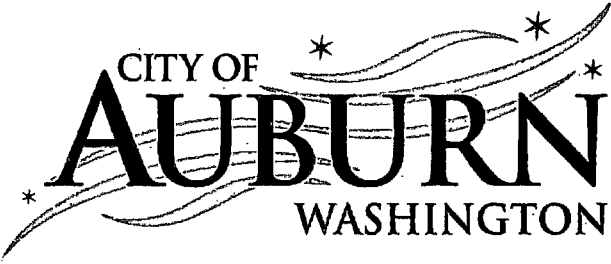


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|  | <p align="center"> <b>City Council Meeting</b><br/> <b>February 6, 2023 - 7:00 PM</b><br/> <b>City Hall Council Chambers</b><br/> <b>MINUTES</b><br/> <b>Watch the meeting LIVE!</b> </p> <p align="center"> <b>Watch the meeting video</b><br/> Meeting videos are not available until 72<br/> hours after the meeting has concluded. </p> |
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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would like to acknowledge the Federally Recognized Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the ancestral keepers of the land we are gathered on today. We thank them for their immense contributions to our state and local history, culture, economy, and identity as Washingtonians.

## **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, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel.

Department directors and staff members present included:  
City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Equity and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Black History Month**

Mayor Backus to proclaim February 2023 as "Black History Month" in the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus proclaimed February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Auburn.

LaTricia Kinlow and Pastor LaShund Lambert, members of the Police Advisory Committee, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Pastor Lambert encouraged everyone to remember the reasons for this month all year long. Ms. Kinlow asked everyone to read Doctor King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail.

**B. Police Promotional Ceremony (Caillier)**

Police Chief Caillier introduced Matt Wilkinson and Chris Burger. Officer Wilkinson was promoted to Sergeant, and Sergeant Burger was promoted to Commander. Sergeant Wilkinson and Commander Burger recited the Police Officer Oath.

Mayor Backus recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

**VI. APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Transportation Advisory Board**

City Council to approve the appointment of Ajay Ganesan to the Transportation Advisory Committee - Bicycling Community Representative position for a three year term expiring December 31, 2025

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to appoint Ajay Ganesan to the Transportation Advisory Committee - Bicycling Community Representative position for a three year term expiring December 31, 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0**

**B. Auburn Arts Commission**

City Council to approve the appointments of Tracy Taylor-Turner and Tracy Gallaway to the Auburn Arts Commission for a three year term expiring December 31, 2025

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to appoint Tracy Taylor-Turner and Tracy Gallaway to the Auburn Arts Commission for a three year term expiring December 31, 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0**

**VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## VIII. 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.

Ernest Commodore 34620 4th PL SW Federal Way 98023  
Mr. Commodore expressed frustration regarding the Community Center being closed.

Bob Durrigan 104 S. 325th PL Federal Way 98003  
Mr. Durrigan invited everyone to attend the 19th Annual Special Needs Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday April 29, 2023, at Mill Pond Park.

Liem Allen 2120 62nd Loop SE Auburn 98092  
Mr. Allen and members of Troop 401 invited Mayor and Council to attend their Troops 100th Anniversary Event.

Linda Redmond 2704 18th ST SE Auburn 98002  
Ms. Redmond shared information regarding Black History, and recommended a gluten free YouTube video.

Doctor Commodore 109 S Division ST Auburn 98001  
Doctor Commodore shared that she recently launched her business to heal trauma for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) girls. She requested additional funding for her program.

### B. 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 Baggett 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. Claims Voucher (Thomas)**

Claims voucher list dated February 6, 2023 which includes voucher number 470890 through 471034, in the amount of \$3,573,355.74 and six wire transfers in the amount of \$918,385.73

### **B. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)**

Payroll check numbers 539466 through 539467 in the amount of \$615,569.73, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,386,621.43 for a grand total of \$3,002,191.16 for the period covering January 12, 2023 to February 1, 2023

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve the consent agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0**

## **XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Baldwin and Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj moved to create an ad hoc committee to review benefits and leave compensation for the Mayoral position.

*This committee will:*

- *work with staff to gather both historic and comparative data*
- *evaluate current ordinance*
- *establish appropriate legal span of control*
- *develop options for revising the existing ordinance language*
- *present our findings back to council in study session when next steps may be taken as determined by council*

Council discussed asked how the ad hoc committee would be selected and which staff members the committee will work with.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0**

## **XIII. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Resolution No. 5699 (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 6 Projects:

- 1) E Valley Highway Widening
- 2) R Street SE And 21st Street SE Roundabout

- 3) 2023 City Safety Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements
- 4) A Street Loop
- 5) C Street SW Preservation (W Main St to GSA Signal), and
- 6) Lake Tapps Parkway/Sumner-Tapps Hwy E Preservation

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve Resolution No. 5699.

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 Baggett reported he attended the Pierce County Board of Health meeting.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the Cities and Schools meeting,

##### **B. From the Mayor**

Mayor Backus reported she attended the South Correction Entity (SCORE) Board meeting, and a meeting with the North Auburn Businesses. She reported she is working with the Washington State Legislators on proposed legislation.

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

  
NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

  
Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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