



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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor 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, Clinton Taylor, and Tracy Taylor. Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed July 2025, as "Parks and Recreation Month" in the City of Auburn.

Director Krueger and Matt Jennings, Chair of the Auburn Parks, Arts, and Recreation Board, accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council

for recognizing Parks and Recreation Month.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Auburn Tourism Board
City Council to approve the appointments of Jeannie Alexander, Kenia Chavez, Jacob Plancich, and Taj Wallace to the Auburn Tourism Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded to approve the appointment of Jeannie Alexander, Kenia Chavez, Jacob Plancich, and Taj Wallace to the Auburn Tourism Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- B. Human Services Committee
City Council to approve the appointment of Ashley Samuel to the Human Services Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve the appointment of Ashley Samuel to the Human Services Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- C. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
City Council to approve the appointment of Ronald Oh to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the appointment of Ronald Oh to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- D. Planning Commission
City Council to approve the appointment of Ajay Ganesan to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilmember Amer moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded to approve the appointment of Ajay Ganesan to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

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AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from Darwin Sorensen and Mark Celich, which were forwarded to the Mayor and Council for review prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Virginia Haugen provided public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee (Baldwin)

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee, reported there are no updates.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the June 16, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes from the June 23, 2025, Study Session Meeting

C. Minutes from the July 14, 2025, Study Session Meeting

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated June 18, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 480087 through voucher 480258, in the amount of \$7,872,388.17, eighteen electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$10,502.03, and one wire transfer in the amount of \$728,764.05

E. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated June 30, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 480259 through voucher 480372, in the amount of \$6,081,161.05, twelve electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$3,486.91, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$982,335.23

F. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated July 16, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 480373 through voucher 480422, voucher numbers 480424 through voucher 480553, in the amount of \$5,293,472.71, seventeen electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$25,781.52, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$1,143,516.88

- G. Claims Voucher (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated July 16, 2025 which includes voucher number 480423 in the amount of \$9,035.24
- H. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539699 through 539702 in the amount of \$695,017.17, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,836,250.89, also a special payroll for late submitted Parks timecards with an electronic deposit transmission in the amount of \$15,756.92 for a grand total of \$3,547,024.98 for the period covering June 12, 2025, to July 2, 2025
- I. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539703 through 539710 in the amount of \$202,668.96, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,056,406.67, also a special payroll for a found Parks timecard with an electronic deposit transmission in the amount of \$858.32 for a grand total of \$3,259,933.95 for the period covering July 3, 2025, to July 16, 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. 6980 (Gaub)
An Ordinance adopting the City's Amended 2024 Comprehensive Water Plan

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6980.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- B. Ordinance No. 6983 (Gaub)
An Ordinance amending Sections within Chapter 10.42 of the Auburn City Code related to the use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect traffic violations

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6983.

Council discussed a thirty-day warning window.

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RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5840 (Gaub)

A Resolution setting a Public Hearing to consider the vacation of City right-of-way located within a portion of the northwest corner of 1st Street NW and B Street NW within the City of Auburn, Washington

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5840.

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B. Resolution No. 5844 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with KGCAL Sumner Meadows LLC Related to the Previous Boundary Adjustment with the City of Sumner

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5844.

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C. Resolution No. 5846 (Hay)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the King County Regional Interlocal Agreement enabling the City to receive its share of the opioid settlement funds

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5846.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Resolution No. 5847 (Gaub)

A Resolution adopting the City of Auburn Automated Traffic Safety Camera 2025 Program Expansion Study and Program Overview (Study) and affirming that speed enforcement with automated traffic safety cameras at the locations recommended in the Study is consistent with State law

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5847.

Council discussed the proposed locations.

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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmembers provided reports on events that they attended.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus provided a report on the events she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED this 4th day of August 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk