	City Council Meeting October 2, 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

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

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, Kate Baldwin, Robyn Mulenga, and Cheryl Rakes. Councilmember Bob Baggett, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel were excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Outside Counsel Bob Sterbank, Domestic Violence Paralegal Gloria Cody, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Indigenous Peoples' Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 9, 2023, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Auburn.

B. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn.

Gloria Cody, Domestic Violence Paralegal, accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

VI. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VII. 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.

Tracy Taylor Lakeland Hills

Ms. Taylor expressed gratitude to the Parks Department and all involved City staff for their hard work on the Postmark Center for the Arts building.

Linda Redman 2407 18TH ST SE

Ms. Redman expressed her concerns regarding national sovereignty, censorship, and medical resources.

B. 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 September 18, 2023, City Council Meeting

B. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated September 27, 2023 which includes voucher number 473533 through 473690, in the amount of \$7,760,751.77, five electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,269.84, and four wire transfers in the amount of \$914,289.49

C. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539525 through 539527 in the amount of \$726,043.71, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,523,912.87, for a grand total of \$3,249,956.58 for the period covering September 14, 2023 to September 27, 2023

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5738 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the loan agreement between the City and the Community Aviation Revitalization Board relating to Project No. CP2201, Airport T-Hangar Upgrades

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5738.

Councilmember Mulenga abstained.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

B. Resolution No. 5739 (Faber)

A Resolution surplussing and deaccessing the artworks entitled "You Are Here - Millennium Sundial" and "Centennial Mural"

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5739.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

C. Resolution No. 5741 (Thomas)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement between the City of Auburn and Foster Garvey PC for legal services to the City

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj seconded to postpone the Resolution for further review and discussion at a Study Session meeting.

Council discussed rates, the current contract timeline, services, budget, and the interview process.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 3-2. Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj and Councilmember Baldwin voted no.

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Mulenga seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5741.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 3-2. Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj and Councilmember Baldwin voted no.

XIII. 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

No reports from Council.

B. From the Mayor

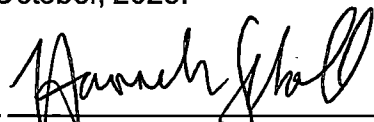
No report from Mayor Backus.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of October, 2023.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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