	City Council Meeting November 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Kate Baldwin arrived at 7:01 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Directors, and the following staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. 2023 Tree Stewards

Mayor Backus to proclaim the Auburn Parks Department as "2023 Tree Stewards" in the City of Auburn for preserving and caring for the Red Oak Tree located at 201 R St NE and demonstrating the importance of maintaining healthy urban and rural forests within our community

Mayor Backus proclaimed the Auburn Parks Department as "2023 Tree Stewards" in the City of Auburn.

Director Faber accepted the proclamation and encouraged everyone to go see the Red Oak Tree.

VI. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6918 (Thomas)

City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance No. 6918 amending the City's 2023-2024 Biennial Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Auburn, Washington

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6918 at 7:05 p.m.

Virginia Haugen Auburn WA

Virginia expressed concerns regarding budget.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6918 at 7:06 p.m.

2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6919 (Thomas)

A Public Hearing to consider Ordinance No. 6919 establishing the Levy for Regular Property Taxes by the City of Auburn for collection in 2024 for General City Operational Purposes in the amount of \$24,646,712

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6919 at 7:06 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6919 at 7:07 p.m.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

1. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance.

Linda Redmond Auburn WA

Linda expressed concerns regarding the World Health Organization (W.H.O).

Virginia Haugen Auburn WA
Virginia expressed concerns regarding Councilmembers being associated with non-profit organizations that the City works with.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

VIII. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendation to the City Council, if any.

1. Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baldwin)

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Finance Ad Hoc Committee, reported she and Councilmember Baggett have reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

A. Minutes of the November 6, 2023, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the November 13, 2023, Study Session Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated November 15, 2023 which includes voucher number 474048 through 474197, in the amount of \$4,726,371.13, two electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,065.01, and one wire transfer in the amount of \$680,656.06

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539535 through 539540 in the amount of \$84,273.03, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,679,941.28, for a grand total of \$2,764,214.31 for the period covering November 2, 2023 to November 15, 2023

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6898 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending Auburn City Code Chapters 3.53 and 3.54 related to City Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax, clarifying definitions and procedures, and updating provisions for consistency with State Law Changes

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6898.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Ordinance No. 6918 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending the City's 2023-2024 Biennial Operating and Capital Budgets

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Mulenga seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6918.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Ordinance No. 6919 (Thomas)

An Ordinance establishing the Levy for Regular Property Taxes by the City of Auburn for collection in 2024 for General City Operational Purposes in the amount of \$24,646,712

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6919.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Ordinance No. 6921 (Thomas)

An Ordinance related to the Administration and Collection of City Imposed Taxes: (1) Moving and Consolidating Tax Administration Provisions from ACC Chapters 3.40, 3.41, 3.42, 3.52, 3.80, 3.84, and 3.88 into a new ACC Chapter 3.62; and (2) and adding new sections and repealing certain sections related to Tax Administration

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6921.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

E. Ordinance No. 6926 (Hinman)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 2.07 of the Auburn City Code relating to Auburn Junior City Council

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6926.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5747 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn School District for Public Street Features to support School Spirit

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5747.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIV. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Councilmember Baggett reported he attended the King County Regional Transit Committee meeting.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Brown reported he attended the week eleven session of the City of Auburn Civics Academy.

Councilmember Mulenga reported she attended the Cities and Schools Forum meeting.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the National League of Cities Conference, and the Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) meeting.

B. From the Mayor

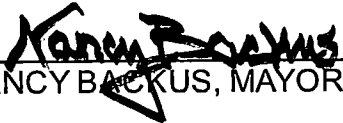
Mayor Backus reported she attended Veterans Day assembly at Auburn High School, King County Council Committee meeting, Interurban Trail War Memorial Ribbon Cutting event, Veterans Day Parade and events, and a South King Housing and Homeless Partners (SKHHP) meeting.

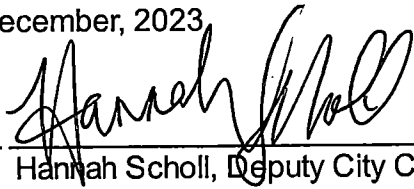
She thanked staff for their hard work on the Veterans Day events.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED this 4th day of December, 2023


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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