

	City Council Meeting July 17, 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

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

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, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Cheryl Rakes and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Robyn Mulenga was excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, contracted Attorney Bob Sterbank, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Real Estate Manager Josh Arndt, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Backus introduced Bob Sterbank of Foster Garvey PC as the City's contracted Legal Counsel and announced that Harry Boesche is the Acting City Attorney.

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.

Written comments:

Beverly Windsor

Ms. Windsor expressed her concerns regarding crime in the City.

Breanna Kennedy

Ms. Kennedy expressed concerns regarding paid administrative leave.

Brady Webb

Mr. Webb expressed concerns regarding paid administrative leave.

Teresa Runner

Ms. Runner expressed concerns regarding the City's social media posts.

In-Person Comments:

Dave Heutchy 10925 ST 287th Street

Mr. Heutchy expressed concerns regarding water costs since being annexed into the City.

Dianna Johnson 702 22nd ST SE

Ms. Johnson, member of the City's Police Advisory Committee (PAC), expressed concerns regarding paid administration leave for Jeff Nelson.

Jim Brass 404 22nd Street SE

Mr. Brass expressed his appreciation for the Police Department and the Park, Arts and Recreation Department. He expressed concerns regarding Parks restrooms being closed.

Jeanne Stover 609 6th ST SE

Ms. Stover expressed concern about the criminal activity in the City.

Ashley Caulkins 304 L Street SE

Ms. Caulkins expressed concerns regarding vacant retail stores, advertising for the community, and talked about the brand identity.

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.

2. Council Rules and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Rakes)

Councilmember Rakes, Chair of the Council Rules and Procedure ad hoc committee, reported the committee consists of herself, Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj, and Councilmember Brown. She reported the committee will meet again on July 21, 2023 and requested Council share any concerns or suggestions.

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 June 5, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the June 12, 2023, and July 10, 2023, Study Session Meetings

C. Minutes of the June 26, 2023, Special City Council Meeting

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated June 28, 2023 which includes voucher number 472377 through 472526, in the amount of \$5,487,029.29, one electronic fund transfer in the amount of \$38.99, and five wire transfers in the amount of \$902,344.30

Claims voucher list dated July 12, 2023 which includes voucher number 472527 through 472829, in the amount of \$1,327,349.79, two electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,003.07, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$779,107.34

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539499 through 539501 in the amount of \$734,755.83

electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,419,773.96 for a grand total of \$3,154,529.79 for the period covering June 15, 2023 to June 28, 2023

Payroll check numbers 539503 through 539507 in the amount of \$77,525.26 electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,731,096.70 for a grand total of \$2,808,621.96 for the period covering June 29, 2023 to July 12, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6911 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6879, the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget Ordinance, and Ordinance No. 6888, the 2023-2024 Biennial Capital Budget, authorizing amendment to the City of Auburn 2023-2024 Budget as set forth in schedule "A" and schedule "B"

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6911.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Ordinance No. 6912 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending Section 13.06.360 of the Auburn City Code (ACC), relating to City Utility Rates

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6912.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5725 (Faber)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Washington Department of Commerce to accept and expend Grant Funds for continued Restoration and Phase 2 Restoration of the Auburn Arts and Culture Center

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to

approve Resolution No. 5725.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5726 (Legal)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Site Agreement between the City of Auburn and SBA 2012 TC Assets LLC related to leasing Game Farm Park Property for a Telecommunications Tower

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve Resolution No. 5726.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Resolution No. 5727 (Faber)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the National Recreation and Park Association to accept and expend Grant Funds for improvements to the Paved Pathway System at Auburndale Park

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Resolution No. 5727.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Resolution No. 5728 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer Washington State Public Works Trust Fund Loan Documents to Finance Roadway Improvements on Auburn Way South from Hemlock Street SE to Poplar Street SE (Project CP1622)

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Resolution No. 5728.

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

Councilmember Baldwin reported she participated in the City of Kent's Cornucopia Parade and stated Auburn had a great 4th of July.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she participated as a Judge at the Pets in the Park Day event at Les Gove, Best Starts for Kids Advisory Board Meeting, National Leagues of Cities HELO Meeting, and attended a Washington State Rapid DNA Webinar.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she met with the North Auburn Businesses regarding crime, King County Good Eggs Breakfast, annual Family Briefing for Police Officers, tour of Quixote Village in Orting, City Mayors and Police Chief meeting regarding Juvenile crime, and the Celebrate 18 Fundraiser.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2023.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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