



**Special City Council Meeting
March 12, 2020 - 6:30 PM
Virtual and City Hall Council Chambers
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: Assistant City Attorney Doug Ruth, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Network Analyst Brian Nguyen, Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

The following department directors and staff members virtually present: City Attorney Kendra Comeau and Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub.

A. VIRTUAL CALL IN NUMBER

1. Virtual Participation

The Special City Council Meeting was held virtually and in person in the Council Chambers.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 5504 (Comeau)

A Resolution Ratifying the Emergency Proclamation Regarding the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak

City Attorney Comeau presented Council with information on the Emergency Proclamation regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) which will allow the City to take all appropriate action necessary to address and respond to the COVID-19 emergency.

Council discussed when the emergency declaration will conclude, if the Mayor can terminate the emergency and wanted to confirm that the proclamation gives the Mayor sufficient ability to be able to conduct business.

Mayor Backus advised Council that the emergency will conclude when the Governor determines that there is no longer an emergency, that she can also terminate the emergency, but stated it is unlikely she would do so prior to the Governor or the Federal Government. She also confirmed the proclamation will allow her to conduct business as needed.

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Jeyarai seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5504.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Council Rules of Procedure (Comeau)

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi explained the purpose of modifying the Council Rules of Procedure during the State of Emergency and moved to modify the following five rules to allow virtual, telephonic or written statements for Council Meetings, Study Sessions, Public Hearings, Committees and Citizen Advisory Boards:

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to suspend Council Rule 3.1(H), Regular Council Meetings Audience Participation, to allow audience participation and telephonic public comments. Council will also encourage audience participation through submitting written statements to: scampbell@auburnwa.gov. All written statements must be submitted by 7PM on the day of the regular set City Council Meeting and will be limited to 350 words.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to suspend Rule 4.1, Councilmember attendance at meetings, to allow Councilmembers to attend all public meetings virtually or telephonically through April 5, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to suspend Rule 10.1, Comments, Concerns, and Testimony to Council, to allow persons addressing the Council to do so telephonically.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Jeyaraj seconded to suspend Rule 11.2(B), Public Hearings, to allow virtual or telephonic audience attendance and to allow virtual or telephonic comments for a public hearing. Council will also encourage audience participation through submitting written statements to: scampbell@auburnwa.gov. All written statements must be submitted by 7PM on the day of the regular set City Council Meeting and will be limited to 350 words.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Mulenga seconded to suspend Council Rule 16.1, Council Study Sessions, Committees, and Citizen Advisory Boards, to allow Councilmembers to attend study sessions virtually or telephonically through April 5, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of April, 2020.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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