



**City Council
Study Session
Finance & Internal Services SFA
September 8, 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, Tracey Taylor, Clinton Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Kate Baldwin attended the meeting virtually via Zoom.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Assistant Director of Community Development Steve Sturza, Right-of-Way Specialist Amber Olds, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, or presentations.

FINANCE AND INTERNAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2nd Quarter 2025 Financial Report (Thomas) (20 Minutes)
Financial Report through June 30, 2025

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Finance and Internal Services Special Focus Area, chaired this portion of the meeting.

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the 2nd Quarter 2025 Financial Report including the General Fund overview, tax revenue, licenses and permits fees, intergovernmental revenue, charges for services, other revenue sources, expenditures from the General Fund, ARPA expenditures update, and Real Estate Excise Tax collections.

Council discussed the City's comparison with other jurisdictions in the State Liquor Tax, recruitment and retention, B&O Taxes, salary savings, and intergovernmental funds.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Ordinance No. 6987 (Krum) (15 Minutes)

An Ordinance for a site-specific rezone of Parcel No. 0004200001 from R-2, Residential Low to P-1, Public Use

Assistant Director Sturza provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6987 including the location of the proposed rezone, the proposed changes, and the Hearing Examiner's recommendation.

Council discussed the connection to the Comprehensive Plan, and the timeline of the project.

B. Ordinance No. 6988 (Krum) (15 Minutes)

An Ordinance for a major amendment to the Lakeland Hills South PUD boundary to extract fourteen (14) parcels

Assistant Director Sturza provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6988 including the parcels included in the proposed change, the purpose for the Amendment, the final development plan, and the Hearing Examiner's comments and recommendation.

C. Ordinance No. 6994 (Gaub) (10 Minutes)

An Ordinance granting Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC a franchise for wireline telecommunications

Specialist Olds provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6994 including the proposed Franchise Agreement, location of the proposed franchise, and future expansion.

Council discussed the impact on other franchise holders and affordability to the residents, the number of franchise agreements, and digital equity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of September 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk