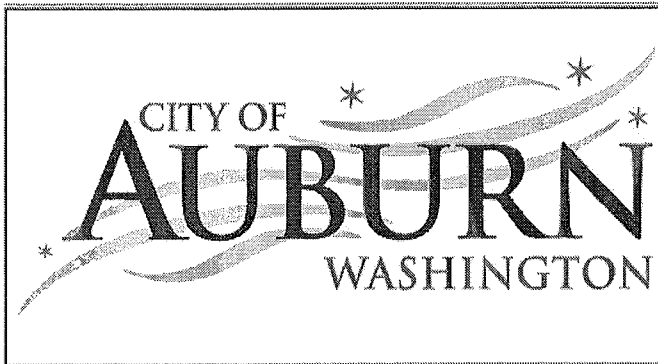




**City Council Study Session
July 31, 2023 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
MINUTES**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Robyn Mulenga, Cheryl Rakes, and Councilmember Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Larry Brown was excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Outside Counsel Stephen DiJulio, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Proposed Changes to City Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember Rakes, Chair of the Council Rules of Procedure ad hoc committee, provided Council with an overview of the proposed changes including Council Meeting start times, Director support for Council agenda items, the projected agenda process, emergency meetings, cancellation of meetings, order of business at Council meetings, use of cell phones during meetings, presiding over Special Focus Area's, absences, updating language to match RCW language, remarks, obligation to the public agency, prolonged absences, staff for Council meetings, and updates to Special Focus Area groups.

Council discussed earlier Council meeting start times, citizen access to meetings, Director and staff support to Council, Council packet item deadlines, new business items, Special Focus Areas and ad hoc Committees, notification of absences, City events, calendar notices, prolonged absence timeframe, the process of editing the Special Focus Area topics, adding new Special Focus Areas, and the previous Committee process.

Councilmember Rakes announced the Committee will continue working with Legal.

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj reminded Council to respond to staff emails and check their phones at least once a day.

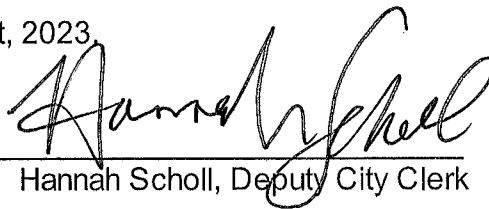
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2023.



JAMES JEYARAJ, DEPUTY MAYOR



Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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