

	City Council Meeting November 6, 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: Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel.

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 Administration Dana Hinman, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Utility Billing Services Manager Joan Nelson, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Arts Commission

City Council to approve the appointment of Mateo Acuna to the Auburn Arts Commission 2024-26 Poet Laureate honorary position for a three year term beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2026

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to appoint Mateo Acuna to the Auburn Arts Commission 2024-

2026 Poet Laureate honorary position for a three year term beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Small Business Saturday

Mayor Backus proclaimed Saturday, November 25, 2023 as "Small Business Saturday" in the City of Auburn.

Councilmember Rakes and members of the Auburn Downtown Association accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

B. Native American Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed November 2023 as "Native American Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

C. Purple Heart City

Mayor Backus proclaimed the City of Auburn as a "Purple Heart City".

Robert Olivarez, National Senior Vice Commander at the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VIII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. 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.

Written Comments:

Tzachi Litov

Tzachi expressed concerns on the Hamas attacks, the Palestine people, and the Jewish Community.

In-Person Comments:

Tracy Taylor Auburn, WA

Tracey expressed concerns regarding Board and Commission

member attendance.

Mateo Acuna

Mateo read a poem they wrote regarding community.

Linda Redman Auburn, WA

Linda expressed concerns regarding the World Health Organization.

Suggested playing acoustic music on public radio and outdoor displays.

Robert Olivarez Marysville, WA

Robert encouraged the City to fly the Purple Heart flag on National Purple Heart Day.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

IX. 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.

X. 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 October 16, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Special City Council Meeting

C. Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Study Session Meeting

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated November 1, 2023 which includes voucher number 473863 through 474047, in the amount of \$4,330,545.10, six electronic fund transfer in the amount of \$3,088.94, and ten wire transfers in the amount of \$3,513,254.89

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539533 through 359534 in the amount of \$618,105.86, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,454,964.18, for a grand total of \$3,073,070.04 for the period covering October 12, 2023 to November 1, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6920 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending Section 8.08.180 of the Auburn City Code relating to Solid Waste Collection Charges

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6920.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XIV. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5744 (Hinman)

A Resolution adopting the 2024 State Legislative Agenda

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5744.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XV. 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 Trout-Manuel reported she met with the National League of Cities HELO Committee.

B. **From the Mayor**

Mayor Backus reported she attended Lela Brugger's memorial. She reminded everyone Saturday November 11, 2023, is the Auburn Veterans Day Parade and encouraged everyone to attend.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED this 20th day of November, 2023.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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