

	City Council Meeting July 1, 2024 - 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

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

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Doug Ruth, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Acting Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Special Projects Jeff Tate, Acting City Attorney Charlotte Storey, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Auburn Junior City Council

City Council to approve the appointment of Lillyann Mertens to the 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 appointment of Lillyann Mertens to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring on 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:

Sharanjit Singh - Auburn, WA

Sharanjit expressed concerns regarding inoperable vehicles, garbage, and rats in their neighborhood.

April Poirier - Auburn, WA

April expressed concerns regarding the use of toxic biosolids as fertilizer and compost.

In-Person Comments:

Ron Boyle - Belfair WA

Ron expressed concerns regarding crime at his vacant rental property.

Alexander Ollivant - Auburn, WA

Alexander expressed concerns about short term rentals and the cost of housing in the area.

Diana Johnson - Auburn, WA

Diana expressed concerns regarding crime and violence in the City of Auburn.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

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. Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Amer)

Councilmember Amer, Chair of the Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee, reported they met last week, and requested all proposed changes be emailed to the City Clerk.

2. 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 June 17, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the June 24, 2024 Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated June 26, 2024 which includes voucher number 476317 through voucher 476477, in the amount of \$3,159,665.70, five electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,889.09, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$871,128.35
- D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539594 through 539594 in the amount of \$639,202.07, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,745,664.21, for a grand total of \$3,384,866.28 for the period covering June 13, 2024 to June 26, 2024

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6942 (Gaub)

An Ordinance granting to Zayo Group, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, a Franchise for Wireline Telecommunications

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6942.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIV. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5773 (Tate)

A Resolution approving the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners 2025 Work Plan and 2025 Operating Budget

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5773.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XV. 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 attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference, and the Juneteenth Celebration.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the AWC Conference, Juneteenth Celebration, and Ribbon Cutting events for Third Dimension Salon and Facelines Beauty Studio.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the AWC Conference, and the Pierce County Transit Board Meeting.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel reported she attended the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO) Conference, Juneteenth Celebration, Kids Day Event, Sound Cities Association Meeting, and the Arts of Love Island Fest event.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the AWC Board of Directors meeting, the AWC Conference, and the Juneteenth Celebration.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of July 2024.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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