



**City Council
Study Session
Community Wellness SFA
February 23, 2026 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor 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 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, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) Executive Manager Claire Vanessa Goodwin, Code Compliance Manager Chris Barack, Code Compliance Officer II George Winner, Code Compliance Officer II Jarod Thomas, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, or presentations.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Resolution No. 5890 (Krum) (15 Minutes)
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 C. Taylor, Chair of the Community Wellness Special Focus Area, chaired this portion of the meeting.

SKHHP Executive Manager Goodwin provided Council with an overview of Resolution No. 5890, including the Housing Capital Fund, Senate House Bill 1406, House Bill 1590, recommended projects, and funding sources. She also provided a status update on the SKHHP Multi-Service Center White River Apartments Project in Auburn.

Council discussed the recommended projects, requirements, development timelines, tenant selection criteria, funding, referrals, and completed projects.

B. Code Compliance Overview (Krum) (30 Minutes)

Manager Barack, Officer II Winner, and Officer II Thomas provided Council with an overview of the Code Compliance division, including an overview of the division, enforced Codes, types of common cases, and the division's philosophy. They also discussed case statistics, compliance process, types of abatements, abatement process, and a preview of work for 2026.

Council discussed mobile vendors, business licenses, SeeClickFix, notifications, staffing, City Code updates, Housing Repair Program, types of violations, correction timelines, and budget amendments.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor, Councilmember Amer, and Councilmember Stirgus provided reports.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March 2026.

TRACY TAYLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk