

MAYOR
Linda M. Blechinger

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CITY OF AUBURN
CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING in Council Chambers
FOR
January 5, 2023

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

Present: Mayor : Linda Blechinger
Council Member: Peggy Langley
Council Member: Bob Vogel
Council Member: Taylor Sisk
Council Member: Jamie Bradley

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Alex Mitchem, Michael Parks, Chief Hodge, Joyce Brown, Iris Akridge, Leigh Anne Bland, Johnathen Eggleston, Bel Outwater, Lt. Patterson, Jack Wilson.

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

Alex Mitchem gave the invocation one last time.

Alex Mitchem led the pledge to the flag one last time.

Council Reports and Announcements

Mayor Blechinger asked for any Council Reports and Announcements.

Mayor Blechinger and **Council Members Langley, Vogel, Sisk, and Bradley** publicly thanked **Alex Mitchem** for his 7 ½ years of service with the City and wished him well on his future endeavors. **Mayor Blechinger** announced that there would be a brief break at the end of the meeting before going into executive session for refreshments to say good-bye to **Alex Mitchem**, to Congratulate **Michael Parks** being appointed to City Administrator, and to Congratulate Susan Long and Miguel Silva being appointed to Downtown Development Authority Board.

Item: **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

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

None were given.

Item: **City Administrator Appointment and Swearing In**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to approve the appointment of **Michael Parks** as City Administrator for the City of Auburn effective immediately at an annual salary of \$83,137.60 with the use of City vehicle.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to approve the appointment of **Michael Parks** as City Administrator for the City of Auburn effective immediately at an annual salary of \$83,137.60 with the use of City vehicle.

Seconded: By **Council Member Sisk**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Michael Parks** as City Administrator for the City of Auburn.

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:

- a. December 1, 2022 – Council Business Meeting Minutes
- b. December 15, 2022 – Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
- c. Qualifying Dates and Fees
- d. Utilities Damage Hydrant Amendment – Ordinance # 22-004
- e. 2023 LMIG
- f. Sports Complex GMP
- g. Susan Long – DDA Appointment (Council Member Jamie L. Bradley)
- h. Miguel Silva – DDA Appointment (Mayor Linda M. Blechinger)

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.

The proposal for the Sports Complex GMP is approved contingent upon the City obtaining funds necessary to complete the project. The contract shall include an acknowledgment by the Contractor that the contract is contingent upon the appropriation or allocation of funds by the City and that the contract may be terminated by the City without liability or penalty if such funds are not appropriated for any fiscal year into which the contract extends. Should the contract not be funded in whole or in part, the contract shall be terminated for failure of this funding contingency, without any liability to the City.

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Susan Long** as a Board Member to the City of Auburn Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Miguel Silva** as a Board Member to the City of Auburn Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Item: **Mayor Pro Tempore Swearing In – (Council Member Sisk)**

Mayor Blechinger asked for a motion to approve the appointment of **Council Member Sisk** as Mayor Pro Tempore for City of Auburn for the term ending December 31, 2023.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to approve the appointment of **Council Member Sisk** as Mayor Pro Tempore for City of Auburn for the term ending December 31, 2023.

Seconded: By **Council Member Vogel**.

Mayor Blechinger asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Blechinger swore in **Council Member Sisk** as Mayor Pro Tempore for City of Auburn for the term ending December 31, 2023.

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

Kris Wagner at 1523 Oakleaf Drive in Auburn. Mr. Wagner stated that he has been living here 17 years and parking his work truck at his residence. Said all of a sudden Code Enforcement is telling him he needs to move it. Mr. Wagner said that he restores and retains internet and is on-call. Said that just yesterday after the storms he got home at 4pm and got called back out 4-5 hours later. Stated that stuff like that is why he needs his truck at his house at all times. Said his employer needs for him to have his truck at his house at all times. Stated that he would have to move if the City didn't allow this to happen. Mr. Wagner said the SUP that he had been told to fill out, that all of the questions were not applicable to him. That it pertained to parking a truck in the driveway. Said he did not know what else to say. Said 17 years I have lived here and had no problems and now all of a sudden. He said let me add that I have worked in 15 States. I have been doing this work for 23 years and no matter where I have stayed that truck has been with me. Now I finally find a house. I just got it paid off last year and now I am going to have to move because of this commercial vehicle parking. I wish ya'll would allow me to continue to park here.

Mayor Blechinger suggested getting an appointment made with Mr. Wagner to come in and discuss this matter.

Michael Parks, City Administrator, asked Mr. Wagner to see him after the meeting.

Rick Rockmore spoke on behalf of Kris Wagner. Mr. Rockmore stated that he was Mr. Wagner's neighbor and that he lived directly across the street from him. He stated that he was the only neighbor on the street that could actually see the truck. Stated that it doesn't bother him. Stated that it is not a problem for him. Said that he just wanted to speak up for his neighbor.

Mayor Blechinger let **Kris Wagner** know that they would schedule a meeting with him to discuss.

Item: **Executive Session – Personnel**

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

Motion: Made by **Council Member Sisk** to go into Executive Session for Personnel.

Seconded: By **Council Member Bradley**.

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 personnel. There were no votes taken and no evidence received in the Executive Session. The original affidavit and resolution have been signed by the Mayor and Council and I will give them to the clerk to be included in the minutes.”

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

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

Seconded: By **Council Member Bradley**.

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 February 2023

Attest:

Mayor Linda M. Blechinger