



**City Council
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2024 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Backus acknowledged the Federally Recognized Muckleshoot Indian Tribe as the ancestral keepers of the land we are gathered on today.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Larry Brown, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Acting Deputy Mayor Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Cheryl Rakes arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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 Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. National Foundation of Women Legislators Woman of Excellence Award Presentation

City of Federal Way Councilmembers and Co-State Directors of the National Foundation of Women Legislators, Susan Honda and Lydia Assefa-Dawson,

presented Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel the Elected Woman of Excellence Award.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

Linda Redman - Auburn, WA

Linda provided comments regarding homelessness, community building and beautifying Auburn.

Brooke Frickleton - Seattle, WA

Brooke provided comments regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

In-Person Comments:

Tina Marie - Auburn, WA

Tina provided comments regarding homelessness, and wished the Council Happy Holidays.

Virginia Haugen - Auburn, WA

Virginia congratulated Councilmember Trout-Manuel on the Woman of Excellence Award, and spoke about safety in the schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into executive session at 7:13 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) and (iii) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation that may be commenced against the City, and the legal risks of a proposed action when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 15 minutes. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, City Attorney Jason Whalen, and Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub were required to attend.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the December 2, 2024, Special City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of the November 25, 2024, and December 9, 2024, Study Session Meetings
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated December 11, 2024, which includes voucher numbers 478306 through voucher 478435, in the amount of \$5,306,112.88, nine electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,981.22 and nine wire transfers in the amount of \$791,627.00
- D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539627 through 539629 in the amount of \$81,214.00, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,913,016.94, for a grand total of \$2,994,230.94 for the period covering November 28, 2024, to December 11, 2024
- E. Setting the date for the Public Hearing for City of Kent Franchise Agreement (Gaub)
City Council to set the date of the Public Hearing for Franchise Agreement No. FRN24-0003 for City of Kent

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 6959 (Krum)
An Ordinance relating to the Subdivision Code, Zoning Code, and the Comprehensive Plan, amending Chapters 14.22, 17.01, 17.04, 17.12, 17.14, 18.02, 18.04, 18.07, 18.09, 18.21, 18.23, 18.25, 18.29, 18.31, 18.32, 18.35, 18.49, 18.50, 18.52, 18.55, 18.56, 18.57, and creating new Chapter 17.27 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6959.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6960 (Krum)

An Ordinance relating to completion of the 2024 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update requirements under the Washington State Growth Management Act and adoption of the updated Elements, Appendices, Plans incorporated by reference, Land Use Map, and Zoning Map

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6960.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5801 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting Grants from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the Auburn Way South Widening and Regional Growth Center Improvement Projects

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5801.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

After the vote of Deputy Mayor, Mayor Backus read the correct the Resolution title: "A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting Grants from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the 49th Street Access to Transit Project".

NEW BUSINESS

A. Selection of Deputy Mayor (Council)

Mayor Backus read the Council Rules of Procedure section regarding the election of the Deputy Mayor and explained the role and expectations of the Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Backus asked the Councilmembers for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Amer nominated Councilmember T. Taylor and Deputy Mayor Brown nominated Councilmember Rakes.

Council discussed challenges and the role of the Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Backus provided both nominees two minutes to speak to the Council.

Mayor Backus thanked Deputy Mayor Brown and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel for their work in the past year.

Mayor Backus asked for votes for the two nominated Councilmembers.

Councilmember T. Taylor received 3 votes and Councilmember Rakes received 4 votes.

Mayor Backus announced that Councilmember Rakes will be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for 2025.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Brown thanked his fellow Councilmember and the Mayor for their support during his absence.

Councilmember Amer wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the Auburn Municipal Airport Open House, Santa Parade and Tree Lighting, the Good Eggs Breakfast, and the Muckleshoot Holiday Reception.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters (LEOFF) Disability Board Meeting, We Build Washington Ribbon Cutting at Junior Achievement, Good Eggs Breakfast, Muckleshoot Holiday Reception, Pete von Reichbauer's King County Holiday Leadership and Volunteer Recognition event, and the Breakfast with Santa event.

Councilmember C. Taylor reported he attended the We Build Washington Ribbon Cutting at Junior Achievement, Muckleshoot Holiday Reception, South King County Reception, and the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Annual meeting.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the Valley Regional Fire Authority Board of Governance meeting, Sound Cities Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting, and the See Ya Later Foundation Seeds of Hope Breakfast event.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Red, White, and Blue Holiday Concert, Domestic Violence Task Force meeting, Good Egg Breakfast, Pete von Reichbauer's King County Holiday Leadership and Volunteer Recognition event, and the Breakfast with Santa event.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended an Outgoing Reception for Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier. She reported that she will be attending the South Sound Legislative Breakfast, Mayor's Open House at the Junior Achievement Building, and will be working with the Auburn Food Bank and Valley Regional Fire Authority to provide Toys for Kids and Holiday Food Baskets. The Mayor thanked Staff and Council for their dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of January 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk