



**City Council
Study Session
Community Wellness SFA
August 25, 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, Lisa Stirgus, Clinton Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmembers Kate Baldwin and Tracy Taylor attended the meeting virtually via Zoom.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague, Recreation Program Coordinator Kjerstin Lange, 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.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Recreation Biking Program Update (Krueger) (20 Minutes)

Councilmember Trout-Manuel, Chair of the Community Wellness Special Focus Area, chaired this portion of the meeting.

Director Krueger and Coordinator Lange provided Council with an update on

the Recreation Biking Program including Cedar Lanes Bike Park redevelopment, grant funded programs, community outreach, school outreach, fee based recreational programs, and future program plans.

Council discussed assistance from non-profit organizations, program sign-up process, class attendance, bike bus programs, storage facilities, and staffing.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Downtown Subarea Plan Update (Krum) (20 Minutes)

Director Krum and Manager Teague provided Council with an update on the Downtown Subarea Plan including the history of the original Plan, policy requirements, expansion of downtown, additional housing, and creation of districts. They also discussed key themes, public engagement, growth and development alternatives, Downtown Urban Center (DUC) Core District, DUC Health and Wellness District, DUC Neighborhood Residential District, DUC Flex Residential District, and next steps.

Council discussed outreach and feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED this 2nd day of September 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk