



**City Council
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 7:02 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: Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, proclamations, or presentations.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Junior City Council
City Council to approve the appointment of Lawand Muhsen to the Auburn Junior City Council for a one-year term expiring August 31, 2026

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the appointment of Lawand Muhsen to the Junior City Council for a one-year term expiring August 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

- B. Salary Commission
City Council to approve the appointment of Aaron Schuler to the Salary Commission for a four-year term expiring August 31, 2028

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the appointment of Aaron Schuler to the Salary Commission for a four-year term expiring August 31, 2028.

Councilmember Baldwin recused herself due to personal gain because Aaron Schuler supported her political campaign financially.

Council discussed the candidate's personal relationships with the Council and the legality of his appointment.

MOTION CARRIED. 4-2. Deputy Mayor Rakes and Councilmember Trout-Manuel voted no. Councilmember Baldwin abstained.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution No. 5851 (Gaub)
A Public Hearing to consider approving the surplus of Vehicle 6903C, 2010 Vactor Truck Valued at \$85,000.00

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Virginia Haugen provided comments.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

- B. Resolution No. 5853 (Whalen)
A Public Hearing to consider declaring City-Owned Utility Real Property King County Parcel Number 3341000088 as surplus

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Virgina Haugen provided comments.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

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

In-Person Comments:

Trish Boarden and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the August 18, 2025, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the August 25, 2025, Study Session Meeting
- C. Setting the date for Public Hearing for Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC Franchise Agreement (Gaub)
- D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated August 27, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 481052 through voucher 481096, voucher numbers 481098 through voucher 481204 in the amount of \$3,373,219.77, twelve electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$22,854.99 and four wire transfers in the amount of \$2,011,207.02
- E. Claims Voucher (Thomas)
Claims Voucher 481097, dated August 27, 2025, in the amount of \$24,417.57
- F. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539721 through 539723 in the amount of \$701,502.21, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,750,415.43, for a grand total of \$3,451,917.64 for the period covering August 14, 2025 to August 27, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Stirgus 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.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5851 (Gaub)

A Resolution approving the surplus of Vehicle 6903C, 2010 Vactor Truck
Valued at \$85,000.00

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirus seconded to
adopt Resolution No. 5851.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5853 (Whalen)

A Resolution declaring City-Owned Utility Real Property King County Parcel
Number 3341000088 as surplus and authorizing its disposal

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt
Resolution No. 5853.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5854 (Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale
Agreement with Zachary D. and Shawnee R. Beck for the disposal of Surplus
Real Property King County Parcel Number 3341000088

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to
adopt Resolution No. 5854.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Resolution No. 5855 (Hay)

A Resolution ratifying the Mayor's execution of an allocation agreement and
participation forms related to opioid pharmacy and manufacturer settlements

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to
adopt Resolution No. 5855.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

E. Resolution No. 5857 (Thomas)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City
of Auburn and the Department of Ecology to implement the 2025-2027 Local

Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant Program and to accept and expend Program Grant Funds

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5857.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

F. Resolution No. 5858 (Council)

A Resolution supporting the Auburn School District's School Proposition 1: School Bond-Building for Learning and Proposition 2: Safety, Security, Facility Improvements and Technology Replacement Levy

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5858.

There was an opportunity for Public Comment on the ballot measure.

Virginia Haugen provided comments.

Council discussed the Bond Measures.

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 she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of September 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

