

	Special City Council Meeting September 12, 2024 - 4:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 Yolonda Trout-Manuel, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Cheryl Rakes, and Tracy Taylor. Councilmember Clinton Taylor attended the meeting virtually via Zoom and Deputy Mayor Larry Brown was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Director of Equity and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Financial Planning Manager Frank Downard, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue. Those wishing to speak are reminded to sign in on the form provided.

1. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance.

No one came forward to speak.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2025-2026 Biennial Budget Workshop 2 of 3 (Thomas)

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget including the continued General Fund Budget proposals.

Director Krum provided Council with an overview of the Community Development Department including the 2023-2024 accomplishments, 2025-2026 goals, and the proposed changes to the baseline Budget.

Council discussed vacant storefronts in Auburn, and the Business Improvement Area (BIA) funds.

Chief Caillier provided Council with an overview of the Police Department including the 2023-2024 accomplishments, 2025-2026 goals, and the proposed changes in the Departments baseline Budget.

Director Gaub provided Council with a presentation on traffic cameras, Valley Communication funds, hiring bonuses, South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Costs, and the Drug Forfeiture Fund.

Council discussed the proposed increases in officers and duties, school zone tickets issued, crime in the community, Project Be Free, cameras in high crime areas, and hiring bonuses.

Director Gaub provided Council with an overview of the Public Works Department including the General Funds for Engineering and Maintenance & Operations, 2023-2024 accomplishments, 2025-2026 goals, and the baseline Budget highlights.

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the 2025-2026 General Government Capital Budget including the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan, Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 1 and REET 2 funding, Mitigation Funds, Transportation Benefit District funds, Utility Taxes, and she reviewed the funds from the General Transportation Fund.

Director Gaub provided Council with an overview of the Capital Budget for General Transportation as part of the Transportation Improvement Program, for Capacity, Non-Capacity, and Preservation Projects.

Council discussed the Lea Hill project, project schedules, and fund transfers.

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the Capital

Improvement Fund and explained the items that are paid for out of the Capital Improvement fund. Director Gaub reviewed the projects being Budgeted for from the Capital Improvements Fund, and Debt Services payments.

Director Faber and Director Thomas provided Council with an update on the Auburn Avenue Theater.

Council discussed bond funding, and revenue for Parks admissions.

Director Faber provided Council with an overview of the Municipal Parks Fund including the Capacity and Non-Capacity Projects.

Council discussed pickleball courts, timing of projects, and Parks security.

Director Thomas explained the funds to be expended for Infrastructure from the Local Revitalization Funding.

Council discussed the Auburn Avenue Theater plans.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of October 2024.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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