MAYOR Linda M. Blechinger	**CITY OF AUBURN** **CITY COUNCIL** **BUSINESS MEETING** **Via Zoom** **FOR** **April 1, 2021**	**City Council** Peggy J. Langley Robert L. Vogel, III Bill Ackworth Jay L. Riemenschneider
CITY CLERK Joyce Brown		

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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, Michelle Walker, Jack Wilson

Mayor Blechinger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Hodge gave the invocation.

Item: **Public Hearing on Moratorium for Downtown Overlay District**

Jay Miller presented.

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Riemenschneider** to open the Public Hearing on the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**.

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

Mayor Blechinger asked for any comments in favor of approving the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Charles Brank asked if it had anything to do with playgrounds and stuff that is already in planning or if it was for future stuff such as buildings.

Mayor Blechinger responded to Mr. Brank letting him know it is just for buildings.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any comments opposing the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

None were given.

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to close the Public Hearing on the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

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

Item: **Public Hearing on Rezoning RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.**

Jay Miller presented.

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Rezoning of Parcel RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Ackworth** to open the Public Hearing on the Rezoning of Parcel RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

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

Mayor Blechinger asked for any comments in favor of approving the Rezoning of Parcel RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.

Kim Woods stated that **Tim Woessner** and son, **Jeremy Chastain**, are rezoning to split the tract into two separate parcels to build a new single-family home to be closer to Jeremy.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any comments opposing the Rezoning of Parcel RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.

None were given.

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Rezoning of Parcel RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to close the Public Hearing on the Rezoning of Parcel RZ21-002, 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100.

Seconded: By **Council Member Ackworth**.

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

Council Reports and Announcements

Mayor Blechinger reminded everyone that the Great American Clean Up is coming up April 8th, 9th, and 10th. Mayor stated that we are expecting a great turn out for the event.

Mayor Blechinger asked **Alex Mitchem** to give a quick update on the new Municipal Complex.

Alex Mitchem gave an update on the progress of the new Municipal Complex and shared drone photographs. The Site Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Auburn Municipal Complex was set on February 4, 2021. The Building GMP will be submitted on April 2, 2021 for May 6, 2021 Council approval. BM&K mobilized the week of February 22nd and began erosion control, demolition, and initial grading. Work has progressed with mass grading and storm drain installation.

> Current Activities:
> • Mobilization (completed)
> • Survey and Layout
> • Initial Erosion Control
> • Site Demolition
> • Clearing and Grubbing
> • Earthwork
> • Retaining Wall Design
> • Storm Drainage
> Upcoming Activities
> • Retaining Wall Installation
> • GDOT Access
> • Intermediate Erosion Control
> • Utilities
> Progress Photos
> • Progress Photos (attached)

Mayor Blechinger announced that Ingles has started offering COVID-19 vaccines, information can be found on the City's website. Mayor also stated that you can go to the DPH website to schedule an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

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

None were given.

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:

    a. March 4, 2021 - Council Business Meeting Minutes

b. March 18, 2021 - Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
c. Safe Dig Proclamation
d. Firearm Purchase/Exchange
e. Car Show
f. Building Inspector RFP
g. Rezoning RZ21-002 218 Etheridge Road AG to R-100
h. Hayes/James Task Order for Reservoir Master Plan

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: **Moratorium for Downtown Overlay District**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to approve the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Ackworth** to approve the Moratorium for the Downtown Overlay District.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

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

None were given. **Charles Brank** inquired about when the City would start having events again.

Mayor Blechinger let Mr. Brank know the City would be cautious in starting to have events in the City, that the events would be scaled back and that looking to start back having events in June.

Item: **Executive Session – Pending Litigation**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Pending Litigation.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to go into Executive Session for Pending Litigation.

Seconded: By **Council Member Ackworth**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Jack Wilson: " During Executive Session the Council met to discuss pending litigation. There were no votes taken and no evidence received in the Executive Session. The original affidavit and resolution have been forwarded to Mayor and Council for signing and will then be forwarded to the clerk to be included in the minutes."

ADJOURN: Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Read and approved this _____ Day of May 2021

Attest:

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Mayor Linda M. Blechinger