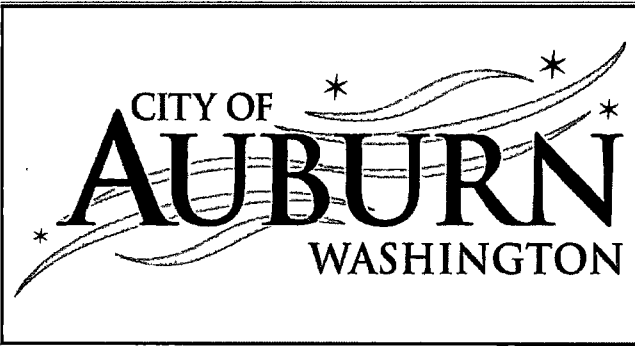


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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Acting Deputy Mayor Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Cheryl Rakes, Tracy Taylor, and Clinton Taylor. Deputy Mayor Larry Brown was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Real Estate Manager Josh Arndt, Business Systems Analyst Noah Son, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed September 2024 as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel accepted the proclamation, and expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to serve the City.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Junior City Council

City Council to approve the appointments of Phia So Chea, Erica Rios, and Joey Rush to Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2026

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the appointments of Phia So Chea, Erica Rios, and Joey Rush to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

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:

Steven Krier Auburn, WA

Steven provided comments regarding camping Ordinance No. 6950.

Mark Celich Auburn, WA

Mark expressed concerns regarding Long Range Acoustic Devices, Highway Performance Monitoring Systems, and Child Trafficking.

Sydney Bay Auburn, WA

Sydney expressed concerns regarding camping Ordinance No. 6950.

In-Person Comments:

Doctor Brass Auburn, WA

Doctor Brass expressed concerns regarding budgeting for the Auburn Police Department, and expressed gratitude for the City of Auburn community programs.

Camilla Auburn, WA

Camilla expressed concerns regarding crime in the City of Auburn.

Sydney Carmichael Auburn, WA
Sydney expressed concerns regarding gun violence in the City of Auburn and budgeting for the Auburn Police Department.

Bonnie Helms Auburn, WA
Bonnie expressed concerns regarding the storage of lithium batteries.

Diana Johnson Auburn, WA
Diana expressed concerns regarding gun violence in the City of Auburn.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

1. Executive Session

Mayor Backus adjourned into executive session at 7:20 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) and (iii) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation that may be commenced against the City, and the legal risks of a proposed action when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 30 minutes. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, Senior City Staff Attorney Jones, Real Estate Manager Arndt, Director of Public Works Gaub, Assistant Director of Public Works Sweeting, Director of Human Services Hay, and Director of Finance Thomas were required to attend.

Mayor Backus extended the executive session at 7:46 p.m. for 12 minutes.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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 Amer 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 August 19, 2024, City Council Meeting

- B. Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Special City Council Meeting
- C. Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Study Session Meeting
- D. Setting the date a for Public Hearing for T-Mobile West LLC Franchise Agreement (Gaub)
City Council to set the date for a Public Hearing for Franchise Agreement No. FRN23-0002 for T-Mobile West LLC
- E. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated August 28, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 477222 through voucher 477372, in the amount of \$2,659,823.75, eight electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,451.34 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$742,381.55

Claims voucher list dated September 11, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 477373 through voucher 477521, in the amount of \$8,316,973.11, six electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,312.21 and four wire transfers in the amount of \$1,038,575.97
- F. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539607 through 539607 in the amount of \$607,116.74, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,733,068.75, for a grand total of \$3,340,185.49 for the period covering August 15, 2024 to August 28, 2024

Payroll check numbers 539609 through 539611 in the amount of \$80,805.08, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,833,609.19, for a grand total of \$2,914,414.27 for the period covering August 29, 2024 to September 11, 2024

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to remove the Council Rules of Procedure discussion item from the September 23, and September 30, 2024, Study Session Meeting and move the item to the November 25, and December 9, 2024, Study Session Meeting.

Council discussed Budget meetings, Comprehensive Plan, National League of Cities (NLC) Conference dates, gun violence, public safety, and timelines.

MOTION FAILED 3-3. Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel,

Councilmembers Baldwin and C. Taylor voted yes.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Acting Deputy Mayor seconded to add an Ad Hoc Committee to address Gun Violence in the Auburn community.

Council discussed meetings with the Mayor, Police Department, Police Advisory Committee (PAC), and staff, Budget, heat maps for gun violence, recommendations, on-going updates, the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), and mental health resources.

Councilmember T. Taylor motioned to Call the Question.

MOTION FAILED 3-3. Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel, Councilmembers Baldwin and C. Taylor voted yes.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6949 (Krum)

An Ordinance for a Site Specific Rezone of a portion of one parcel from R-10, Residential Zone - Ten Dwelling Units per Acre to R-20, Twenty Dwelling Units per Acre

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6949.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Ordinance No. 6950 (Hay)

An Ordinance relating to Camping on City Property, amending Sections 2.22.210 and 9.50.030 of the Auburn City Code, and providing for severability and an effective date

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6950.

Council discussed resources and outreach.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Ordinance No. 6952 (Gaub)

An Ordinance relating to Water Main Extensions and Requirements for Private Fire Hydrant Installations and Maintenance Responsibilities, and amending Chapters 13.06 Water System Responsibility, 13.08 Water Main Extensions and Payment, and 13.16 Fire Hydrants of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6952.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Ordinance No. 6953 (Gaub)

An Ordinance amending conditions of Ordinance No. 6839 associated with Vacating Right-of-Way of a portion of West Main Street, East of Lund Road SW, within the City of Auburn, Washington

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6953.

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

Councilmembers had no reports.

B. From the Mayor

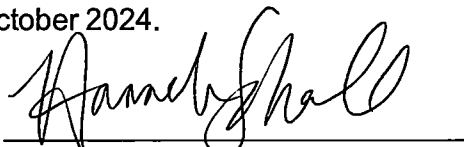
Mayor Backus reported she attended the Aerospace Dinner hosted by the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber to discuss business revenue, increased jobs and wages, a Townhall Meeting regarding the Sound Transit Light Rail, meeting with Director Eleuthera Lisch of the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention to discuss a potential Lock-Box Event, and the first 2024 Auburn Civics Academy class.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of October 2024.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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