



**City Council
Regular Meeting
March 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

Mayor Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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: Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Assistant Director of Community Development Steven Sturza, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Intravartolo Auburn, WA

John provided comments regarding the need for improvements to the outdoor bocce courts at Les Gove Park.

Salvatore Eascone Auburn, WA

Salvatore provided comments regarding the need for improvements to the bocce courts at Les Gove Park.

Tim Gilmore Auburn, WA

Tim expressed concerns regarding Schneider Homes, multifamily developments, community safety and health issues.

Virginia Haugen Auburn, WA

Virginia expressed concerns regarding the Comprehensive Plan and land development.

Jeffrey Walker Auburn, WA

Jeffrey expressed concerns regarding the wages that food delivery drivers receive.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the February 18, 2025, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the February 24, 2025, Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated February 26, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 479056 through voucher 479149, in the amount of \$4,256,031.31, four electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$6,768.79 and two wire transfers in the amount of \$712,185.29
- D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539655 through 539657 in the amount of \$685,659.31, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,601,823.16, also a special payroll for a severance payment with an electronic deposit transmission in the amount of \$14,427.11, for a grand total of \$3,301,909.58 for the period covering February 13, 2025 to February 26, 2025

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5804 (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 moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5804.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

B. Resolution No. 5815 (Krum)

A Resolution relating to the endorsement of the Kent Valley Economic Development Air and Space Manufacturing Roundtable

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5815.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes reported she attended the Green River College Community Day event and Daryl Faber's retirement party.

Councilmember Hanan Amer reported she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Action Days Conference and the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association (WTBOA) Annual Awards Banquet.

Councilmember Clinton Taylor reported he attended the AWC Action Days Conference and the Mayor's State of the City address.

Councilmember Tracy Taylor reported she attended the AWC Action Days Conference and the Mayor's State of the City address.

Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel reported she attended the AWC Action Days Conference and the Green River College Community Day event.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the AWC Action Days Conference, AWC Board of Directors' meeting, WTBOA Annual Awards Banquet, and participated in the interview panel for the CEO Position for Sound Transit.

She also spoke about Substitute House Bill 1380 related to the Boise and Grants Pass decision, and noted that Auburn will be asking the State Legislators to oppose this Bill.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED this 17th day of March 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk