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SUBJECT: Friday Update

A quick review of the City Council Agenda with only two items...

- A purchase and lease agreement for records management systems (RMS) for "Citizen RMS and I RMS). Both of these applications will allow better display of police activity and crime data for view by residents and businesses in an easy to use online format. This is the next phase of the implementation of the Police Records Management System and viewed as a high priority for the transmission of statistical information to the public.
- A Joint Workshop of the Planning Commission and City Council to review the drafts of the 2021-29 Housing and Safety Elements.

An overview of the Housing Element will focus on 5 key goals:

1. Increasing the range of overall housing choices.
2. Maintenance of our existing stock of housing especially for seniors and lower income populations.
3. Conservation of existing rental housing and expand opportunities for Affordable Housing.
4. Better energy efficiency in housing.
5. Expanding all opportunity for groups including seniors, disabled, lower income and persons just entering the housing market.

Some of the more significant recommendations in the document will include:

- Residential Units allowed in commercial zones.
- Accessory dwelling units.
- Transitional and supportive housing (mandated by the State)
- Working with regional centers for disabled residents.
- Exploring Housing Rehabilitation of existing stock.
- Partnerships on homelessness
- Design Review parameters.
- City to pursue funding and reduction of overall costs for housing.

The Draft Housing Element includes a tremendous amount of statistical information and is a very interesting read. The document can be located here: https://www.auburn.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1890/AUBURN_Housing-Element_Public-Review-Draft

The Workshop will also include a review of the “Safety Element” which covers areas of primary threat to the City and strategies and goals for dealing with them.

The primary threats are listed in order of severity and include:

1. Fire which includes both wildland and structural fires.
2. Seismic and geological hazards
3. Flood Hazards
4. Aircraft Accidents
5. Hazardous Materials/wastes
6. Crime
7. Climate Change

The Safety Element has a very large emphasis on fire and includes a pretty thorough “threat assessment”. The entire document can be viewed here: https://www.auburn.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1891/AUBURN_Safety-Element_Public-Review-Draft

Other items from an interesting week:

- Voting started this week and there is a ballot drop off box in Room 9 on the second floor of City Hall. The voting box was not delivered until mid afternoon (really nice people from Placer Elections) but we had some folks show up literally at 8:15 with their ballots. We had to tell folks to either go to the County Elections Office or come back later. One guy was kind of grumpy and accused us of trying to influence the election because the box was not there! We smiled under our masks and kindly handed him directions to the Elections Office.
- A key focus in the City Manager’s Office is working on economic development as we eventually emerge from the nightmare which is Covid 19. Lots of assembling previous economic plans and talking with some key business leaders.
- A highlight of the week was a meeting I had with the management at the Holiday Inn. The hotel is completely remodeled and is a jewel of an asset for Auburn. Wonderful conference facilities, a nice restaurant, large swimming pool and a place anyone would want to stay at!
- Staff talked with a major real estate firm about properties at the Auburn Airport Industrial Park. A really good meeting focusing on some long term lease options and potential projects and tenants. From the Staff perspective,



we are working on some standardization of leases, an evaluation criteria for how lease extensions are considered, collaboration within the guidelines of FAA regulations and general housekeeping on the overall operation of the Airport. Chief Dave Spencer is the "Airport Manager" and his entire team is getting things into shape!

Finally, the Auburn Police Department conducted a combination "uniform inspections" and awards and recognition program on Thursday evening for both the sworn and professional staff. To say I was impressed does not do them justice. They carried forth both tradition and an overall sense pride which demonstrated the quality of personnel which calls themselves the "Auburn Police Department".

The entire staff lined up for a uniform review by Chief Ryan Kinnan and Lieutenants Mike Garlock and Bryan Morrison. This led to individual and group pictures, culminating in a group photo on the front steps of City Hall. They were a good looking group which every city would be proud to call their own.

Following, Chief Kinnan and the Lieutenants with all personnel conducted a recognition program which was presided over by both the Chief and Lt. Garlock. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, families were limited to watching the program via Zoom.

Some of the key recognitions included Officer Josh Eagan receiving a presentation from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his efforts in over 20 DUI's in a one year period. Detective Adam Cline was recognized as Officer of the Year for 2019. Lifesaving recognitions were presented to Sgt Joe Almeda and Officers Josh Eagan, Phil Isetta and Angie McCollough. Dispatcher Linda Steinle received a Class C recognition for rescuing a woman who called in a dangerous domestic situation.

I will share that one of the aspects I appreciate the most about being the "City Manager" is the ability to work with people who do life saving work. Being in law enforcement is one of the most difficult professions and given societal shifts the past year has made it almost impossible for some. Yet, we have a staff who show up every day, doing amazing things in some of the most difficult situations and circumstances. Last night was a very prideful evening for all in attendance! To say that we are grateful for their service is almost an understatement.

Thanks,

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