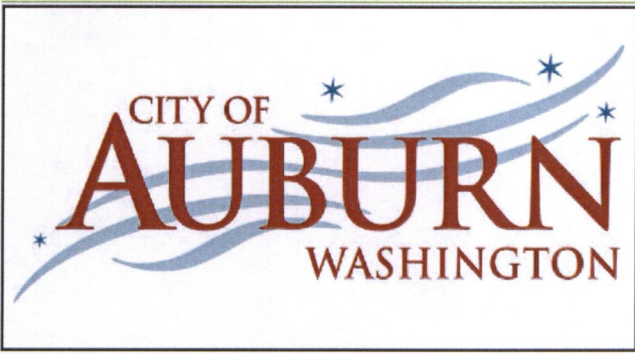


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I. CALL TO ORDER

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: Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, and Cheryl Rakes. Councilmember Trout-Manuel was excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Daryl Faber, Senior Staff Attorney Doug Ruth, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Equity and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Development Services Manager Jason Krum, 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. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VII. 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 Public Comments:

Waverly Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell expressed her gratitude for Aunty's Place Early Learning & Child Care Center and owner Phanta Tofa.

Kristen Reinken

Ms. Reinken expressed her gratitude for Aunty's Place Early Learning & Child Care Center.

In-Person Public Comments:

Answorth Jackson 14318 SE 279th St. Kent WA

Mr. Jackson, Chair of the Board of Advisors for the YMCA located in Kent, shared the services the Kent YMCA offers.

Jerold Smiley Auburn WA

Mr. Smiley thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff for the work they do for the community.

Phanta Tofa 5111 S 291st St. Auburn WA

Ms. Tofa, owner and operator of Aunty's Place Early Learning & Child Care Center, shared her frustration with the conflict between the Auburn City Code and DCYF Regulations.

Virginia Haugen 2503 R ST SE Auburn WA

Ms. Haugen expressed her concerns regarding Resolution No. 5700.

Shirley Chittenden 1440 22nd St. SE Auburn WA

Ms. Chittenden expressed concerns regarding City employee benefits received, and the affordable housing in Auburn.

B. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

VIII. 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 and reviewed the requested documents. The committee will meet again on March 10 and 14, 2023.

IX. 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 February 21, 2023 City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the February 27, 2023 Study Session Meeting

C. Claims Voucher (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated March 6, 2023 which includes voucher number 471176 through 471292, in the amount of \$2,020,804.49 and 5 wire transfers in the amount of \$827,151.10

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539472 through 539474 in the amount of \$626,039.64, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,387,564.44 for a grand total of \$3,013,604.08 for the period covering February 16, 2023 to March 1, 2023

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5700 (Tate)

A Resolution authorizing agreements for the funding of Affordable Housing Projects, as recommended by the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) Executive Board, utilizing funds contributed by the City to the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund

Councilmember Rakes moved and Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj seconded to approve Resolution No. 5700.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIII. 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 on the status of a case of Tuberculosis in Pierce County, and the upcoming Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force Annual Summit.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the 25th Annual Asian Pacific New Year Celebration.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Good Eggs Breakfast, Ribbon Cutting at the Joy Hour, toured the Sound Transit Ballard Link addition and the Lynnwood to Everett Link Extension, hosted the South King Housing and Homeless Partners Executive Director on a tour of affordable housing in Auburn, and did an interview with Live from Seattle.

1. Executive Session

Mayor Backus adjourned into an executive session at 7:29 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 15 minutes. City Attorney Comeau, Senior Staff Attorney Ruth, and Director of Public Works Gaub were required to attend. There is anticipated action after the executive session.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

2. Resolution No. 5707

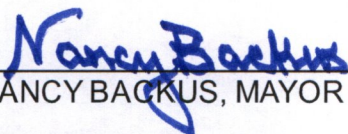
Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to approve Resolution No. 5707.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of April, 2023.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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