



**City Council
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026 - 7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the Federally Recognized Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the ancestral keepers of the land we are gathered on today. We thank them for their immense contributions to our state and local history, culture, economy, and identity as Washingtonians.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Auburn City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

Virtual Participation Link:

To view the meeting virtually please click the below link, or call into the meeting at the phone number listed below. The link to the Virtual Meeting is:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/watchauburn/live/?nomobile=1>

To listen to the meeting by phone or Zoom, please call the below number or click the link:

Telephone: 253 205 0468

Toll Free: 888 475 4499

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86876037390>

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Black History Month
Mayor Backus to proclaim February 2026 as "Black History Month" in the City of Auburn

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Auburn Junior City Council
City Council to approve the appointment of Erica Chen, Giovanni Russo, and Hakima Abdikadir to Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2027

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve the appointment of Erica Chen, Giovanni Russo, and Hakima Abdikadir to Auburn Junior City Council for a two-year term expiring August 31, 2027.)

- B. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Committee of Rate Payers
City Council to approve the appointment of Gabrielle Galloway to the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Committee of Rate Payers for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve the appointment of Gabrielle Galloway to the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Committee of Rate Payers for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.)

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

- A. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance.

Participants can submit written comments via mail, fax, or email. All written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting and must be 350 words or less.

Please mail written comments to:

City of Auburn

Attn: Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

25 W Main St

Auburn, WA 98001

Please fax written comments to:

Attn: Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

Fax number: 253-804-3116

Email written comments to: publiccomment@auburnwa.gov

If an individual requires accommodation to allow for remote oral comment because of a difficulty attending a meeting of the governing body, the City requests notice of the need for accommodation by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting. Participants can request accommodation to be able to provide a remote oral comment by contacting the City Clerk's Office in person, by phone (253) 931-3039, or by email (publiccomment@auburnwa.gov).

CORRESPONDENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

- A. Minutes from the February 2, 2026, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the February 9, 2026, Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated February 11, 2026, which includes voucher numbers 482781 through voucher 482868, in the amount of \$5,706,207.92, twenty-one electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$36,764.61, and two wire transfers in the amount of \$610,987.68

- D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539782 through 539789 in the amount of \$95,167.20, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,081,073.18, for a grand total of \$3,176,240.38 for the period covering January 29, 2026, to February 11, 2026

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 7012 (Thomas)
An Ordinance establishing the Local Sales and Use Tax Rate for Local Revitalization Financing for 2026

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve Ordinance No. 7012.)

- B. Ordinance No. 7013 (Gaub)
An Ordinance providing for the acquisition by eminent domain of property located near or adjacent to R Street SE within the City of Auburn, Washington for roadway improvements and related upgrades for Project No. CP2308, R Street SE/21st St SE roundabout; declaring public use and necessity; and providing for severability and an effective date

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve Ordinance No. 7013.)

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5889 (Thomas)
A Resolution authorizing the Transfer of Funds for the purpose of making loans from the General Fund and/or the Cumulative Reserve Fund to Funds sustained by Grants, Fees, or Tax Credits between February 2026 and February 2029

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5889.)

- B. Resolution No. 5891 (Whalen)
A Resolution declaring City-Owned Real Property located at 15603 SE 174th Street, Renton, Washington as surplus and authorizing its disposal

(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5891.)

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

- A. From the Council
- B. From the Mayor

ADJOURNMENT

Agendas and minutes are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office and on the City website (<http://www.auburnwa.gov>).