



**City Council
Study Session
Community Wellness SFA
February 24, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Study Session Meeting was held in person and virtually.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes, Hanan Amer, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Kate Baldwin was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, SKHHP Executive Manager Claire Goodwin, SKHHP Program Coordinator Dorsol Plants, Transportation Planner Veronica Bean, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The Council Vacancy Appointment Discussion was added to announcements, reports, and presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Council Vacancy Appointment Discussion

Council discussed options for nominees, suspending the rules, the previous appointment of a vacant position, selecting a caretaker to the position, and offering the position to a previous Councilmember.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. King County Metro South Link Connections Project Update (20 Minutes)
(Gaub)

Planner Bean introduced Nicole Aguirre and Cristina Gonzalez with King County Metro and provided Council with a presentation on the South Link Connections Mobility Project, including the project background, scope, engagement timeline, implementation, and Network Tradeoffs. They also discussed the impacts to the City of Auburn, community engagement, partnerships, and goals.

Council discussed increasing the frequency of buses on the weekends, members and the make-up of the King County Mobility Board, Metro Flex, Micro Transit, equitable transit access, community-based organizations in Auburn, and increased routes on West Hill.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Resolution No. 5804 (10 Minutes) (Krum)
A Resolution authorizing the duly-appointed administering agency for the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners to execute all documents necessary to enter into agreements for the funding of Affordable Housing Projects, as recommended by the SKHHP Executive Board, utilizing funds contributed by the City to the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund

Councilmember Trout-Manuel, Chair of the Community Wellness Special Focus Area, chaired this portion of the meeting.

Executive Manager Goodwin and Program Coordinator Plants provided Council with a presentation on the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund Recommendations, including jurisdiction members, review process, recommended projects, and recommended funding sources.

Council discussed the amount Auburn is contributing, and ensuring that funding comes to Auburn.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of March 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

