ITEM 1

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 24, 2014
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and Deputy City Clerk Amy M. Lind recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, J. M. "Mike" Holmes, William W. Kirby, Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Interim City Manager Rich Ramirez, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Police Chief John Ruffcorn and Lt. Victor Pecoraro.

CLOSED SESSION
By MOTION, adjourn to closed session.
MOTION: Holmes/ Nesbitt/ Unanimously approved by voice

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators:
   (G.C. 54957.6)
   Agency Designated Representatives: Rich Ramirez, Patrick Clark

   Employee Group: All Bargaining Units

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Powers said there was no reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mayor Powers presented a certificate of appreciation to Gold Rush Chevrolet for their donation to the Auburn Fire Department.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes**

By **MOTION**, approve the City Council minutes of 1/27/2014, 2/3/2014 and 2/4/2014.

2. **Nevada Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Project Professional Services Agreement**

By **RESOLUTION 14-14**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a professional services agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Nevada Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities project subject to approval of form by the City Attorney in an amount not to exceed $73,007.

3. **Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds**

By **RESOLUTION 14-15**, accept the funds and authorize the Chief of Police to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of Traffic Safety for the continued efforts of local Placer County Law Enforcement Agencies (AVOID the 7) to provide DUI enforcement.

********** End of Consent Calendar **********

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar.
The motion was made by Council Member Nesbitt and seconded by Council Member Holmes, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hanley, Holmes, Kirby, Nesbitt, Powers
Noes:
Absent:

4. **Public Comment**

Gerry Mifsud, resident of Auburn, spoke about speeding concerns on Mikkelsen Drive. He said crosswalks and stop signs need to be installed in the area (provided document; in record).

Council Member Hanley congratulated the volunteers at Auburn Community Television for a grant they recently won.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

5. **Support of the Maidu Bike Park Location/ Auburn Recreation District (ARD)**

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator and Scott Holbrook, Board Member of Auburn Recreation District presented this item. Mr. Muscott spoke of the benefits of a bike park for families and the community. Mr. Holbrook said the facility is wonderful and the location is perfect. They spoke about the ad-hoc committee who has made this park possible with local fundraising and grant opportunities.

Council Member Hanley asked about pump track/ skill courses in the area and success in those areas with this type of track.

Council Member Holmes asked about the appropriateness of the Auburn Endurance Capital Committee sending a letter of support without City Council approval first. He also spoke of an article in the Placer Sentinel regarding a park event.

Council Member Nesbitt asked about the anticipated draw area.

Interim City Manager Rich Ramirez clarified that the Endurance Capital Committee letter was included by ARD.

Scott Holbrook spoke about the letters of support being received regarding the bike park.

Council Member Kirby asked about the possibility of weekend events at the park.

Council Member Hanley asked more details about the location and possible fire hazards.

Mayor Powers asked about continued funding for the park.

Diana Boyer, resident of Auburn, Auburn Bike Park Committee, spoke about the work done by the committee on this project. She spoke in general support of this type of facility in the area.

Paula Johnstone, resident of Auburn, asked about the impact/ safety of riders and hikers on the Western States Trail.

Council Member Hanley congratulated the bicycle community, ARD and BOR for creating "good clean fun" for the kids in our area.

Council Member Holmes spoke about the Amgen tour coming through Auburn again this year.

Council Member Kirby talked about the upcoming bicycle criterion. He spoke about the positive impact of this type of facility on the community.

Council Member Nesbitt said this type of facility creates another reason to come to Auburn.

Approve **RESOLUTION 14-16** of intent, pending environment reviews, supporting the Auburn Bike Park location off of Maidu Drive.
The motion was made by Council Member Holmes and seconded by Council Member Hanley, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hanley, Holmes, Kirby, Nesbitt, Powers
Noes:
Absent:

6. **Review of Draft Brochure and Input from Community regarding City Manager Recruitment**

Interim City Manager Rich Ramirez presented this item.

No public comment.

Council Member Nesbitt said it was very important to engage the public in this process. He said he is disappointed there are not more people here to speak on this item.

