



**City Council
Study Session
Municipal Services SFA
August 11, 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, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Lisa Stirgus attended the meeting virtually via Zoom and Councilmember Kate Baldwin was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Discussion of Auburn School District Building Bond
Vicki Alonzo, Auburn School District Director of Communication, to provide Council with a brief overview of the upcoming Bond item in the November 2025 Ballot

Auburn School District Director of Communication, Vicki Alonzo, provided Council with an overview of the two upcoming proposition items on the November 2025 Ballot, including why they are being brought back before the voters, items included in the propositions, technology, costs per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, and safety increases.

Council discussed the differences between major maintenance and

enhancement maintenance, public engagement, long-term maintenance plans, and portables at new schools.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2025 Police Advisory Committee Update (Caillier) (30 Minutes)

Members of the Police Advisory Committee (PAC) Chris Knight, Diana Johnson, Joshua Zumsteg, and Richard Stirgus provided Council with an update on the creation and purpose of the PAC, accomplishments of PAC recommendations, communications to key groups, recruitment and retention of officers, diversity in hiring practices, leadership and training opportunities, mentorship, diversity with language, when to call 911, crime trends, suggestions for anonymous employee complaints, community perceptions, the difference between police issues and community issues, and community engagement.

Council discussed the frequency of the BolaWrap, females in leadership, Valley Communications Academy, anonymous reporting, length of terms on PAC, communications with other City's PAC's, representation on PAC, recruitment of females, and PAC crowdsourcing information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of August 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk