

City Council Meeting April 19, 2021 - 7:00 PM Virtual MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE!

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION LINK

 Virtual Participation Link The City Council Meeting was held virtually.

A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street, and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

Mayor Nancy Backus, Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson, Police Chief Dan O'Neil, City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell were in Chambers.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: 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, Assistant Finance Director Kevin Fuhrer, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Director of Human Resources Candis Martinson, and Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Backus to proclaim April 27, 2021 as "Arbor Day" in the city of Auburn.

Mayor Backus read and proclaimed April 27, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

A. Salary Commission

City Council to confirm the appointment of Grantley Martelly to the Salary Commission for a four year term to expire December 31, 2024.

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to appoint Grantley Martelly to the Salary Commission for a four year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

V. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There was no modification to the agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings - (No public hearing is scheduled for this evening.)

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

1. Virtual Participation

Josh Headley, Pastor LaShund Lambert, Revered Seth Headley, Wayne Osborne, Zaneta Reid, Jan Guyll, Melody, Terry Porter, Mike Ward, Antonio Smith, David, Rob Junior, Allison, Pastor Jim Brass, Cheryl Rakes, and Jen Reeves provided comments in support of Ordinance No. 6817.

Tami Rogers asked Council to provide additional funding for Ray of Hope.

Harold Odom and Nate Caminos provided comments requesting an equity assessment be performed if Ordinance 6817 is approved and offered continued collaboration.

Will Toaspern and Alyson Moon provided comments in opposition of Ordinance No. 6817.

Bob Zimmerman, 33029 46th Place S Mr. Zimmerman expressed concerns about propane safety.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

VIII. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendation to the City Council, if any.

1. Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baggett)

Councilmember Baggett, Chair of the Finance ad hoc committee, reported he and Councilmember Jeyaraj have reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

2. Grocery Worker Hazard Pay (Chair Brown)

Councilmember Brown, Chair of the Grocery Worker Hazard Pay ad hoc committee, reported he, Deputy Mayor DaCorsi and Councilmember Jeyaraj have met twice and will be bringing a recommendation forward.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

- A. Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Study Session
- C. Claim Vouchers (Thomas)

Claim voucher list dated April 19, 2021 which includes voucher numbers 463017 through 463157 in the amount of \$4,100,273.70 and eight wire transfers in the amount of \$498,832.99

D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539131 through 539136 in the amount of \$75,422.96, and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,331,066.42, for a grand total of \$2,406,489.38 for the period covering March 31, 2021 to April 13, 2021

E. Auburn Resource Center Construction Project (Comeau)

City Council to approve an agreement with Kelly-Thomas Inc. for Construction at the Auburn Resource Center

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6817 (Tate)

An Ordinance relating to camping and occupying City Property, amending Ordinance No. 6781 and Chapters 2.22 and 9.50 of Auburn City Code

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel second to adopt Ordinance 6817.

Director Tate provided Council with an staff presentation. He reviewed the proposed ordinances.

Staff provided Council with information on interactions with the homeless in Auburn, the demographics of homeless in Auburn, and the legal process of people who received a criminal trespass citation.

Councilmembers discussed the their oath's of office, the need to make changes, working together with local, State and Federal organizations to help the homeless population, helping people who need help, affordable housing, criminalizing homelessness, civil infractions and the impact on people of color.

MOTIONED CARRIED 4-3 (Councilmembers Stearns, Brown, Mulenga voted no.)

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5588 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Pacific relating to the City of Pacific's Stewart Road Improvements Project

Councilmember Stearns moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5588.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5590 (Thomas)

A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City and King County to implement the 2021-2022 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program and Accepting Program Grant Funds

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Stearns seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5590.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5591 (Thomas)

A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City and Seattle-King County Department of Public Health to implement the 2021-2022 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program and accepting program grant funds

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Jeyaraj second to adopt Resolution No. 5591.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Councilmember Baggett reported he attended the Regional Transit Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Brown thanked Kent Hay and Chief O'Neil for their work in Auburn.

Councilmember Stearns reported he attended the Regional Water Quality Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Jeyaraj reported he attended the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Cabinet meeting.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the South Sound Housing and Affordability Program meeting (SSHAP), Sound Transit Board Meeting, Auburn Youth Town Hall, spoke to AVID (advancement via Individual Determination) classes at Auburn Middle Schools, and the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of May, 2021.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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