



**City Council
Study Session
January 13, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Study Session Meeting was held in person and virtually.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Right-of-Way Specialist Amber Olds, and Acting City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Auburn Symphony Orchestra – 2024 Annual Report (Faber) (20 Minutes)

Rachel Perry, AJ VanderPol, and Kevin Paustian with the Auburn Symphony Orchestra provided Council with a presentation on the 2024 Annual Report including highlights from 2023 and 2024, upcoming events for 2025, funding, community engagement, programs, and the Carnegie Library.

Council discussed Les Gove Park events, concerts, and community engagement.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. Ordinance No. 6962 (Gaub) (5 Minutes)
An Ordinance granting to City of Kent, a Washington Municipal Corporation, a Franchise for Water Facilities

Specialist Olds provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6962 including the City of Kent's Water Service Area, requirements, and the Public Hearing process.

- B. Ordinance No. 6965 (Whalen) (5 Minutes)
An Ordinance relating to the burden of proof in Dangerous Dog Appeals, and amending section 2.46.120 of the Auburn City Code

Senior City Staff Attorney Jones provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6965 including compliance.

Council discussed dangerous dog incidents, definitions of Potentially Dangerous and Deemed Dangerous, and dog signage requirements.

- C. Ordinance No. 6966 (Whalen) (5 Minutes)
An Ordinance relating to bases for eviction from rental housing, and repealing section 5.23.070 of the Auburn City Code

Senior City Staff Attorney Jones provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6966 including State laws.

Council discussed resources for landlords, and notifications to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of February 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk