

**Special City Council Meeting
May 18, 2023 - 8:00 AM
Green River College - 12401 SE 320th
St. Auburn, WA 98092 (Mel Lindbloom
Student - River Room)
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. at Green River College, 12401 SE 320th St. Auburn, WA 98092 in Salish Hall Classroom No. 257.

A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The Special City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

B. Roll Call

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

Department directors and staff members present included: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Equity and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Council Administrative Assistant Melissa Bailey, Communications Manager Jonathan Glover, IT Support Specialist Tristen Bennett, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Long Term Visioning for the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus provided Council and Directors with a brief history of past Council retreats and the purpose and goals of holding a retreat. She thanked Council and Directors for participating.

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj thanked everyone for participating and introduced the retreat facilitator Kathryn Leslie who guided Council and Directors

through an exercise discussing what they enjoy about their jobs and the challenges they face.

Council and Directors discussed serving their community, citizens, growing needs, lack of resources, community engagement, longevity, and communication.

The majority of participants voted to have the recording was stopped at 9:30 a.m.

Rhonda Hilyer provided the participants training on Success Signals, commonly known as colors training. She reviewed peoples ability to listen and retain, signals and messages people send. She reviewed the traits of the various colors, and tools to use with people with different styles.

Mayor Backus recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Leslie discussed with the participants characteristics that work well in communication, agreements within communications and conflict, and acceptable norms that the participants agreed to.

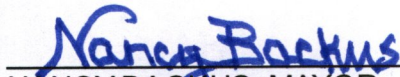
Ms. Leslie asked each Councilmember to state why they ran for Auburn City Council and what they want Auburn to look like.

Council broke into groups to discuss the highlights of the norms and listening session.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2023.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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