



**City Council
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2025 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Backus acknowledged the Federally Recognized Muckleshoot Indian Tribe as the ancestral keepers of the land we are gathered on today.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Hanan Amer attended virtually via Zoom.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed January 20, 2025, as "Martin Luther King Jr. Day" in the City of Auburn.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Airport Advisory Board

City Council to approve the appointment of Gregory Ramig to the Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve the appointment of Gregory Ramig to the Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Arts Commission

City Council to approve the appointments of Andrea Dailey and Dr. Carol Danner to the Arts Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve the appointments of Andrea Dailey and Dr. Carol Danner to the Arts Commission for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Committee

City Council to approve the reappointments of Darren Jones, Ronnie Roberts, and John Rottle to the BIA Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the reappointments of Darren Jones, Ronnie Roberts, and John Rottle to the BIA Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Planning Commission

City Council to approve the reappointment of Kent Sprague to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the reappointment of Kent Sprague to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

E. Transportation Advisory Board

City Council to approve the appointment of Janice Bellinger to the Transportation Advisory Board, for the Senior (55+) Resident position for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the appointment of Janice Bellinger to the Transportation Advisory

Board, for the Senior (55+) Resident position for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

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AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for City of Kent Franchise Agreement No. FRN24-0003 (Gaub)
A Public Hearing to consider Franchise Agreement No. FRN24-0003 for City of Kent Water Facilities

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

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

- B. Public Hearing for Resolution No. 5799 - Development Agreement (Krum)
A Public Hearing to consider a Development Agreement with Portofino Group I, LLC

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

Mark Celich, Auburn WA

Mark provided comments regarding Electronic Torture and Cyber Harassment.

In-Person Comments:

Mark Celich, Auburn WA

Mark provided comments regarding stalking and harassment.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the December 16, 2024, City Council Meeting

B. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated December 31, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 478436 through voucher 478621, in the amount of \$6,135,339.49, twelve electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$5,597.38 and nine wire transfers in the amount of \$7,560,605.46

Claims voucher list dated January 15, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 478622 through voucher 478676, voucher 478678 through voucher 478797 and voucher 478799 in the amount of \$9,741,177.26, six electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,203.83 and one wire transfer in the amount of \$809,556.32

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated January 15, 2025 which includes voucher number 478677, in the amount of \$1,633.28, and voucher number 478798, in the amount of \$2,500.00

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539630 through 539632 in the amount of \$676,833.24, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,719,630.29, for a grand total of \$3,396,463.53 for the period covering December 12, 2024 to December 25, 2024

Payroll check numbers 539633 through 539639 in the amount of \$83,575.56, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,709,919.65, also a special payroll for sick leave cashout payroll check number 539640 through 539640 in the amount of \$703.86 and electronic deposit transmission in the amount of \$22,627.48 for a grand total of \$2,816,826.55 for the period covering December 26, 2024 to January 15, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6965 (Whalen)

An Ordinance relating to the burden of proof in Dangerous Dog Appeals, and amending Section 2.46.120 of the Auburn City Code

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6965.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6966 (Whalen)

An Ordinance relating to bases for eviction from rental housing, and repealing Section 5.23.070 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6966.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5799 (Krum)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Auburn and Portofino Investment Group I LLC, to Govern the Future Development of King County Parcel Numbers 1085623960, 1085623970, 1085623980, And 1085623990

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5799.

Council discussed increased middle housing and the location of the new development.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5802 (Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and Utopia Landscaping, LLC for Landscaping Services

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5802.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5805 (Admin)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Conservation Grant Agreement between the City of Auburn and Puget Sound Energy

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5805.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Resolution No. 5807 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer agreements accepting grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for 3 Projects: 1) A Street SE Preservation (37th Street SE to Lakeland Hills Way), 2) 1st Street NE/NW And N Division Street Pedestrian Improvements, and 3) C Street SW Preservation (GSA Signal to Ellingson Rd SE)

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5807.

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E. Resolution No. 5808 (Caillier)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a Grant Award from the Office of the Attorney General of Washington

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5808.

Council discussed the equipment servicing Auburn Police Department as well as other local agencies.

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F. Resolution No. 5809 (Caillier)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with Flock Group, Inc for the installation of Traffic Safety Cameras

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5809.

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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Rakes reported she attended King County Board of Health meeting, the West Auburn Community Conversations event, and the Auburn Junior City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Amer reported that she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) District 13 meeting.

Councilmember Baldwin reported that nighttime visibility is important for pedestrians.

Councilmember C. Taylor reported he attended the AWC District 13 meeting.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended Public Issues Committee meeting, the Economic Development District Board alternate, AWC District 13 meeting, VRFA meeting, and the Auburn Community Safety meeting.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Best Starts for Kids Youth Justice Committee meeting and discussed the Youth Bill of Rights passed by King County Council.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Safe Auburn meeting, she testified at the Transportation meeting in favor of funding State Route 167, attended the Washington, D.C. United States Conference of Mayors including the New Mayor session and Police Policy session, polyfluoroalkyl (PFA) threats to firefighters, FIFA World Cup session, and shared that she testified on House Bill 1380 and discussed homelessness in Auburn.

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 February 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk