

City Council Study Session Muni Services SFA July 9, 2018 - 5:30 PM Council Chambers - City Hall AGENDA

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Bob Baggett called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

A. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Bob Baggett, Larry Brown, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Bill Peloza, Yolanda Trout-Manuel and Largo Wales.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: City Attorney Steve Gross, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Police Chief Bill Pierson, Innovation and Technology Customer Support Manager Reba Stowe, Sewer Utility Engineer Bob Elwell, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There was no announcement, report or presentation.

### III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Johnston Sewer Payback Agreement (Gaub) (10 Minutes)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Payback Agreement between the City of Auburn and Jeff and Gwen Johnston for a Utility Extension

Sewer Utility Engineer Elwell explained the purpose of a payback agreement, the benefits that are possible to the City and property owners and the process the applicant goes through to have a payback agreement put into place.

Councilmember Wales questioned the disbursement of costs for each resident and why they would want to go onto sewer. Sewer Utility Engineer Elwell explained if the property owner's septic failed or if they wanted to

subdivide their lot they would be required to connect to the City sewer if it was available.

Councilmember Peloza asked if the City gets a fee for the administrative work done for this project. Sewer Utility Engineer Elwell said the City receives \$2,500.00 at the start of the application process.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel asked about the cost of hooking up to the City sewer. Sewer Utility Engineer Elwell explained the City fees incurred by a resident when hooking up to the City sewer system including the permit fee of approximately \$200.00 and the System Development Charge of \$2,400.00.

B. Ordinance No. 6686 (Tate)

Amendments to Auburn City Code Section 3.60.036 related to the renewal of the construction sales tax exemption program.

Assistant Director Tate introduced Ordinance No. 6686 regarding the construction sales tax exemption. He explained this is a rebate program, and developers that meet the criteria must apply for a reimbursement. The reimbursement is for the portion of sales tax that comes to the City.

Councilmember Wales stated the construction sales tax is designated to local streets. She asked Council to discuss the intent and purpose of the exemption.

Councilmember Holman stated this rebate provides the City with an additional tool to encourage development.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated there are limitations on a developer's ability to apply for the rebate.

Councilmember Brown asked why the department requested to eliminate the sunset date opposed to creating a future sunset date. Assistant Director Tate stated typically the sunset date is included to test the proposed incentive; once it is renewed, the City has typically eliminated the sunset date.

### IV. MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Surrender Firearms Protocols (Pierson) (20 Minutes) Presentation on the protocols for surrendering firearms.

Chief Pierson presented Council with the City's protocol for surrendering firearms for anyone convicted of a felony or various other types of crimes that prohibit a person from being allowed to possess a firearm. If the City is in possession of a firearm and a person requests the firearm returned, police staff will research if the person has the right to have that firearm. Firearms can also be brought to the police for surrender if the

person has been ordered to surrender all firearms in their possession.

Deputy Mayor Baggett asked how the police determine probable cause to attain a search warrant if the person does not surrender their firearms. Chief Pierson stated the police investigate through if there is a more then likely chance of guns still being in the home. They present their evidence to a judge who then issues a search warrant for the firearms.

Councilmember Wales asked what happens to the guns once they have been surrendered and not returned. Chief Pierson stated they are destroyed.

City Attorney Gross stated the City does not determine if a person can or cannot have the firearm. It is determined by Washington State Law. If a person has a firearm and is no longer allowed to have it, they can enter into a third party agreement to transfer the interest to a person who is allowed to have the firearm.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no other discussion item.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

- VII. MATRIX
  - A. Matrix

Councilmembers reviewed the matrix. Mayor Backus stated she is going to the Redmond Community Court in August and will provide a presentation for Council in September. Park rules and fireworks will be for a future discussion.

City Attorney Gross noted that a majority of Councilmembers must be interested in a topic to add it to an upcoming agenda.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2018.

BOB BAGGETT, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk

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