



**City Council
Regular Meeting
August 4, 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, Lisa Stirgus, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Emergency Management Coordinator Tyler Turner, Emergency Manager Matthew Colpitts, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Community Healthcare Consultant Pat Bailey, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Wellpoint Appreciation

Mayor Backus proclaimed August 4th, 2025 as "WellPoint and David Escame Appreciation Day" in the City of Auburn.

Consultant Bailey introduced Lisa Bogard, Wellpoint Washington Plan President, and David Escame, Director of Marketing and Community Outreach and expressed her gratitude for their hard work at WellPoint Washington. David Escame accepted the proclamation.

B. Emergency Management Awareness Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed August 2025 as "Emergency Management Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn.

Coordinator Turner and Manager Colpitts accepted the proclamation.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The Wellpoint Appreciation item was added to the Announcements, Mayor's Proclamations, and Presentations section of the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from 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 no new updates.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the July 21, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes from the July 28, 2025, Study Session Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

One wire transfer dated July 8, 2025, in the amount of \$659,620.25

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated July 22, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 480554 through voucher 480630, in the amount of \$3,403,305.57

E. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated July 30, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 480631 through voucher 480753, in the amount of \$5,126,359.23, eleven electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$8,469.29 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$1,990,929.60

F. 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.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6985 (Krueger)

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

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6985.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6991 (Thomas)

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

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6991.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Ordinance No. 6992 (Gaub)

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

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6992.

Councilmember Baldwin thanked staff for their work on this Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5849 (Martinson)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Office of Public Defense to accept and expend grant funds for public defense services

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5849.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmembers provided reports on the events that they attended.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus provided a report on the events that she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of August, 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk