



**City Council
Regular Meeting
October 20, 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

Girl Scout Troop No. 46021 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, and Tracy Taylor. Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel was excused.

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, Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Diwali, Festival of Lights

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 18, 2025, to October 22, 2025, as "Diwali, Festival of Lights" in the City of Auburn.

B. Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 23, 2025, through October 31, 2025, as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Auburn.

Kelly Murray of Cascade Middle School accepted the proclamation and thanked both the Mayor and Council for their support.

C. Financial Literacy Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 20, 2025, through October 24, 2025, as Financial Literacy Week in the City of Auburn.

Erica Chen and Jasmine Nguyen, Auburn Mountainview High School DECA Students, accepted the proclamation and thanked both the Mayor and Council for their support.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. City Council to approve the appointment of Nazli Shamdeen to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2026

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the appointment of Nazli Shamdeen to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Ordinance No. 6995 was removed from the agenda and the Financial Literacy Week proclamation was added to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from Linda Redman and James DeLay which were forwarded to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Nancy Peterson and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Setting the date the for Public Hearing for Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Franchise Agreement (Gaub)
- B. Setting the date for a Public Hearing for Hyperfiber of Washington, LLC dba Ripple Fiber Franchise Agreement (Gaub)
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated October 8, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 481489 through voucher 481522, voucher numbers 481524 through voucher 481605 in the amount of \$3,848,482.30, sixteen electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$21,280.78, and one wire transfer in the amount of \$296,260.85
- D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher dated October 8, 2025 which includes voucher number 481523 in the amount of \$7,322.48
- E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539734 through 539741 in the amount of \$86,678.56, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,910,175.35, for a grand total of \$2,996,853.91 for the period covering October 2, 2025 to October 15, 2025

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5860 (Whalen)
A Resolution amending the City of Auburn Fee Schedule to adjust for 2026 Fees

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5860.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5866 (Krum)

A Resolution relating to the endorsement of the 2026 Valley Regional Fire Authority Fee Schedule as adopted by the VRFA Board of Governance

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5866.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmembers provided reports on the events that they attended.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reminded everyone of Auburn's Trunk or Treat event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of November 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk