers.

Councilmember Wagner suggested using the term "active transportation" in the Wellness section and other sections.

Councilmember Trout suggested making a connection to schools and student wellness.

SERVICE - We will be an efficient, approachable and responsive City government.

Councilmember Wales and Peloza suggested emphasizing volunteer service.

Councilmember Wagner suggested reordering the first bullet statement in the "What It Means" section to emphasize the best interest of the tax and rate payers.

Councilmember Osborne suggested that the first statement under "How It Will Happen" include a statement that all infrastructure assets will be maintained at the highest quality.

Councilmembers Wales and Trout suggested highlighting the quality of City staff.

ECONOMY - We will provide a diverse and vibrant local economy with employment and spending opportunities for citizens and a growing marketplace for businesses.

Councilmember Wagner suggested incorporating regionalism and partnerships. Councilmember Wales agreed and pointed out regional centers, such as the airport, medical centers, and education centers.

Councilmember DaCorsi suggested adding "attraction of new businesses."

In response to questions from Council regarding the use of "targeted" in the statements, Director Snyder stated the reason for the use of the word "targeted" will be clearer as the Council works on the ten year economic development strategic plan. Targeting means that you can't be everything to everyone, the City will need to identify and understand our city's niches and those industries and/or business interests that can be most successful.

CELEBRATION - We will be diverse and creative and come together to teach, learn and have fun.

Councilmember Wagner recommended incorporating the word "inclusive".

Councilmember Wales suggested looking at ways to celebrate our schools' academic and athletic achievements.

ENVIRONMENT - We will take actions and make investments that protect the natural environment and preserve open space and create appropriate access.

Councilmember Wagner suggested including "energy" in either the

Environment or Sustainability statements.

SUSTAINABILITY - We will strongly commit to our values in order to build a long-lasting and thriving community.

Councilmember Wagner suggested recognizing the Muckleshoot Tribe in the value statement(s).

III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deputy Mayor Holman opened discussion for possible future topics for Council Study Sessions. The following topics were suggested by Councilmembers: early learning summit, the Auburn Avenue Theater, regional committee participation and assignments, Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee topics, performance measures, capital project status report (Assistant Director Gaub advised a monthly written report will be distributed to Council), economic development periodic updates, affordable housing, homeless issues, human services block grants, taxes (tax fatigue and the overall tax load for taxpayers), and golf course.

Deputy Mayor Holman recommended the establishment of an ad hoc committee to review claims and payroll vouchers. Councilmembers Wales and Trout volunteered to serve as the initial members of the ad hoc committee to review claims and payroll vouchers.

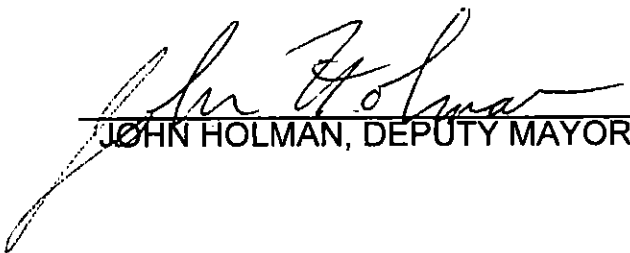
Councilmember Wales suggested rotating membership of the ad hoc committee every quarter.

Mayor Backus reported on her intent to oppose King County's proposal for catch and release of non-violent property crimes offenders and bring the issue to the Regional Public Issues Committee for further discussion.

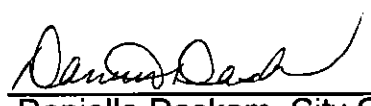
IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED this 2nd day of February, 2015.



JOHN HOLMAN, DEPUTY MAYOR



Danielle Daskam, City Clerk