	City Council Meeting October 16, 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, Larry Brown, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Robyn Mulenga was excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Junior City Council

City Council to approve the appointment of Lawand Muhsen to Auburn Junior City Council for a two year term expiring August 31, 2025

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to appoint Lawand Muhsen to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term to expire on August 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2023 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn.

VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

An updated version of Ordinance No. 6917 was provided to Mayor and Council.

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.

Virginia Haugen 2503 R ST SE, Auburn

Ms. Haugen expressed her gratitude for the Auburn City Council. She also expressed her gratitude towards the Mayor's proclamation.

Tracy Taylor Lakeland Hills, Auburn

Ms. Taylor asked Council to provide more support to the Auburn Valley Humane Society. She also discussed the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program within the Auburn School District.

David Wright 1102 Auburn Way South, Auburn

Mr. Wright informed Council of upcoming events happening at the Auburn Library.

Diana Miranda 1102 Auburn Way South, Auburn

Ms. Miranda informed Council of free resources provided by the Auburn Library and upcoming events.

Linda Redmond Chinook Elementary Neighborhood, Auburn

Ms. Redmond expressed her concerns regarding religious books in school libraries. She also expressed concerns regarding the World Health Organization.

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 September 25 and October 9, 2023, Study Session Meetings

B. Minutes of the October 2, 2023, City Council Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated October 11, 2023 which includes voucher number 473691 through 473862, in the amount of \$2,434,490.72, one electronic fund transfer in the amount of \$264.41, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$784,523.93

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539528 through 539532 in the amount of \$83,479.07, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,672,916.87, for a grand total of \$2,756,395.94 for the period covering September 28, 2023 to October 11, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6917 (Faber)

An Ordinance relating to Metal Detecting in City Parks and adding Section 2.22.240 to the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Brown moved and Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6917.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIV. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5719 (Boesche)

A Resolution amending the City of Auburn Fee Schedule to Adjust for 2024 Fees

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5719.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5734 (Tate)

A Resolution endorsing use of the 2024 Valley Regional Fire Authority Fee Schedule as adopted by the VRFA Board of Governance

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5734.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Resolution No. 5740 (Tate)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Kent in support of the Annexation of the Bridges Community

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5740.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Resolution No. 5742 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept and administer a Commute Trip Reduction Formula Grant Award from the State Department of Transportation

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5742.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

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 Baldwin reported she attended the White River Valley

Museum tour and expressed gratitude to the East Pierce Fire & Rescue Department.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the Mainstreet Conference and a Wellness Committee meeting.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus had no report.

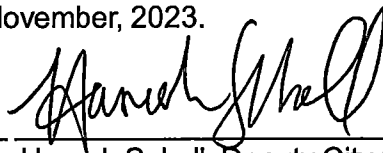
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of November, 2023.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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