



**City Council
Regular Meeting
October 6, 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, 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 Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Resources Candis Martinson, Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Active Aging Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 6, 2025, through October 12, 2025, as "Active Aging Week" in the City of Auburn.

Zhanna Denisyuk, Senior Community Manager of Legacy Plaza, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Active Aging Week.

B. Indigenous Peoples' Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 13, 2025, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Auburn.

C. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2025, as "Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month" in the City of Auburn.

Officer Bennett accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. She shared resources provided to victims.

D. Filipino American History Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2025, as "Filipino American History Month" in the City of Auburn.

Pastor Ofa Langi and guests accepted the proclamation. They thanked the Mayor and Council for recognition of Filipino American History Month.

E. Hindu Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2025, as "Hindu Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from Tina Simmons which were forwarded to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Trista Sutherland and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the September 15, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes from the September 22, 2025, Study Session Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated September 24, 2025, which includes voucher

numbers 481352 through voucher 481488, in the amount of \$5,544,447.72, eleven electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,086.37, and two wire transfers in the amount of \$1,190,317.54

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539730 through 539733 in the amount of \$701,612.09, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,956,037.79, for a grand total of \$3,657,649.88 for the period covering September 11, 2025, to October 1, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer 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.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6982 (Krum)

An Ordinance amending Chapters 14.03 and 18.60 of the Auburn City Code relating to Home Occupations

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6982.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 6994 (Gaub)

An Ordinance granting to Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, a Franchise for Wireline Telecommunications

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6994.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

- C. Ordinance No. 7001 (Krum)
An Ordinance amending Sections 15.20.020, 15.20.030, 15.20.040, 15.20.050, 15.20.060, and 15.20.070 of the Auburn City Code relating to the International Property Maintenance Code

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7001.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

- D. Ordinance No. 7002 (Whalen/Martinson)
An Ordinance establishing a Municipal Court, and adding Chapter 2.14 of the Auburn City Code

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7002.

Council discussed the costs of court and justice services.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5859 (Gaub)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and King County relating to the City of Auburn's AWOS, Beacon and Emergency Generator Project

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5859.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

- B. Resolution No. 5861 (Gaub)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program relating to Project No. CP2509, Downtown Bike to Transit — 10th Street NE/NW

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5861.

Council discussed the value to the community.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5862 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation and Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board relating to Project No. CP2311, East Valley Highway Widening

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5862.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Resolution No. 5864 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce relating to project No. CP2414, Downtown Auburn Theater

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5864.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

E. Resolution No. 5865 (Caillier)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Association of Washington Cities - Co-Responder Program with Project Be Free

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5865.

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 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of November 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk