



**City Council
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Backus acknowledged the Federally Recognized Muckleshoot Indian Tribe as the ancestral keepers of the land we are gathered on today.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was held both in person and virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Acting Deputy Mayor Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Hanan Amer, Cheryl Rakes, Tracy Taylor, and Clinton Taylor. Deputy Mayor Larry Brown, and Councilmember Kate Baldwin were excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Native American Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed November 2024, as "Native American Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6947–2025 Property Tax Levy (Thomas)
An Ordinance establishing the Levy for regular Property Taxes by the City of Auburn for collection in 2025 for general City operational purposes in the amount of \$25,582,279

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

- B. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6948 (Thomas)
An Ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget for the City of Auburn, Washington

Council discussed Council Travel budgets.

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Hilda Meryhew, Auburn WA

Hilda expressed concerns about coyotes in their neighborhood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into executive session at 7:15 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) and (iii) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation that may be commenced against the City, and the legal risks of a proposed action when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 10 minutes. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, and outside Counsel Ryan Miller from Hall & Miller were required to attend.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the October 21, 2024, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the October 28, 2024, Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated October 30, 2024 which includes voucher number 478016 in the amount of \$2,500.00
- D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated October 30, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 477888 through voucher 478015 and voucher 478017, in the amount of \$2,769,283.48, four electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,831.31 and eight wire transfers in the amount of \$1,249,521.67
- E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539618 through 539619 in the amount of \$618,457.66, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,514,240.85, for a grand total of \$3,132,698.51 for the period covering October 17, 2024 to October 30, 2024

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6957 (Krum)

An Ordinance relating to project review, and amending Chapters 14.01, 14.02, 14.03, 14.04, 14.05, 14.06, 14.07, 14.11, 14.13, 14.14, 14.18, 17.01, 18.59, and 18.76, and repealing Chapter 14.15 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6957.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5795 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Sumner relating to the City of Sumner's Stewart Road Bridge Project

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5795.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

B. Resolution No. 5796 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Algona for decant facilities usage

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5796.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

C. Resolution No. 5797 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Pacific for decant facilities usage

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5797.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

D. Resolution No. 5798 (Caillier)

A Resolution accepting a Grant Award from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5798.

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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the Public Works and Economic Development Special Focus Area (SFA) meeting, the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) Board of Governance meeting, and the Green River College (GRC) Hanford Award Committee meeting. She announced that she was nominated and accepted a position on the GRC Foundation Board.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of November 2024.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk