



**Junior City Council  
Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Muhsen called meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Lewand Muhsen; Members: Erica Rios; Lilly Mertens; Mikaela Pedraja; Phia Chea.

Staff and guests: Keisha Taylor, Equity, Engagement and Outreach Coordinator; Cheryl Rakes, Deputy Mayor.

Absent: Vice Chair Rowan Santos; Caleb Choi; Erica Rios; Joey Rush; Nazli Shamdeen; Nnamdi Ometu; Oliver Nguyen; Prableen Kaur; Sophia Lee.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. The Junior City Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.  
Virtual Participation Link: [Teams Link \(click here\)](#)  
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Telephone: 1-509-530-1507, Phone Conference ID: 571 712 163#

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- A. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance. Participants can submit written comments via mail, fax, or email. All written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting and must be 350 words or less.

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Attn: Melissa Bailey, Council Administrative Assistant

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Fax number: 253-288-3132

Email written comments to: [mbailey@auburnwa.gov](mailto:mbailey@auburnwa.gov)

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Approval of November 13th, 2024 Minutes**

Member Rios moved to approve minutes; motion seconded by member Padraja – passes.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Keisha Taylor Meet Keisha Taylor**

### **B. OPMA Training OPMA is required for all Board & Commission seat holders. Please review the PowerPoint and watch the video.**

Lewand Muhsen, Erica Rios, Lilly Mertens, Mikaela Pedraja, and Phia Chea completed OPMA training.

### **C. Administrative Updates**

- 1 The Mayor's State of the City Address: Is February 26th, 2025 at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort Event Center. Junior Council is invited to the event. Junior Council attendees will have their own table and will receive honorable mention. The Junior Council Meeting scheduled for that day has been canceled. Please rsvp to Melissa Bailey.
- 2 NLC Congressional Conference (NLC): Is in Washington D.C., from March 10th, 2025 to March 12th, 2025 (not including travel days). Keisha Taylor is chaperoning. We can send four Auburn Junior Council members. The city will cover the cost of the trip, including per diem. There is no out-of-pocket expense for the delegate. Please reach out to Melissa Bailey for any questions, and let her know who will be attending before the end of January 2025.

Members who want to attend NLC Conference will deliver a brief 2-3 minute presentation at January 22nd, 2025 Junior Council Meeting.

- 3 Junior Council Webpage  
The Junior City Council webpage has been updated. It was brought to attention that the AJCC webpage was outdated and did not include 2024–25

members. That has since been updated, please reach out if anything else needs attention.

- 4 Thank you to those who participated in the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting. The event was wonderful, and you helped make it a success.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Muhsen adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Junior Council Chair

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Melissa Bailey, City Council Assistant