



**City Council
Regular Meeting
March 17, 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: Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

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

Written Comments:

Robert Montague, Auburn

Robert shared concerns regarding an apartment complex in Auburn.

In-Person Comments:

Robert Montague, Auburn

Robert shared concerns regarding an apartment complex in Auburn.

Mark Celich, Auburn

Mark expressed concerns regarding harassment and cyberstalking.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee, reported that the Committee has requested the other Councilmembers' input on updates to the Council Rules of Procedure, asking to forward their requests to the City Clerk's Office by the end of this week. The Committee plans to prepare the final version to bring back for Council Study Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the February 26, 2025, Special City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the March 3, 2025, City Council Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated March 12, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 479150 through voucher 479195, voucher numbers 479197 through voucher 479282, in the amount of \$5,424,131.33, sixteen electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$4,205.19 and two wire transfers in the amount of \$867,393.84

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated March 12, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 479196, in the amount of \$12,500.00

- E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539659 through 539662 in the amount of \$84,466.42, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,851,251.05, for a grand total of \$2,935,717.47 for the period covering February 27, 2025 to March 12, 2025

Councilmember Baldwin 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. 5814 (Krueger)
A Resolution surplussing and deaccessing the artworks entitled "Hawk" and "The Long Look"

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5814.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

- B. Resolution No. 5816 (Gaub)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the other jurisdictions of the South County Area Transportation Board

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5816.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

- C. Resolution No. 5817 (Thomas)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and King County to implement the 2025 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program and to accept and expend program grant funds

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5817.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

D. Resolution No. 5818 (Thomas)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. to conduct a Comprehensive Rate Study for the water, sanitary sewer and storm drainage utilities

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5818.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmember Baldwin reported that she attended Lobby Days in Olympia and the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel shared that she supports Resolution No. 5818 and expressed the importance of water maintenance and the cost of water system replacements.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported that she attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C., the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) Board of Governance meeting, the opening of Auburn Police Department's Citizen's Academy, the Sound Transit Executive Committee meeting, the Regional Policy Committee meeting, and discussed the King County Parks Levy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk