

# City Council Study Session Community Wellness Special Focus Area October 28, 2024 - 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE!

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

# II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

# A. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

### B. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Acting Deputy Mayor Yolonda Trout-Manuel, Hanan Amer, Cheryl Rakes, Clinton Taylor and Tracy Taylor. Councilmember Kate Baldwin attended the meeting virtually via Zoom, she logged in at 5:36 p.m. Deputy Mayor Larry Brown was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator Jody Davison, Parks Planning and Development Manager Thaniel Gouk, Senior Project Engineer Matt Larson, Water Utility Engineer Senait Gebreeyesus, Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague, Arts & Events Manager Julie Krueger, Financial Planning Manager Frank Downard, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

### III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, or presentations.

### V. COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2025-2026 Human Services Grant Funding Update (Hay) (20 Minutes)
 An overview of the 2025-2026 Human Services Grant Funding Decisions and Review Process

Councilmember C. Taylor Chaired this portion of the meeting.

Director Hay and Coordinator Davison provided Council with the 2025-2026 Human Services Grant Funding Update including public outreach, the application review timeline, funding priorities, application cycle, tier ratings, the Human Services Committee review, and funding decisions.

Council discussed applications and funding.

B. 2025-2029 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan Initial Public Comment Update (Hay) (20 Minutes)

An overview of the initial Public Comment of the upcoming City of Auburn's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

Director Hay and Coordinator Davison provided Council with the 2025-2029 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan - Initial Public Comment Update including a background of the plan, timeline, Council feedback, Cloudburst Consulting Group, stakeholder engagement, community engagement opportunities, community survey questions and results, and next steps.

Council discussed childcare costs, the Housing Repair Program, and the Consolidated Plan process.

### VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Downtown Auburn Discussion (Parks) (20 Minutes)

An update on upcoming Downtown Revitalization Projects including Infrastructure Improvements, Auburn Avenue Theater, and Downtown Park

Director Faber, Manager Krueger, and Engineer Larson provided Council with a presentation on the Downtown Auburn Discussion including infrastructure improvements such as traffic signals, street lighting upgrades, underground utilities, the project timeline and funding. They discussed the Auburn Avenue Theater including background, history, economic impact, demolition of current structure, community support, preliminary concept for new Theater, and the project timeline and funding. They also discussed the Downtown Park including the Conservation Futures Grant, property requirements, the project timeline and funding.

Council discussed food truck locations, parking, road closures, Theater design, and the Downtown Park design and uses.

B. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update (Parks) (10 Minutes)

Manager Gouk provided Council with a presentation on the 2024 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update including the Comprehensive Plan Elements, public outreach, and core changes.

C. Lead Service Line Inventory Update (PW) (15 Minutes)

Engineer Gebreeyesus provided Council with a presentation on the Lead Service Line Inventory Update including lead exposure risks, background information, regulations, replacement of lead components, testing, public outreach, requirements, methodology, inventory results, notifications, and next steps.

Council discussed public outreach, and inventory.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel recessed the meeting at 7:07 p.m. for five minutes.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel reconvened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

D. Ordinance No. 6947 (Thomas) (15 Minutes)

An Ordinance establishing the Levy for regular Property Taxes by the City of Auburn for collection in 2025 for general City operational purposes in the amount of \$25,582,279

Director Thomas and Manager Downard provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6947, 6948, and 5956 including the Budget calendar review, 2025-2026 General Fund Expenditures, summary of new programs, 2025-2026 General Fund Major Revenue, and Property Taxes. They discussed the Capital Facilities Plan including funding sources. They provided an overview of the General Fund 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, and next steps.

Council discussed Compensation Studies, photo enforcement cameras, and a City Administrator position.

E. Ordinance No. 6948 (Thomas) (15 Minutes)

An Ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget for the City of Auburn, Washington

See Item VI.D.

F. Ordinance No. 6956 (Thomas) (5 Minutes)

An Ordinance adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Plan for the City of Auburn, Washington

See Item VI.D.

# G. Ordinance No. 6957 (Krum) (20 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to Project Review, and amending Chapters 14.01, 14.02, 14.03, 14.04, 14.05, 14.06, 14.07, 14.11, 14.13, 14.14, 14.18, 17.01, 18.59, and 18.76, and repealing Chapter 14.15 of the Auburn City Code

Director Krum and Manager Teague provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6957 including a recap of Senate Bill 5290, City requirements, permit types, permit review timelines, project review measures, and the proposed Code updates.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

LARRY BROWN, DEPUTY MAYOR Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED this 4th day of November 2024.

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