

	Special City Council Meeting February 29, 2024 - 5:00 PM Muckleshoot Casino Resort - Plateau & Prairie Convention Room, 2402 Auburn Way South Auburn, WA 98002 MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort, 2402 Auburn Way South, Auburn, WA 98002.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Mayor Backus' State of the City Address

Mayor Backus provided her State of the City Address and thanked the City Council, Junior City Council, City staff, Auburn's public schools, Valley Regional Fire Authority, other elected officials, family, and friends for their service to the community. She also discussed the City's growth, including population, the Downtown Plan, local businesses, and the Bridges Neighborhood; she discussed safety, including Police Department hiring, the Officer Wellness Program, crime and arrest statistics, and the Anti-Homelessness Department; and shared elements of the City's vibrancy, including new playgrounds and recent additions to Auburn parks, the Auburn Golf Course, Mountainview Cemetery, City recreation programs and events, the Postmark Center for the Arts, the "Muckleshoot: Alive and Strong" art exhibit, and a video on the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department staff and events. She also included an overview of the Auburn School District and Green River Community College, foundation elements including community improvements, equity elements including the Inclusive Auburn initiative and obtaining an official "Welcoming City" certification, and community elements including the City's internship program, Juneteenth, the Emergency Management Department and their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program, the Auburn Magazine, and the Junior Achievement BizTown program.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of March, 2024.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Rebecca Wood-Pollock,
Deputy City Clerk

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