

MAYOR
Linda Blechinger

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CITY OF AUBURN
CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING in Council Chambers
FOR
January 4, 2018

City Council
Peggy J. Langley
Robert L. Vogel, III
Bill Ackworth
Jay L. Riemenschneider

Present: Mayor : Linda Blechinger
Council Member: Peggy Langley
Council Member: Bob Vogel
Council Member: Bill Ackworth
Council Member: Jay Riemenschneider

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Ron Griffith, Joyce Brown, Alex Mitchem, Dan Pruehs, Jay Miller, Iris Akridge, Joe Moravec, Bel Outwater, Michelle Walker, Lt. Schotter, Sgt. Underwood, Officer Wall, Lt. Patterson, Sgt. Waller, Cheryl Cruce, Officer West, Jack Wilson

Mayor Blechinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Riemenschneider gave the invocation.

Council Member Riemenschneider led the pledge to the flag.

Council Reports and Announcements

Mayor Blechinger thanked everyone (staff, volunteers, etc.) for the hard work and dedication that went into decorating the City for Christmas. The City looked amazing. Received many calls, emails, and texts on how beautiful the City looked. Great Job!

Staff Reports

Copies of staff reports are located at the end of this document. **Lt. Schotter** (in Chief Hodge's absence) recognized and congratulated Sgt. Underwood on his promotion from Corporal to Sergeant. **Mayor Blechinger** recognized and highly commended Sgt. Underwood and Officer Wall for going above and beyond the call of duty in their efforts for helping 23 needy families over the Christmas Holidays. **Bel Outwater** announced that the Grand Re-Opening Celebration for Winder Public Library will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:00PM with food, awards, and special guests (including State Representative Terry England). Everyone is invited. Bel also reported that thanks to a grant, the entire Auburn Library Staff had the opportunity to take a Stewards of Children Training on recognizing and preventing child sexual abuse for free. **Iris Akridge** reported that water tank #2 had been cleaned. Iris also reported that she has been working with FEMA regarding the damages the City sustained during Hurricane Irma. **Dan Pruehs** reported that the "Sounding Off the Christmas Season" event was a great event and was enjoyed by all. Hue Graphics and Anytime Fitness took over 400 photographs of kids visiting with Santa or Cindy Lu Hoo, and Grinch. He also reported that the ice skating rink was well attended with approximately 225 kids participating. Dan thanked Iris Akridge and Public Works for all their hard work with decorating and keeping the lights lit through December and Christmas Season. **Alex Mitchem** gave an update on the Auburn Center – The Department of Corrections is working on painting, floor sanding, hanging doors, and reworking some structural supports to provide more useable space. The HVAC system is complete. The final components to complete the project include new windowpanes/storefront doors, fire sprinkler system, and site work. Alex announced that the target date for completion of the Auburn Center is March.

The following staff reports were given: Police Department - Lt. Schotter (in Chief Hodge's absence), Library - Bel Outwater, Stormwater - Joe Moravec, Public Works - Iris Akridge, Parks and Leisure - Dan Pruehs, City Planning - Jay Miller, Community Development - Alex Mitchem, City Clerk - Joyce Brown, Administration - Ron Griffith

Item: Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Mayor Blechinger asked for any Citizens comments for items on tonight's agenda.

None were given

Item: Swearing in of Council Members Robert L. Vogel III and Bill Ackworth

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Council Member Robert L. Vogel III** as City Council Member for the term beginning in 2018.

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Council Member William (Bill) Ackworth** as City Council Member for the term beginning in 2018.

Item: 2018 Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Blechinger asked for motion to appoint **Council Member Langley** as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2018.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to appoint **Council Member Langley** as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2018.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Council Member Langley** as the 2018 Mayor Pro Tempore.

Item: Board Appointments and Swearing in of Parks & Leisure Commission, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and DDA/Main Street.

Mayor Blechinger asked for motion to approve appointments to the Parks & Leisure Commission, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and DDA/Main Street for the term beginning in 2018 as presented.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to approve appointments to the Parks & Leisure Commission, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and DDA/Main Street for the term beginning in 2018 as presented.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The following Board Members were sworn in:

Rick Langley- Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Sewell- Zoning Board of Appeals

Bert Scouten- Parks & Leisure Commission
Kelly Carreiro- Parks & Leisure Commission
Howard Hawthorne- Downtown Development Authority/Main Street
Belinda (Bel) Outwater- Downtown Development Authority/Main Street

Rhonda Kondo (Planning & Zoning) and Kim Skriba (Planning & Zoning) were not present and will be sworn in at a later date.

Item: **Employee Service Awards**

The following Staff Service Awards were presented:

5 Years:

Lt. Gerard Patterson
Sgt. Shaun Waller

10 Years:

Joyce Brown
Cheryl Cruce
Officer Joseph West

15 Years:

Iris E. Akridge

Item: **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Blechinger asked if any of the consent agenda items needed to be removed for further discussion

None were given

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

December 7, 2017 - Business Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2017 - Workshop Meeting Minutes
Public Works Administrative Assistant
East Coast Pyrotechnic July Fireworks Agreement
Police SOP Pursuit Revisions

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Citizen Comments: **Mayor Blechinger** asked for any Citizens Comments.

None were given

ADJOURN: **Mayor Blechinger** asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to adjourn.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider.**

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Read and approved this _____ Day of February 2018

Attest:

Mayor Blechinger