

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City Council Meeting</b>  <b>January 16, 2018 - 7:00 PM</b>  <b>City Hall Council Chambers</b>  <b>AGENDA</b>  <b>Watch the meeting LIVE!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Watch the meeting video</b>  Meeting videos are not available until 72  hours after the meeting has concluded.</p>
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## I. **CALL TO ORDER**

### A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 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**

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

Mayor Nancy Backus was in attendance and the following department directors and staff members were present: City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Assistant City Engineer Jacob Sweeting, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Development Services Manager and Building Official Jason Krum, Human Services Manager Joy Scott, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein, Police Commander Dan O'Neill, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

## II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### A. **Presentation on Response to the Heritage Building Fire**

Staff members and members of the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) updated the Council on the response to the Heritage Building fire at 134 East Main Street on December 27, 2017.

Building Official Jason Krum reported the Heritage Building is a two-story structure built in 1921. The building included nine ground floor businesses, 36 apartments and housed 39 residents. The building included a total of 24,000 square feet, with 12,000 square feet on each floor and an unfinished basement.

VRFA Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Olson reported the initial dispatch for the

fire occurred at 2:54 p.m., and the first fire units arrived at 2:58 p.m. A second alarm was issued at 2:59 p.m., and a third alarm was requested at 3:24 p.m. A total of 33 units and 82 fire fighters responded to the fire. One occupant was rescued from an apartment. The fire started in the laundry room but immediately traveled through the attic area and the entire length and width of the building. Due the behavior of the fire, fire fighters withdrew from the building, and the fire was fought from the exterior. Approximately 1.5 million gallons of water were poured on the fire. Agencies that responded included South King Fire and Rescue, King County Medic One, Puget Sound Fire Authority (Kent), Renton Fire, Tukwila Fire, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, King County Fire District 20, Zone 3 Fire Rehab, Zone 3 Fire Explorers, Auburn Police, Auburn Maintenance and Operations (Streets and Water), Puget Sound Energy, American Red Cross, Soup Ladies and McDonalds Restaurant.

Fire Marshall Karen Stewart reported the fire originated in the laundry room, but the cause of the fire is still under investigation. Since the building was constructed in 1921, no sprinkler system was installed or required, but the building did have a fire alarm system. The Fire Marshall is working with the private insurance investigators to determine the cause of the fire.

Building Official Krum discussed the site security and fencing. Perimeter fencing was installed around the block, from the Rainbow Cafe to the back of the Rainbow Cafe, including both lanes of Main Street and the majority of the pedestrian plaza on the east side. A private insurance engineer inspected the parapet, which was later removed for safety reasons.

City of Auburn engaged an on-call structural engineer to inspect the premises and the fencing was moved south to open the north side of Main Street. Once the City's structural engineer evaluated the building owner's insurance company structural engineer report, the fencing was moved south again to open all of Main Street.

On December 27th the building was posted "Do Not Occupy" and the Bananas Antiques store was also posted "Do Not Occupy." Upon further inspection of Bananas Antiques, the Do Not Occupy was removed on December 29th. The structural engineer's report from the insurance company stated shoring was required for the building, and no one was allowed to enter the building except to perform shoring work. The engineer's shoring plan was submitted to the City on January 11, 2018 and approved the same day by City staff. The contractor began shoring work on January 12th and completed the shoring work on January 16th.

Human Services Manager Joy Scott reported on behalf of Emergency Manager Jerry Thorson, who could attend this evening. Emergency Manager Thorson was in the Emergency Operations Center monitoring the fire to determine if the EOC should be activated for the event. Manager Thorson also assisted in coordinating efforts to open a temporary shelter for displaced residents. He also worked with city staff, the American Red Cross, and Auburn Food Bank for donation management. The Auburn

Food Bank collected clothing, food and cash donations for fire victims. Emergency management personnel and CERT volunteers accepted furniture donations. Emergency management also worked with City staff, King County, Washington Emergency Management, FEMA, and the Small Business Association to facilitate low interest loans for businesses and residents. Emergency management also coordinated efforts with the American Red Cross to support the Milton fire residents with donations.

