City Council
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Scouts Pauline and Alexis Bonifacio with Troop No. 45603 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: Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Economic Development Manager Jenn Francis, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS

A. Airport Advisory Board
City Council to approve the reappointment of Deanna Clark and Andrea Prasse to the Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve the reappointment of Deanna Clark and Andrea Prasse to the Airport Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Cemetery Board
City Council to approve the reappointment of Jeanne Hicks to the Cemetery Board, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028

Councimember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve the reappointment of Jeanne Hicks to the Cemetery Board, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Parks & Recreation Board
City Council to approve the reappointment of Tiffany Lindsay to the Parks & Recreation Board, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the reappointment of Tiffany Lindsay to the Parks & Recreation Board, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Planning Commission
City Council to approve the appointments of William Stewart, Aaron VanderPol and Lynn Walters to the Planning Commission, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve the reappointments of William Stewart, Aaron VanderPol, and Lynn Walters to the Planning Commission, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

E. Independent Salary Commission
City Council to approve the reappointment of George Fraiser to the Independent Salary Commission, for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2029

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Trout-Maunel seconded to approve the reappointment of George Fraiser to the Independent Salary Commission, for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2029.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the November 17, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated November 19, 2025, which includes voucher numbers 481906 through voucher 482033, in the amount of $4,859,958.31, twelve electronic fund transfers in the amount of $5,169.11, and one wire transfer in the amount of $615,211.08

C. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539755 through 539759 in the amount of $705,546.27, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of $2,871,411.86, also a special payroll for late submitted Parks timecards with an electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of $2,495.31, for a grand total of $3,579,453.44 for the period covering November 13, 2025, to November 26, 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

A. Selection of Deputy Mayor (Council)

Mayor Bakus read Section 12.1 of the City of Auburn Council Rules regarding selection of the Deputy Mayor.

Nominations were opened.
Councilmember T. Taylor and Deputy Mayor Rakes were nominated. The two candidates provided brief comments regarding their nomination.

Council discussed the nominations.

Councilmember T. Taylor received 4 votes and Deputy Mayor Rakes received 3 votes.

The Deputy Mayor for 2026 is Tracy Taylor.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6990 (Krum)
An Ordinance relating to Planning; Adopting the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments and Plan Map Amendment pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 36.70A RCW and adopting a corresponding Rezone

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6990.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Ordinance No. 7009 (Krum)
An Ordinance adopting School Impact Fees For 2026, amending Chapter 19.02 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7009.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Ordinance No. 7010 (Martinson)
An Ordinance affirming that Councilmembers and the Deputy Mayor are eligible for optional participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and authorizing payment of the required employer contribution for those who elect membership

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7010.

Council discussed the benefit to Councilmembers.

MOTION CARRIED. 6-0, Councilmember Amer abstained.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5839 (Krum)
A Resolution approving the Lodging Tax Grant Disbursements recommended by the Auburn Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and authorizing the Mayor to execute associated agreements for the purpose of Tourism

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5839.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5875 (Hay)
A Resolution amending the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for the plan year of 2025

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5875.

Council discussed the benefit to the community.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5878 (Council)
A Resolution of the City Council amending the City Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember C.Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5878.

MOTION CARRIED. 4-3, Councilmembers Amer, Stirgus, and T. Taylor voted no.

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 prepared statement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of December 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR	Shawn Campbell, City Clerk