

	City Council Meeting February 5, 2024 - 7:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 7:08 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

Mayor Backus 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 Yolonda Trout-Manuel.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Arts and Events Manager Julie Krueger, Director of Equity and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Human Resources Director Candis Martinson, Assistant Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Business Systems Analyst Jonathan Barbano, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A. Junior City Council

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

Deputy Mayor Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve the appointment of Mikaela Pedraja 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

A. Black History Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed February 2024 as "Black History Month" in the City of Auburn.

Director of Equity and Inclusion Goodson-Moore thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

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.

No one came forward to speak.

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 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 January 16, 2024, and January 24, 2024,

Special City Council Meetings

B. Minutes of the January 16, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

C. Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Study Session Meeting

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated January 31, 2024 which includes voucher number 474733 and voucher 474736 through voucher 474874, in the amount of \$2,848,503.88, and five wire transfers in the amount of \$336,743.99

Claims voucher list dated January 31, 2024 which includes voucher number 474732, voucher number 474734 through 474735 and voucher 474875 through voucher 474964, in the amount of \$3,914,604.91, and two wire transfers in the amount of \$4,220,590.30

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539563 through 539564 in the amount of \$645,117.14, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,563,916.11, for a grand total of \$3,209,033.25 for the period covering January 11, 2024 to January 31, 2024

Deputy Mayor Brown moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the consent agenda.

Councilmember C. Taylor requested that the claims vouchers be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Council to vote on the approval of Item D on the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0. Councilmember C. Taylor abstained.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6931 (Gaub)

An Ordinance providing for the acquisition by Eminent Domain of Property located near or adjacent to Auburn Way South within the City of Auburn, Washington, for Roadway Widening Improvements for Project No. CP1622, Auburn Way South Widening – Hemlock Street SE to Poplar Street SE; declaring public use and necessity; and providing for severability and an effective date

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6931.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XIV. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5756 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology for Implementation of Requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Phase II Permit

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5756.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5757 (Thomas)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Department of Ecology to implement the 2023-2025 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant Program and to accept and expend program grant funds

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5757.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5758 (Caillier)

A Resolution accepting a grant award from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for Body Worn Cameras

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5758.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XV. 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

Deputy Mayor Brown provided an overview of the Junior City Council.

Councilmember Amer reported she attended the Inclusive Auburn event, Don's Place opening, and a Special Olympics event in Auburn.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the Cities and Schools meeting, REDI Coalition meeting, Auburn Symphonies, Don's Place opening, and the Inclusive Auburn Event.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the King County Department of Health meeting, and Don's Place opening.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the opening of the Muckleshoot exhibit at the Postmark Center for the Arts, and the Seattle Animal Shelter meeting.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Best Starts for Kids meeting, and the Pierce County Committee of Domestic Violence meeting.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Inclusive Auburn event, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, encouraged public participation in the City's new Opioid Task Force, attended the Consul General of India welcome event, and testified on Senate Bill 6076.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED this 20th day of February, 2024.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Rebecca Wood-Pollock,
Deputy City Clerk

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