



**City Council
Regular Meeting
November 3, 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 Bailey Nelson 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, Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, Mayor's proclamations, or presentations.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 6995 (Krum)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance relating to the adoption of a 6-month moratorium extension for Energy Storage System facilities proposed to be located in the City of Auburn

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Virginia Haugen provided comments.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

- B. Public Hearing for Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0004 (Gaub)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing in consideration of Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0004 for Soos Creek Water and Sewer District for a Sanitary Sewer Franchise

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Virginia Haugen provided comments.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

- C. Public Hearing for Hyperfiber of Washington, LLC dba Ripple Fiber Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0005 (Gaub)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing in consideration of Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0005 for Hyperfiber of Washington, LLC dba Ripple Fiber for a Wireline Telecommunications Franchise

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mitzi McMahan and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from Darwin Sorensen, which were provided to the Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Linda Redmond, Gene Bremner, Tina Simmons, and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the October 6, 2025, and October 20, 2025, City Council Meetings
- B. Minutes from the October 13, 2025, and October 27, 2025, Study Session Meetings
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated October 22, 2025, which includes voucher numbers 481606 through voucher 481771, in the amount of \$4,299,591.61, nine electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,737.12 and two wire transfers in the amount of \$599,505.51
- D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539742 through 539747 in the amount of \$694,775.60, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,752,989.77, for a grand total of \$3,447,765.37 for the period covering October 16, 2025, to October 29, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor 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. 6995 (Krum)

An Ordinance continuing the moratorium enacted on May 10, 2025, pursuant to Ordinance No. 6978 and as amended by Ordinance No. 6995 on the acceptance, processing, and/or approval of applications for building and land use development for Energy Storage System facilities (ESS) proposed to be located in any zone within the City of Auburn

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Talyor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6995.

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RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5869 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, or Designee, to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and Department of Social and Health Services for Respite Care Payments

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5869.

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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmembers provided reports on the events that they attended.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported on the events she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED this 17th day of November 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk