

**CITY OF PACIFIC
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Date: December 3, 2012

Council Chambers

City Hall, 6:30PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Sun called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. when he was ruled out of order by the Council Parliamentarian. Mayor Pro Tem Jones assumed the duties of Mayor and led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tren Walker, excused
John Jones
James McMahan
Josh Putnam
Leanne Guier
Gary Hulse, excused
Clint Steiger

Staff present: City Clerk Patti Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Betty Garrison, City Attorney Ken Luce, and Public Safety Director John Calkins.

Councilmember Guier Moved and Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion to excuse Councilmembers Walker and Hulse. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Adoption of Resolution No. 12-1217, Consenting to the Annexation of the Territory of the City of Pacific, Washington into the City of Auburn, Washington Simultaneous with the De-Annexation of the City of Pacific Pursuant to RCW 35.10.217(2)

Councilmember Guier read Resolution No. 12-1217, in its entirety into the record.

Councilmember Guier Moved and Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-1217, Consenting to the Annexation of the Territory of the City of Pacific, Washington into the City of Auburn, Washington Simultaneous with the De-Annexation of the City of Pacific Pursuant to RCW 35.10.217(2).

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked that the audience limit their comments to three (3) minutes, to not yield their time, and that the Council does not argue or rebut comments from the audience.

Mr. Don Thompson, Mr. Tom Halseth, Mr. Stacey Jackson, Mr. Duwane Gratz, Mr. Herbert Boltow, Ms. Carla Bikeworth, and Mr. Peter Maroon voiced their opposition to annexation into the City of Auburn.

Ms. Cheri Cason voiced opposition to annexation, but voiced support of voting on disincorporation, noting that if the City disincorporates, it can at some time in the future reincorporate. Annexation is forever. She explained that annexation becomes effective unless 60% of the property owners protest the annexation in writing to the City of Auburn; and requested both Cities address how Pacific residents will be treated by the City of Auburn.

Mr. Russell Tyree voiced support of disincorporation.

Mr. Dave Stookey voiced support of the City of Pacific remaining a City.

Ms. Reva Bryant, Ms. Mary Dorn, voiced their support to annex into the City of Auburn.

Ms. Corita Scroggins urged the Council to delay action on either annexation or disincorporation to allow further input from its citizens.

Mr. Gary Van Hee complimented the Council for doing its job and supported keeping Pacific a City, annexation would be his second choice and opposed disincorporation.

Mr. Curt Dorn urged the Council and Mayor to get along for the betterment of its citizens.

Mr. Jeremy Thompson voiced his concern with how the City got into the position of trying to determine which is a better alternative, annexation or disincorporation and how that will affect grant funding, existing and future.

Ms. Linda White voiced her support of annexation.

Ms. Jean Fancher advised she had put out a survey in her blog asking citizens their preference for annexation, disincorporation, or remaining a city, noting:

Questions asked and Preferred Action	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice	4 th Choice	5 th Choice	6 th Choice
Do nothing					II	III
Annex to Auburn	III	III				
Annex with Other		II	III			
Disincorporate			I	I	II	
Switch to Manager Form	III		I	III	I	
Do Something Else*	III			I		I

*“Something Else” suggestions: 1) Mayor Sun should resign immediately and the Council should appoint a new Mayor, then obtain insurance, then have a general election to switch to Council-Manager Form of Government; 2) “anything – get Cy out asap”; and 3) Try again.

Ms. Fancher noted other questions posed to the citizens were: 1) anyone willing to serve on the Council and there were five (5) negative responses; do you live in Pacific, there were

three (3) responses; work or have business in Pacific, there were five (5) responses; and are they registered to vote in Pacific, there were five (5) in the affirmative.

Mr. Mark Gause voiced his appreciation to the Council for all of their hard work in trying to maintain insurance and keeping the City open for business.

Mr. Kris Mott voiced his support of law enforcement and urged the Mayor to resign in order to keep the City open for business.

Mr. Aaron Richards urged residents to become more involved in their City and come together as a community to keep the City open for business.

Ms. Shirley Shenabsky sought to understand what the problem is, and how it got to this point; and **Ms. Aubrey Crookshank** explained that City residents need to come to meetings to know what is going on in their City Hall and that is how you will learn how the City got to this point.

Ms. Bernadine Harrison wondered if switching to a Manager-Council form of government would solve the issues and thanked the Council for all the work they are doing.

Mr. Messinger voiced his appreciation to the Council for all of their hard work; encouraged his neighbors to become more involved in City government; and urged the Council to consider all of its options before deciding on annexation.

Mr. Howard Erickson suggested that the Council work harder to keep the City open for business as he did not believe Auburn had more to offer.

Councilmember Putnam responded to a couple of the comments as follows:

- Disincorporation would be decided by the voters at an upcoming special election;
- Annexation would go to a vote of the Council, but the Citizens could petition the City of Auburn to not annex the City of Pacific;
- The City is moving forward on the two Resolutions as it is out of time and it is a way to protect its residents; and
- Explained that since the City has received the notice of cancellation, Councilmembers honestly thought they would be able to comply with the insurer's concerns such as filling key, vacant positions, and provide a stable environment within the administration, and no one on the Council expected CIAW do cancel the insurance. There are ways the City can reduce its liability in the future, which they will look at if the City can remain viable.

Councilmember Jones noted the following:

- It is beneficial for the citizens to understand what the Council is looking at with King County and the City of Auburn in regards to annexation and/or disincorporation;
 - May increase property taxes
 - No police force within the City area and slow response times
- Council can look into changing to a Manager-Council form of government if the City remains viable;
- Council is looking at the grant funding provided to the City and is working with Auburn and the County in regards to these funds and how to transfer the funds, if necessary;
- He opposed annexation and would like to see the City remain open for business.

Councilmember Steiger voiced his appreciation to the citizens who have come forward and spoke on this important issue and welcomed the opportunity to further discuss these issues with the citizens.

Councilmember Guier stated she did not want to annex or disincorporate the City, but these options needed to be considered and thanked everyone for their comments.

Councilmember McMahan favored moving further discussion on these two resolutions to the next meeting to allow time for the insurance company to respond and to allow an opportunity for further public comment.

Councilmember McMahan Moved and Councilmember Guier seconded the motion to continue the meeting to December 17, 2012. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Jones Sun continued the meeting to December 17, 2012, at 8:58 p.m.



Patricia J. Kirkpatrick, MMC, City Clerk