Human Services Manager Joy Scott reported the Community Services staff worked with Communications on a press release to provide residents a phone number to call for navigating assistance, identified funds available to shift to the motel voucher program to meet immediate shelter needs for displaced residents beyond what the American Red Cross was able to provide, and coordinated assistance with the Auburn Food Bank and Emergency Management.

In response to questions from Councilmember Wales, Manager Scott explained the American Red Cross was responsible for establishing the physical emergency shelter at the middle school. Once the emergency shelter ended, motel vouchers were provided for a range of needs.

Economic Development Manager Doug Lein reported 12 businesses were directly affected by the fire while 48 businesses were indirectly affected. A disaster declaration request was submitted to FEMA on December 28th, with the final application filed with FEMA on January 2, 2018. Governor Inslee signed the final request for disaster designation on January 10th. Final approval from FEMA is pending. Once the disaster declaration is finalized, a team of specialists from the Small Business Administration will set up a temporary office at the business incubator. Manager Lein reported a number of businesses have already started to rebuild themselves at other locations.

Manager Lein displayed a 60 second ad promoting downtown Auburn and encouraging shoppers to visit the businesses unaffected by the fire.

Building Official Krum reiterated approximately 1.6 million gallons of water was used to fight the fire. There were no reported water quality or service issues noted.

Councilmember Brown commended the VRFA and staff response to the fire disaster.

Mayor Backus also commended the Valley Communication call receivers and dispatchers for their efforts.

Councilmember Wales requested information on the number of monetary donations collected and how the funds were spent.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS**

A. Board and Commission Appointments

City Council to confirm the re-appointments for the following board and commission members, for a new three year term, expiring December 31, 2020:

**Auburn Tourism Board**

Tonia Jones

**Cemetery Board**

Jeanne Hicks

**Salary Commission**

Nancy Colson

Councilmember Holman moved and Deputy Mayor Baggett seconded to confirm the re-appointments to the Auburn Tourism Board, Cemetery Board and Salary Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

IV. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

A revised version of Resolution No. 5344 was distributed prior to the meeting.

A. Resolution No. 5344 - See Agenda Modification

**Resolution No. 5344**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, expressing support for voter approval of the Valley Regional Fire Authority Proposition No. 1 to continue a voter-authorized benefit charge each year for an additional six (6) years

**BALLOT MEASURE TITLE**

**Valley Regional Fire Authority  
Proposition No. 1  
Continuation of Benefit Charge**

Shall Valley Regional Fire Authority, serving the communities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific, be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.26.140(1)(c)?

See Resolution No. 5344 below for action on this resolution.

V. **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. Those wishing to speak are reminded to sign in on the form*

*provided.*

Bob Zimmerman, 33029 46th Place S, Auburn

Mr. Zimmerman shared his concerns regarding a concrete wall on his neighbor's property. Mr. Zimmerman stated a portion of the wall is being used as a retaining wall, and he believes the wall is unsafe.

Danielle Butsick, 1424 M Street NE, Auburn

Ms. Butsick expressed support for Ordinance No. 6663 relating to membership of the Airport Advisory Board.

### **C. Correspondence**

Mayor Backus noted correspondence received via email from a man who wanted to address the Council but could not attend the meeting this evening. Mayor Backus indicated she will distribute copies to the Council and enter it as part of the record at the next regular Council meeting.

## **VI. 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.**

Councilmember Brown, vice chair of the Finance ad hoc committee, reported he and Councilmember Holman reviewed the latest vouchers in the amount of \$7.4 million and payroll in the approximate amount of \$2.1 million. Councilmember Brown thanked Finance Director Coleman, who assisted the committee members during their review.

Councilmember Dacorsi, chair of the Road Projects ad hoc committee reported the ad hoc committee is scheduled to meet on January 29, 2018.

## **VII. 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 January 2, 2018 City Council Meeting

B. Claims Vouchers

2017 claims voucher numbers 447165 through 447310 in the amount of \$3,755,451.09 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$612,898.43 and dated January 16, 2018; and

2018 claims voucher numbers 447311 through 447409 in the amount of \$3,648,178.14 and dated January 16, 2018.

C. Payroll Vouchers

Payroll check numbers 537718 through 537747 in the amount of \$227,145.86, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,869,172.28 for a grand total of \$2,096,318.14 for the period covering December 28, 2017 to January 10, 2018.

