



**City Council  
Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2024 - 7:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

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**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, Kate Baldwin, Hanan Amer, Cheryl Rakes, and Tracy Taylor. Deputy Mayor Larry Brown, and Councilmember Clinton Taylor were excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Inspectional Services Commander Shaun Feero, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no announcements, Mayor's proclamations, or presentations.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

A. Human Services Committee

City Council to approve the appointments of Amber Lott and Heather Wise to the Human Services Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to approve the appointments of Amber Lott and Heather Wise to the Human Services Committee for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

## **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Public Hearing No. 2 for Ordinance No. 6948 (Thomas)

City Council to conduct a second Public Hearing to consider Ordinance No. 6948 adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget for the City of Auburn, Washington

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

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

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No one came forward to speak.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the November 4, 2024, Study Session Meeting

B. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated November 13, 2024, which includes voucher number 478069 in the amount of \$24,700.00

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated November 13, 2024, which includes voucher

numbers 478018 through voucher 478068 and voucher numbers 478070 through voucher 478200 in the amount of \$4,671,193.73, ten electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,322.27 and six wire transfers in the amount of \$646,430.10

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539622 through 539624 in the amount of \$82,935.36, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,830,035.48, for a grand total of \$2,912,970.84 for the period covering October 31, 2024 to November 13, 2024

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember T. Taylor 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. 6947 (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 \$25,607,602

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6947.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

B. Ordinance No. 6948 (Thomas)

An Ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget for the City of Auburn, Washington

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6948.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

- C. Ordinance No. 6956 (Thomas)  
An Ordinance adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Facilities Plan for the City of Auburn, Washington

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6956.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

## **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

- A. From the Council

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel reported she attended the City of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade, National League of Cities (NLC) Conference, and announced she received the 2024 Elected Women of Excellence Award from the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL).

Councilmember Amer reported she attended the Auburn Food Bank Harvest Breakfast, City of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade, NLC Conference, and the Water Resource Inventory Area 9 (WRIA 9) meeting.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the Auburn Food Bank Harvest Breakfast, City of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade events, and the NLC Conference.

- B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Veterans Luncheon at the Senior Center, the first session of the Leadership Institute of Puget Sound, and City of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade events. She also attended the Welcome Ceremony at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort for the first female Prime Minister of Samoa, Fiamé Naomi Mata'afa.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED this 2nd day of December 2024.

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

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Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk