

# City Council Study Session HHS SFA July 23, 2018 - 5:30 PM Council Chambers - City Hall MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE!

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## CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Bob Baggett called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Bill Peloza and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmembers John Holman and Largo Wales were excused.

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, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Candis Martinson Director of Administration Dana Hinman, and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

## II. ANNOUNCEMENTS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The agenda was modified to add Item D - Letter of Support for the King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan to he Agenda Items for Council Discussion.

## III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

## A. Introduction of New Department Directors (10 Minutes)

City Attorney Gross introduced himself and provided Council with a brief history of his career and experience.

Director Martinson introduced herself and provided Council her background and experience.

Chief Pierson introduced himself and shared with Council his background and experience.

Mayor Backus noted there were three director level positions in the City recently filled. She wanted Council to meet each new director and any

new directors in the future.

B. 1st Quarter 2018 Financial Report (Coleman) (15 Minutes)

Director Coleman provided Council with the First Quarter Financial Report. She stated the report was delayed due to budget preparation. She reviewed the general fund revenues and expenditures, property taxes revenues, sales and use tax revenues not from construction, sales tax revenues on construction, utility tax revenue, cable franchise fees, cable utility taxes, business license revenue, building permit revenue, intergovernmental revenues for grants entitlement and services, charges for services, development service fees, culture and recreation revenues, fines and penalties revenue, miscellaneous revenues, real estate excise Tax revenue, pet licensing revenue, capital projects expenditures from Fund 102, Fund 103 and 105, transportation and park impact fees, water revenues from water, solid waste, cemetery revenues and expenditures, purchase order and p-card transactions.

C. Auburn City Code Chapter 12.64A Half Street Improvement Requirements (Gaub) (30 Minutes)

Assistant Director Gaub presented the proposed amendments to the half street code. She reviewed the code requirements, when improvements are required, the current authority of the City Engineer to authorize deferral of improvements. She reviewed various concerns with deferring improvements and requiring they be completed.

Assistant Director Gaub reviewed the staff recommendations including keeping the language for new or additional residential, commercial or industrial unit created, keep the new access point requirements along with exemptions, adding criteria that an existing single family residence is allowed without improvements, add criteria for commercial industrial addition that is based on square footage, add criteria to address change in vehicular or pedestrian trip generation, clarify remodel of internal structure does not create a new unit, clarify replacement of homes or commercial property that was damaged does not require the improvements, remove all property valuation criteria, remove addition of 5 parking stall criteria and continuing to explore fee in lieu options.

Assistant Director Gaub requested Council consider the City's future practices around calling in deferrals, the policy of the standards for complete streets and accepting the financial burden of completing the street frontage improvements on small in fill developments.

D. Letter of Support for King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan

Director Coleman presented Council with the proposed letter of support to

King County on the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. After King County adopts the plan, the plan will come back to the City for approval then back to the County for submittal to the EIS Commission.

Councilmember Peloza requested Pat McLaughlin and the Council be copied on the letter.

#### IV. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Affordable Housing - Local and Regional Overview (Hinman) (20 Minutes)

Staff from the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County will provide a presentation of Housing Affordability in Auburn: Growing Need and Opportunity

Councilmember Trout-Manuel recessed the meeting for five minutes at 7:04 p.m. She called the meeting back to order at 7:11 p.m.

Director Hinman introduced Patience Malaba and Sara Wamsley from the King County Housing Development Consortium. Ms. Malaba explained what the King County Housing Development Consortium is and their mission. Ms. Warmsley explained what is considered affordable housing, reviewed the types of households struggling with housing costs, the levels of housing cost burdened households. She explained having a high cost burdened population affects a city as a whole. The rent increases in South King County have risen over 34% over the last five years. She reviewed the tools a City can use to help cost burdened households attain affordable housing, including land use, tenant preservation, inclusionary zoning, multifamily tax exemption and code compliance loans.

B. Count Us In Presentation (Hinman) (30 Minutes)
Staff from All Home will present on King County's Annual Point in Time Count of people experiencing homelessness.

Director Hinman introduced Danielle Winslow from All Home. Ms. Winslow stated one of the items for the continuum of care is a Point in Time Count. This counts people who are homeless on one specific night. There are various components to the Point in Time Count, a general street count, a youth and young adult count, a sheltered count and a peer conduced survey. Ms. Winslow reviewed the Point in Time counts methodology and how the data collected is only one data point collected to give a full picture of the homelessness issue in the area.

Ms. Winslow reviewed the results in the 2018 King County Point in Time Count. She noted there was a decrease in veterans and youth homelessness, the landscape where people are staying is shifting from tents to vehicles, homelessness was not a choice for those asked, homeless people need rental assistance, homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color and other historically marginalized populations.

C. Homeless Task Force Update (Hinman) (15 Minutes)

On June 21, Mayor Backus and staff reconvened the Homeless Task Force to update them on the progress of the work and to identify the future of the Task Force.

Director Hinman presented Council with a report on the Auburn Task Force on Homelessness. Mayor Backus reconvened the Taskforce to share the progress made on the action plan and move forward on areas that have not been completed.

Director Hinman reviewed the original process for the Homelessness Task Force, and the criteria of each recommendation. She provided a status for each of the 15 Priority Recommendations.

- Create a program where homeless are hired daily to help clean the community – EXPLORING
- 2. Ensure police have information to provide service and shelter referrals to homeless individuals DONE
- 3. Open additional shelter in City –more than just the existing winter shelter for cold nights DONE!
- 4. Expand shelter services to youth under the age of 18 AVAILABLE, MORE NEEDED
- Increase the supply of low-barrier shelter beds in the City IN PROGRESS
- Create a hygiene center / day center with storage, showers, laundry and access to resources. Explore siting in an existing vacant building – AVAILABLE, MORE NEEDED
- 7. Expand programs, facilities and services available to address behavioral health issues of homeless individuals IN PROGRES
- 8. Provide additional subsidized housing for single adults without disabilities, children, or veteran status: currently, there are very limited resources for this population IN PROGRESS
- 9. Provide landlord assistance for damages as well as rent guarantee / support the countywide Landlord Liaison Program EXPLORING
- Implement a program to help educate residents about homelessness ONGOING
- Continue to expand City's involvement with county, state and the federal government to better support funding for and awareness of homelessness in South King County - ONGOING
- Advocate for more state funding for all types of behavioral health services-- mental health, substance abuse, detox beds, etc. -ONGOING
- Advocate for funding for individuals without state insurance/on disability to access mental health and substance abuse treatment -ONGOING
- Advocate to require utilities to expand subsidy for low income customers - ONGOING
- 15. Create best practice training for all systems to build connections between agencies – EXPLORING/CURRENT PRACTICE IN AUBURN?

# V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no other discussion item.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## VII. MATRIX

#### A. Matrix

Councilmembers discussed the matrix. Councilmember DaCorsi requested a presentation on abandoned houses be added to the projected agenda.

# VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of August, 2018.

BOB BAGGETT, DEPUTY MAYOR Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk

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