

MAYOR
Linda M. Blechinger

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**CITY OF AUBURN
CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
City Council Chambers
FOR
June 2, 2022**

City Council
Peggy J. Langley
Robert L. Vogel, III
Taylor Sisk
Jamie L. Bradley

Present: Mayor : Linda Blechinger-Absent
Council Member: Peggy Langley
Council Member: Bob Vogel-Mayor Pro Tempore
Council Member: Taylor Sisk
Council Member: Jamie Bradley

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Alex Mitchem, Chief Hodge, Joyce Brown, Michael Parks, Bel Outwater, Michelle Walker, Jack Wilson

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Alex Mitchem gave the invocation.

Alex Mitchem led the pledge to the flag.

Item: **Swearing in of Council Member – Jamie L. Bradley**

City Attorney, Jack Wilson, swore in **Jamie L. Bradley** as Council Member to fill the remaining term of previous Council Member, Jay L. Riemenschneider, ending 2023.

Council Reports and Announcements

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for any Council Reports or Announcements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked if any of the kids were in attendance from Auburn Elementary, however; there were not. **Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel** recognized the kids from Auburn Elementary School for winning the Essay Contest. They have already received their awards and gift cards. They are:

1. Braelyn Newsome (Ms. Johnson's homeroom)
2. Kylee Hayman (Ms. McFarland's homeroom)
3. Naliyah Vang (Ms. McFarland's homeroom)

Honorable Mention: Isaac Correa-Torres (Johnson's homeroom)

Item: **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for any citizens comments for items on tonight's agenda.

Don Martin with Heavy Constructors spoke in favor of approving Agenda Item #3e Water Treatment Plant Contractor Selection. Mr. Martin spoke highly of the City's steps in choosing a contractor for building the Drinking Water Treatment Plant. He commended the City Administrator, Alex Mitchem and Engineer, Jim Aton/Hayes James, for purchasing the equipment ahead of time before the costs went up, for the design build job, creating a situation that was fair, and doing a bid. He said that their engineer has been in business almost one hundred years in Georgia. Said they also did the first membering plant in the state of Georgia. He said he has some pretty strong players on his team, people that he can count on. Mr. Martin stated that he asked our engineer, Jim Aton/Hayes James about ninety questions throughout the process of choosing a contractor. He said the reason he asked so many questions is that he wanted the

City to know exactly what they are getting for \$16 million. He stated that Heavy Constructors is well known in the industry. He said that the bid, time to construct, experience, and cost submitted in the bid proposal speaks for itself. Mr. Martin feels that Heavy Constructors is the most experienced and qualified candidate and asks that the Mayor and Council approve Heavy Constructors for the contract for building the water treatment plant.

Charlie Sewell spoke in opposition of approving Agenda Item #3d Community Development Director Administrative Approvals. Mr. Sewell stated that there are Boards set up to make those types of decisions regarding variances and that one person should not be responsible for making those types of decisions.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked if there are any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Langley asked that Agenda Item #3d Community Development Director Administrative Approvals be tabled to the next Council Workshop Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus Agenda Item #3d Community Development Director Administrative Approvals:

Consent Agenda:

- a. May 5, 2022 – Council Business Meeting Minutes
- b. May 19, 2022 – Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
- c. Budget Schedule
- d. Community Development Director Administrative Approvals - **Tabled**
- e. Water Treatment Contractor Selection
- f. Municipal Complex Interior Furnishing
- g. Food Truck Friday

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item #3d Community Development Director Administrative Approvals.

Seconded: By **Council Member Sisk**.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **Community Development Director Administrative Approvals - Tabled**

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for a motion to table Agenda Item #3d Community Development Director Administrative Approvals to the next Council Workshop Meeting.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to approve tabling Agenda Item #3d Community Development Director Administrative Approvals to the next Council Workshop Meeting.

Seconded: By **Council Member Sisk**.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Citizen Comments: **Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel** asked for any Citizens Comments.

None were given.

ADJOURN: Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Seconded: By **Council Member Sisk**.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vogel 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 July 2022

Attest:

Mayor Linda M. Blechinger