

MAYOR
Linda Blechinger

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CITY OF AUBURN
CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING in Council Chambers
FOR
March 1, 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 Alex Mitchem, Joyce Brown, Chief Hodge, Jay Miller, Iris Akridge, Bel Outwater, Joe Moravec, Michelle Walker, Lt. Schotter

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.

Item: **Public Hearing - Harmony Grove Church of the Way Rezoning Request**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Harmony Grove Church of the Way Rezoning Request.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Ackworth** to open the Public Hearing on the Harmony Grove Church of the Way Rezoning Request.

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Public Hearing opened.

Jay Miller presented.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any comments in favor of the Harmony Grove Church of the Way Rezoning Request.

None given

Mayor Blechinger asked for any comments opposing the Harmony Grove Church of the Way Rezoning Request.

None given

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Public Hearing closed.

Council Reports and Announcements

None given

Staff Reports

Copies of staff reports are located at the end of this document. **Chief Hodge** announced that the Police Department continues with its promotional process for Police Corporal. The two candidates will be finishing up with the Oral Review Board on March 2, 2018. Good luck to both candidates! Chief reported that the Auburn Police Explorers enjoyed a successful trip to Gatlinburg, TN for the “Winterfest National Competition”. The Auburn Police Explorers received a median rating placing them among the top 20 of the 103 teams competing. Chief also reported that Cpl. Deutsch selected out of eight departments and was recognized as “Investigator of the Month” by the Gwinnett County Metro Drug Task Force. **Bel Outwater** reported that in February the Library had a Harry Potter Party with more than 50 kids and parents attending for the magical night of crafts, games, and trivia. Bel announced that the Spring Fling scheduled for Saturday, March 24th has been changed to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at 2:00PM at Whistlestop Park. **Iris Akridge** reported that CSX will begin Railroad tie replacement on Monday, March 5, 2018. The project is scheduled to last for approximately six weeks and will impact 80 crossings in five counties and eleven municipalities. The following roads will be impacted in Auburn: Etheridge Road, Mt. Moriah (Both Tracks), Auburn County Line Road (Both Tracks), Parks Mill Road (Both Tracks), and Carl Cedar Hill Road (Both Tracks). **Mayor Blechinger** asked Chief Hodge to check with CSX on the scheduling for these closed railroad crossings to confirm that all railroad crossings will not be closed at the same time. **Jay Miller** announced that Rocky’s Pizza is officially open and has been very busy. **Alex Mitchem** reported that the Department of Corrections has completed their task at the Auburn Center per the agreement and have moved off site. The remaining items to be completed include: painting, floor sanding, fixture installation, and site work. Most of these items can be done in-house. The final components to be completed by contractors include: new window panes/storefront doors, and fire sprinkler system.

The following staff reports were given: Police Department - Chief Hodge, Library - Bel Outwater, Stormwater - Joe Moravec, Public Works - Iris Akridge, Parks & Leisure - Dan Pruehs-Absent, Community Development - Jay Miller, City Clerk - Joyce Brown, Administration- Alex Mitchem

Item: Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

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

None given

Item: Consent Agenda

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

None given

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

February 1, 2018- Business Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018- Workshop Meeting Minutes

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

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **Harmony Grove Church of the Way Rezoning Request**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to approve rezoning XX029 027, 1377 Harmony Grove Church Road from AG (Agricultural) to R-100 Single Family Residential conditioned on a new driveway cut to be installed to provide access to the existing home.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Riemenschneider** to approve rezoning XX029 027, 1377 Harmony Grove Church Road from AG (Agricultural) to R-100 Single Family Residential conditioned on a new driveway cut to be installed to provide access to the existing home.

Seconded: By **Council Member Ackworth**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **Community Development Coordinator Job Description**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to approve the job description for the Community Development Coordinator.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to approve the job description for the Community Development Coordinator.

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **Community Development Director**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to appoint Jay Miller as the Community Development Director for the City of Auburn at the salary of \$51,042.05.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to appoint Jay Miller as the Community Development Director for the City of Auburn at the salary of \$51,042.05.

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 Jay Miller as the Community Development Director for the City of Auburn as of March 1, 2018.

Citizen Comments: Mayor Blechinger asked for any Citizens Comments.

Carlton Johnson expressed his concern for continual speeding on Carter Road.

ADJOURN: Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Read and approved this _____ Day of April 2018

Attest:

Mayor Blechinger