

	City Council Meeting April 3, 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: Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj was excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Patrol Commander Cristian Adams, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Equity and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed the month of April 2023, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn.

Director of Communications and Policy Laurel Redden, with King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, accepted the proclamation. She thanked

Mayor and Council for their support and discussed the correlation between homelessness and sexual assaults.

B. Arbor Day

Mayor Backus to proclaim April 28, 2023 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Auburn

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Director Faber accepted the proclamation and invited everyone to attend the Red Oak Tree Planting Event on April 12, 2023, at Frank Fulmer Park.

C. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Backus to proclaim April 9, 2023 through April 15, 2023 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in the City of Auburn

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Deputy Director Vonnie Mayer, with Valley Com 911, accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council.

D. Sikh Heritage Month

Mayor Backus to proclaim April as "Sikh Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus proclaimed April 2023, as "Sikh Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

City of Kent Councilmember Satwinder Kaur, and Hira Singh, accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council. They invited everyone to come learn about and celebrate Sikh Heritage at two upcoming events; April 15, 2023, in Federal Way and May 27, 2023, at Showare Center in Kent.

E. Junior City Council Presentation (Hinman)

The Auburn Junior City Council to provide a report to the Auburn City Council on their activities and goals

Junior City Councilmembers Mulenga, Park, Sandate, and Menzia provided Council with an update on recruitment, National League of Cities Conference, community outreach, and expressed their gratitude for Mayor and Council.

Mayor Backus and Council expressed their gratitude to each member and thanked them for all their hard work.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment to Human Services Commission

City Council to approve the appointment of David Wright and Adriel Foxley to the Human Services Commission, for a three year term expiring December 31, 2025

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve the appointment of David Wright and Adriel Foxley to the Human Services Commission for a three year term expiring December 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Appointment to Salary Commission

City Council to approve the appointment of Katherine Murray to the Salary Commission, for a four year term expiring December 31, 2026.

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve the appointment of Katherine Murray to the Salary Commission for a four year term expiring December 31, 2026.

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VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation was added to the agenda.

VIII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. **Public Hearings - (No public hearing is scheduled for this evening.)**

B. **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.

Carly Willis 1809 Howard Rd. Auburn, WA

Ms. Willis expressed her concerns regarding the crime around her business in south Auburn.

Rahn Bruns 1811 Howard Rd. Auburn, WA

Mr. Bruns expressed his concerns regarding the crime around his business in south Auburn and asked Council for their support.

Lara Pharmer 1811 Howard Rd. Auburn, WA

Ms. Pharmer expressed her concerns regarding the crime around her business in south Auburn.

Jennifer Carrington 1811 Howard Rd. Auburn, WA

Ms. Carrington expressed her concerns regarding the crime around her business in south Auburn and her concerns regarding safety for her students.

Scott Woolcolt 1811 Howard Rd. Auburn, WA

Mr. Woolcolt expressed his concerns regarding the crime around his place of employment in south Auburn and his concerns regarding the safety of their students.

Waylon Menzia 2 E Main St. Auburn, WA

Mr. Menzia expressed his gratitude to the City of Auburn for recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility.

Virginia Haugen 2503 R ST SE Auburn, WA

Ms. Haugen expressed her concerns regarding the crime in her neighborhood.

C. 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. 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. Mayoral Benefits and Leave Compensation Review Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baldwin)

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Mayoral Benefits and Leave Compensation Review ad hoc committee, reported the committee met on March 22, 2023, and finalized their recommendations. The committee is preparing their presentation and will notify City staff when they have a requested date to add it to a future agenda.

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 March 6, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Study Session Meeting

C. Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Special City Council Meeting

C. Resolution No. 5708 (Comeau)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Allocation Agreement and Participation Forms related to Opioid Pharmacy and Manufacturer Settlements

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Mulenga seconded to approve Resolution No. 5708.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Resolution No. 5709 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Aquatic Easements from the Washington Department of Natural Resources for the Lea Hill Bridge and associated City-Owned Utilities

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Resolution No. 5709.

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 Baggett reported he attended the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Brown reported he attended the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Mulenga reported she attended the National League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the Main Street Conference in Boston.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the National League of Cities Conference.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Celebration of Life for Former Green River College President Rich Rutkowski, Auburn Noon Lions Club Auction event, Housing Development Consortium 35th Anniversary Celebration, Spotlight Business Awards Gala Event, Opening Day for Auburn Little League, Compass Housing Alliance Fundraiser Event, and the National League of Cities Conference.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2023.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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