Council Member Kirby said while he is also disappointed there is no public comment, but there was already a large number of community members involved in the process so far.

Council Member Hanley asked for "Historic Gold Rush Town" to be included in title on the front page of the brochure.

Council Member Holmes said he agrees with adding the Historic Gold Rush Town title. He said this brochure provides a comprehensive look at the type of person needed to lead the city.

Mayor Powers talked about the great communication by the recruiting firm with the Council and community.

By **MOTION**, adopt the screening profile modifying the front page to read "Historic Gold Rush Town and Endurance Capital of the World" and

authorize its use in the screening of applicants for the position of Auburn City Manager.
The motion was made by Council Member Hanley and seconded by Council Member Nesbitt, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hanley, Holmes, Kirby, Nesbitt, Powers
Noes:
Absent:

7. **Retaining Interim Accounting Services Agreement**

Interim City Manager Rich Ramirez presented this item. He said due to staff changes in the Administrative Service Department, a contract accounting service is needed to do day-to-day functions while former Finance Director Andy Heath is retained on contract to get assist with the budget process. He said this is within the salary savings within the budget.

Council Member Hanley thanked the Interim City Manager for taking quick action on this need within the City.

By **RESOLUTION 14-17**, retain staffing resources (temporary and contract) for the Administrative Services Department not to exceed $50,000 funding to cover the aforementioned shall come from salary savings in the administrative services budget.
The motion was made by Council Member Nesbitt and seconded by Council Member Holmes, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hanley, Holmes, Kirby, Nesbitt, Powers
Noes:
Absent:

8. **Participation Agreements for Regional Sewer Project**

City Attorney Michael Colantuono presented this item. He reviewed the history on this item and explained the agreements that still need to be completed for this project. He reviewed Lincoln and County's responses to the proposed agreements. He said the action tonight is to send the City Attorney to the table to negotiate these deal points, not agreeing to the deal points.

Council Member Hanley had questions regarding: (1) capacity sell back rights, (2) maintenance charge blank, (3) transfer capacity/ environmental review of transfer, and (4) makeup water obligations.

Public Works Director Bernie provided an update on payments made per the funding agreement on this project.

Council Member Nesbitt said he is glad to see the agreements get "tightened down" on this project. He said he appreciates all the work by the City Attorney on this issue.

Council Member Kirby said he spoke with Supervisor Montgomery and Supervisor Duran and they are on board with Auburn's needs and concerns.

Council Member Hanley said although he did not support the purchase of capacity in the common pipeline, he does believe in participation agreements that protect the rate-payers investment going forward.

Council Member Holmes also thanked the City Attorney on his work putting these agreements together.

By **MOTION**, direct the City Attorney to submit to the Lincoln City Attorney and Placer County Counsel participation agreements, setting forth the rights and responsibilities of the City of Auburn, the City of Lincoln, and Placer County with respect to Auburn's participation in the regional sewer project and to initiate negotiations of final agreements for approval by both Cities and the County.
The motion was made by Council Member Nesbitt and seconded by Council Member Holmes, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hanley, Holmes, Kirby, Nesbitt, Powers
Noes:
Absent:

REPORTS

9. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Holmes reported on work by the Sierra Economic Development Corporation on some comprehensive economic development strategies.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on a meeting Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency where the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan will be adopted. He said he is disappointed that no revisions to the plan were made despite the public comments they had received.

Council Member Kirby spoke about a misleading article in the Auburn Journal regarding the airport. He reported on the Cal LAFCO Board

meeting in Irvine. He reported on a meeting of the Downtown Business Association (DBA). He spoke about the lack of signage for DBA.
He reported on the Placer Arts "Lets Never Forget Series: The Holocaust: as seen through the life and works of world renowned Author and Holocaust survivor Arnost Lustig" event coming to Auburn September 4-6, 2014.

Interim City Manager Rich Ramirez said he will discuss the sign issue with the Economic Development Commission. He said he will work with the Arts Commission on Council Member Kirby's event in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Powers adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:17 p.m.

Bridget Powers, Mayor

Amy M. Lind, Deputy City Clerk

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