



**City Council
Study Session
PW & CD Special Focus Area
July 28, 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, Lisa Stirgus, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Senior Project Engineer Matt Larson, Transportation Planner Veronica Bean, Right-of-Way Specialist Amber Olds, Senior Traffic Engineer James Webb, Parks Planning and Development Manager Thaniel Gouk, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, or presentations.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Pierce Transit Destination 2045 Long Range Plan (Gaub) (15 Minutes)

Councilmember T. Taylor, Chair of the Public Works and Community Development Special Focus Area, chaired this portion of the meeting.

Planner Bean introduced Ryan Wheaton from Pierce Transit who provided Council with an overview of the Pierce Transit Destination 2045 Long Range Plan, including community outreach and input, additions to the second draft of the Plan, service hours, baseline scenarios, and next steps.

Council discussed service hours.

B. King County Metro South Link Connections Project Update (Gaub) (15 Minutes)

Planner Bean introduced Genevieve Jones and Nicole Aguirre with King County Metro who provided Council with an overview of the King County Metro South Link Connections Project Update including project scope, mobility priorities, engagement timeline, and the Phase 2 engagement, outreach, and survey results. They discussed the Phase 3 network highlights, changes from Phase 2, impacts on the City of Auburn, and Phase 3 engagement.

Council discussed Metro Flex Pilots and timelines.

C. Capital Projects Status Report and Feature Project: Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (Gaub) (20 Minutes)

Engineer Larson provided Council with an overview of the Capital Project Status Report including current status and the Capital Project Interactive Map tool. He discussed the projects currently under construction, including: CP2328 A Street SE Preservation, CP2123 C Street SW Preservation, CP2107 Public Works M&O Facility Improvements, CP1622 Auburn Way South Improvements, and CP2321 Downtown Infrastructure Improvements.

Planner Bean provided Council with an overview of the Featured Program: Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program including program objectives, and prior, current, and future focus areas.

Council discussed the Rapid Ride I-Line, raised crosswalks, B Street Plaza timeline, streetlights, and bicycle lanes.

D. Ordinance No. 6984 (Gaub) (5 Minutes)

An Ordinance vacating 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

Specialist Olds provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6984 including location, application review, staff recommendations, benefits, and the upcoming Public Hearing.

- E. Transportation Impact Fee Program Update and Ordinance No. 6992 (Gaub) (20 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 19.04 Transportation Impact Fees of the Auburn City Code

Director Gaub, Assistant Director Sweeting, and Engineer Webb provided Council with an overview of the Traffic Impact Fee Program Update and Ordinance No. 6992 including previous discussions and actions, alignment with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, growth trips, project costs, updated approach, and proposed fee per trip. They discussed fee schedule factors, transit factors, other changes, and examples. They discussed downtown fee comparisons to other jurisdictions, credit assessments, transparency, predictability, and flexibility. They also discussed funding, Code updates, and next steps.

Council discussed the process for businesses not listed, stakeholders, business outreach and education, and deferrals and payment plans.

- F. Ordinance No. 6985 (Krueger) (10 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to the Park Impact Fees Code, Chapter 19.08 of the Auburn City Code

Manager Gouk provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6985 including Code updates and next steps.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. Ordinance No. 6991 (Thomas) (30 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending the City's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6991 including the summary of changes, details, and fund balance impacts to the General Fund and all other funds.

Council discussed the Court Administrator position and the Temporary Communications position.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED this 4th day of August 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk