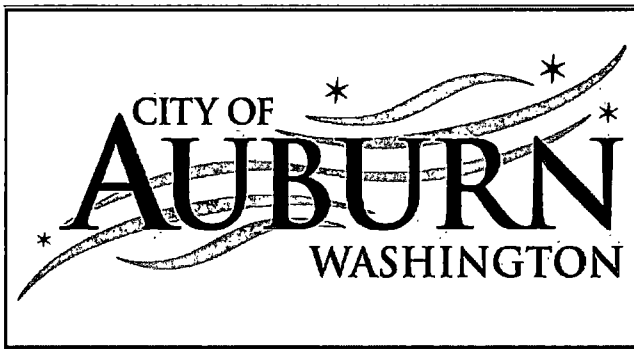


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I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Larry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Brown led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Larry Brown, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Cheryl Rakes, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Mayor Nancy Backus was excused.

The following staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Business Systems Analyst Jonathan Barbano, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl. Outside Counsel Stephen DiJulio with Foster Garvey PC attended the meeting virtually.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Junior City Council

City Council to approve the appointment of Nnamdi Ometu to Auburn Junior City Council for a two year term expiring August 31, 2026

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve the appointment of Nnamdi Ometu to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two year term expiring August 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, Mayor's proclamations, or presentations.

VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VIII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing for Right-of-Way Vacation No. VAC23-0001

City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider Right-of-Way Vacation No. VAC23-0001

Deputy Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Virginia Haugen, Auburn

They expressed their concerns regarding loss of trees in the Vacation area.

Deputy Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

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.

Written Comment:

Todd Hunt, Auburn

They expressed their concerns regarding Palestinians in Gaza and urged Council to support a ceasefire.

In-Person Comments:

Virginia Haugen, Auburn

They expressed their concerns regarding the Right-of-Way Vacation No. VAC23-0001.

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 Amer have reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

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 February 5, 2024, Special City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the February 5, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated February 14, 2024 which includes voucher number 474965 through 475096, in the amount of \$4,057,471.52 and four wire transfers in the amount of \$809,422.62

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539565 through 539568 in the amount of \$81,607.62, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,744,877.81, for a grand total of \$2,826,485.43 for the period covering February 1, 2024 to February 14, 2024

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6927 (Thomas)

An Ordinance establishing the Local Sales and Use Tax Rate for Local Revitalization Financing for 2024

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6927.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6929 (Gaub)

An Ordinance vacating City Right-of-Way located within a portion of 108th Avenue SE that lies South of Lea Hill Road within the City of Auburn

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6929.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Ordinance No. 6930 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending Auburn City Code (ACC) Chapters 3.53, 3.54 and 3.62 related to the administration of City taxes

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6930.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Ordinance No. 6932 (Gaub)

An Ordinance transferring a City Telecommunications Franchise from Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (as a T-Mobile Subsidiary) to Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (as a Cogent Subsidiary)

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6932.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

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 Amer reported she attended and judged the Miss Auburn and Miss Auburn Teen Competition.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the Police Advisory Committee meeting, and the REDI Coalition meeting.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Action Days conference, Daughters of the American Revolution - Lakota Chapter meeting, Valley Regional Fire Authority VRFA Regional meeting, and the Seattle Animal Shelter Board meeting.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Action Days conference, Domestic Violence Task Force meeting, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), and the Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) Board meeting.

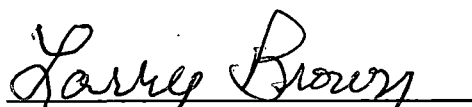
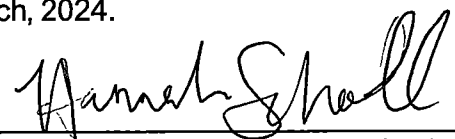
B. From the Mayor

No report.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED this 4th day of March, 2024.

 
LARRY BROWN, DEPUTY MAYOR Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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