D. Public Works Project No. CP1523

City Council approve Final Pay Estimate No. 5 to Contract No. 17-05 in the amount of \$0.00 and accept construction of Project No. CP1523, Lake Tapps Parkway Preservation Project

Deputy Mayor Baggett moved and Councilmember DaCorsi seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Backus noted the new dais seating arrangement this evening as agreed upon with Deputy Mayor Baggett. However, Deputy Mayor Baggett recently pointed out the Council rules provide for a Council vote on the seating arrangement following the recommendation of an ad hoc committee of three Councilmembers. Mayor Backus reported it has been past practice that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor develop the seating arrangement; however, Mayor Backus recommended an ad hoc committee for the purpose of recommending the dais seating arrangement. Mayor Backus proposed an ad hoc committee comprised of Deputy Mayor Baggett, Councilmember Pelosa, and Councilmember Holman. Mayor Backus recommended the ad hoc committee bring their recommendation to the next study session.

**X. ORDINANCES**

A. Ordinance No. 6663

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending Section 2.33.010 of the Auburn City Code relating to the number of members for the Municipal Airport Advisory Board

Councilmember Pelosa moved and Councilmember Holman seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 6663.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

**XI. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Resolution No. 5339

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, setting a public

hearing to consider the renewal of Franchise Agreement No. 12-41 and amendment of Ordinance No. 6452 with Zayo Group, LLC

Councilmember Holman moved and Deputy Mayor Baggett seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5339.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5342

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interagency Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Washington State Department of Transportation relating to a project on West Valley Highway from Peasley Canyon Road to SR-18

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Holman seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5342.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

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Mayor Backus invited anyone in the audience to speak regarding the proposed resolution. No one in the audience requested to address the Council.

Councilmember Pelosa moved and Councilmember DaCorsi seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5344.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0.

## XII. **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**

Deputy Mayor Baggett reported he attended the Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) meeting where discussion focused on planning for the EMAC retreat for the purpose of reviewing the full scale drill, Cascadia Rising Event. Deputy Mayor Baggett also reported on his attendance at the grand opening of the Auburn Boeing Workforce Readiness Center at the Boeing site in Auburn.

Councilmember Wales advised she will be on vacation Jan 25-29 and requested her attendance be excused from any Council meeting. Councilmember Wales reported she and members of the engineering staff met with residents of the Lakeland Hills neighborhood regarding landscaping in the median. Councilmember Wales also reported she met with citizens regarding a recent remodel that required an elevator to be installed in a two-story commercial building, which was required by the current codes and at a significant expense to the business. Councilmember Wales stated she met with residents of the Lakeland Hills area regarding some garbage issues.

Councilmember DaCorsi reported he attended the senior center coffee hour where the topics of discussion included the Heritage Building fire and homelessness and safety in the city.

Councilmember Pelosa reported he attended the South County Area Transportation Board meeting where the Board received an update on the SR 167 tolling and hot lanes performance. Councilmember Pelosa also reported on his attendance at the Regional Policy Committee and the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Holman reported on the death of Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel A. McCartney. The 34-year old deputy was shot and killed January 7, 2018, while responding to a drug-related armed robbery in the Frederickson area. Councilmember Holman recited from a memorial statement written by one of Deputy McCartney's colleagues.

Councilmember Brown reported he has been spending extra time at City Hall with City staff. Councilmember Brown thanked Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant City Engineer Jacob Sweeting, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, Human Resources Director Rob Roscoe, City Attorney Dan Heid, IT Director Paul Haugan, and Assistant IT Director Ashley Riggs for their assistance.

**B. From the Mayor**

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Geaux Brewing-sponsored fundraiser for the victims of the Heritage Building fire victims and a memorial service for Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow. Mayor Backus reported she met with the new executive director for King County Public Health and the new director for Nexus Youth and Family. Mayor Backus also attended a meeting with the Auburn Riverside High School Australian exchange



students and the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Boeing Operations Readiness Center. Mayor Backus noted the passing of former Washington State Governor and King County Executive John Spellman, who died on this date at the age of 91.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

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Danielle Daskam, City Clerk

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