



**City Council
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2026 - 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 Tracy Taylor, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Brian Lott, Cheryl Rakes, Lisa Stirgus, and Clinton Taylor.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Aaron Barber, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Auburn Junior City Council
City Council to approve the appointment of Lanya Muhsen to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2027

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to approve the appointment of Lanya Muhsen to the Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written Comments:

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

In-Person Comments:

Cory Thompson, Rocky Salvador, Tim Gilmore, Ashley Sprecher, Ronnie Morgan, and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the January 5, 2026, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the January 12 and January 26, 2026, Study Session Meetings
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated January 14, 2026 which includes voucher numbers 482452 through voucher 482579, in the amount of \$10,511,618.18, five electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,427.14 and two wire transfers in the amount of \$830,671.30
- D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated January 20, 2026, which includes voucher numbers 482580 through voucher 482672, in the amount of \$3,054,604.53

E. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated January 28, 2026 which includes voucher numbers 482673 through voucher 482780, in the amount of \$2,470,568.10, five electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,188.69 and four wire transfers in the amount of \$1,075,460.55

F. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539770 through 539776 in the amount of \$90,421.27, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,267,301.30, also a special payroll for sick leave cash out, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$18,069.34, for a grand total of \$3,375,861.91 for the period covering December 31, 2025 to January 14, 2026

G. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539777 through 539781 in the amount of \$841,433.44, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,851,363.34, for a grand total of \$3,692,796.78 for the period covering January 15, 2026 to January 28, 2026

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 7011 (Thomas)

An Ordinance amending Chapters 2.46 "Hearing Examiner"; 3.41 "Solid Waste Garbage Utility Tax"; 3.53 and 3.54 "Business and Occupation Tax and Square Footage Tax" and the corresponding "Administrative Codes"; 3.62 "Administrative Code for Certain City Taxes"; and 3.88 "Utility Services" of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7011.

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RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5863 (Krum)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) Interlocal Agreement, thereby making the City of Auburn a Partner City

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5863.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5881 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements to accept Stormwater Capacity Grants from the Washington State Department of Ecology for implementing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Phase II permit requirements

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Deputy Mayor T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5881.

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C. Resolution No. 5882 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to grant an Easement to Puget Sound Energy for the purpose of installing Underground Gas Facilities for the AWOS, Beacon, & Emergency Generator Project (CP2335)

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5882.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Resolution No. 5887 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve the conceptual design, fabricate, and install a Public Art Piece into the Auburn Downtown Park qualifying for the 1% for Art for the Theater and Park Design Project

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5887.

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- E. Resolution No. 5888 (Caillier)
A Resolution approving a Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement between the City of Renton and the City of Auburn related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5888.

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- F. Resolution No. 5892 (Martinson)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Auburn and Teamsters Union Local No. 117 - Outside Unit for 2026-2028

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5892.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into a Closed Session per RCW 42.30.140(40(b) to discuss a Collective Bargaining Agreement for 20 minutes at 7:34 p.m. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, City Attorney Whalen, Director Martinson, and Assistant Director Barber were required to attend. There was anticipated action after the Closed Session.

Mayor Backus extended the Closed Session at 7:54 p.m. for 5 minutes.

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Mayor Backus extended the Closed Session at 8:04 p.m. for 5 minutes.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and Resolution No. 5892 was added to the agenda under Resolutions Item F.

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 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED this 17th day of February 2026.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk