



**City Council
Regular Meeting
September 15, 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, Lisa Stirgus, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Kate Baldwin attended virtually.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Resources Candis Martinson, Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The National Recovery Month item was added to the Announcements, Mayor's Proclamations, and Presentations section of the agenda, and an Executive Session was added to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Promotional Ceremony (Caillier)

Chief Caillier introduced Sergeant Blake and Officer Fry. Sergeant Blake was promoted to Patrol Commander, and Officer Fry was promoted to Sergeant. Commander Blake and Sergeant Fry recited the Police Officer Oath of Honor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation that may be commenced against the City. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, Deputy City Attorney Byrne, and Director Martinson were required to attend.

Mayor Backus extended the Executive Session by 5 minutes.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from King County Library

King County Library Regional Manager David Wright to give an update on the Auburn Library.

David Wright, King County Library Regional Manager, provided Council with an update on the Auburn Library including their Curiosity Isn't Quiet campaign, an overview of their cardholders, ecards, physical and digital checkouts, library users, the "Curious Readers" summer reading program, and their Peers in Libraries Program.

B. Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed September 15, 2025, to October 15, 2025, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

Maria Phillips and her children accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Backus.

C. Constitution Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed September 17, 2025, through September 23, 2025, as "Constitution Week" in the City of Auburn.

Hilda Meryhew with the Daughters of the American Revolution accepted the proclamation, gave a brief history on the United States Constitution, and thanked Mayor Backus.

D. National Recovery Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed September 2025 as "National Recovery Month" in the City of Auburn.

Health Point Patient Care Navigator Hailee Brown and Program Manager Amran Ahmed accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Backus.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0002 (Gaub)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing for consideration of Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0002 for Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC for a Wireline Telecommunications Franchise

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Austin Christofferson with Ezee Fiber provided public comment regarding the company's services and local events.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Amber Lott, Auburn
Amber provided public comment.

Ronnie Morgan, Auburn
Ronnie provided public comment.

Cobi Clark, Auburn
Cobi provided public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the September 2, 2025, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the September 8, 2025, Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated September 10, 2025, which includes voucher numbers 481205 through voucher 481351, in the amount of \$5,393,967.62,

sixteen electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$5,911.46, and one wire transfer in the amount of \$697,310.63

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539724 through 539728 in the amount of \$81,352.38, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,152,302.34, for a grand total of \$3,233,654.72 for the period covering August 28, 2025, to September 10, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the consent agenda.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to authorize Attorney Ryan Miller and the law firm of Hall and Miller to explore a potential settlement of pending worker's compensation claim #SM06128 against the City. Final settlement of this claim will be subject to Council review and approval of a written settlement agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6987 (Krum)

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

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6987.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6988 (Krum)

An Ordinance for a Major Amendment to the Lakeland Hills South PUD Boundary to extract fourteen (14) parcels

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6988.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5856 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the City of Sumner relating to the City of Auburn's Coal Creek Springs Transmission Main Replacement Project and the City of Sumner's Levee & Point Bar Project

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5856.

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 and shared information regarding the City's dedication to improving community safety.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of October 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk