

City Council Study Session Community
Wellness Special Focus Area
March 22, 2021 - 5:30 PM
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Virtual Participation Link

A. Virtual Participation Link
 The City Council Meeting was held virtually.

B. Roll Call

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

Mayor Nancy Backus, Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson, Police Chief Dan O'Neil, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Mattingly were in Chambers.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Assistant Finance Director Kevin Fuhrer, Assistant Director of Human Resources Aaron Barber, Community Services Manager Joy Scott, Human Services Program Coordinator Kyla Wright, and Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Backus and the City of Auburn Councilmembers read a joint statement condemning hate, racism and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the City of Auburn.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Police Advisory Committee (PAC) Presentation (O'Neil)(60 Minutes)

Chief O'Neil introduced Pastor LaShund Lambert, Co-Chair of the Police Advisory Committee (PAC), who reviewed why the PAC was established, the Committee's goals and recommendations.

Pastor Lambert introduced PAC Member Ron Claudon who discussed the concerns of business owners regarding homelessness and asked that the City set a goal to be the best city in King County to do business.

Council discussed the Committee's recommendations to the Police Department, setting a goal of making Auburn the best city in the State to do business and Council's support of the Police Department and the PAC.

Chief O'Neil introduced PAC member Kacie Bray, CEO of the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, who discussed the challenges faced by police officer's, safety concerns of local business owners regarding homelessness and the impact homelessness has on local businesses. She also thanked the Mayor, Council and Chief O'Neil for supporting the PAC.

B. Presentation by the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) (Tate) (15 Minutes)

Executive Director of KCSARC, Mary Ellen Stone, will provide Council with a presentation describing services and funding related to the work performed by the KCSARC

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved the Presentation by the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center after Ordinance No. 6814.

Director Tate provided a brief description of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) and introduced Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director of KCSARC. Ms. Stone reviewed the sexual assault services available to Auburn residents, client ages, key partnerships, the 24-Hour Resource Line, legal advocacy, therapy and the impacts of sexual assault on families. Ms. Stone also discussed how services have been provided pre-pandemic versus now.

Council discussed the number of reported sexual assault cases, unprocessed rape kits, resource center locations and how resource centers work with local schools.

 Update from the Junior City Council (Hinman)(10 Minutes)
 Junior City Council to give updates on recruitment efforts and Youth Town Hall on April 8, 2021

Director Hinman introduced Junior City Council (JCC) Chair Waylon Menzia and Vice-Chair Jonathan Mulenga who presented Council with an update on the JCC. Chair Menzia discussed recruiting new members and JCC goals. Vice-Chair Mulenga discussed the upcoming Youth Town Hall.

Council discussed the number of members on the JCC and the recruitment process.

D. Ordinance No. 6814 (Thomas)(60 Minutes)

Draft B&O Tax Code

Director Thomas stated that an updated version of the B&O Tax Code had been provided prior to the meeting to Council. She reviewed the proposed tax, tax rates, tax credits, deductions and exemptions, Square Footage Tax, real estate commission and tax caps.

Council discussed the impacts of increased thresholds on businesses and requested bringing this item to another Study Session prior to submitting to Council for approval.

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi called for an 8 minute recess at 7:06 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

E. Ordinance No. 6815 (Thomas)(20 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6794, the 2021-2022 Biennial Operating Budget Ordinance, and Ordinance No. 6796, the 2021-2022 Biennial Capital Budget, authorizing amendment to the City of Auburn 2021-2022 Budget as set forth in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B"

Director Thomas provided Council with an update on the first amendment to the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget. She reviewed the proposed fund adjustments to the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.

F. Resolution No. 5584 (Martinson)(15 Minutes)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and Cayce & Grove for Public Defense Services

Assistant Director Barber provided a overview of the Public Defense Services Contract and public defense services provided by Cayce & Grove Law Offices.

V. COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Community Development Block Grant 2020 CAPER (Tate)(15 Minutes)
An overview of the 2020 City of Auburn CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, including CDBG and CDBG-CV funds spent and progress made toward Annual Action Plan service goals

Councilmember Mulenga presided over this section of the meeting.

Director Tate introduced Manager Scott who presented Council with an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Manager Scott provided a description of what the CAPER is and the difference between the General Fund and CDBG Fund. She also discussed the CDBG Entitlement Program, program qualifications, administrative requirements, eligible activities, programs supported and residents served in 2020 by CDBG funds and the 2021 CDBG timeline.

Council discussed the race and ethnicity data and the number of residents who received rental assistance.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED this 5th day (of A	۱pril.	, 2021.
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