



**City Council  
Special Meeting  
February 25, 2026 - 6:00 PM  
Muckleshoot Casino Resort  
White River, Green River, and Medicine  
Convention Rooms  
2402 Auburn Way South, Auburn, WA  
98002**

## **MINUTES**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Backus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort, 2402 Auburn Way South, Auburn, WA 98002, White River, Green River, and Medicine Convention Rooms.

### **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 Special City Council 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.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Mayor Backus' State of the City Address**

Maddie McCarthy, Miss Auburn 2026, sang the National Anthem.

Mayor Backus discussed planning for the future, the 2025 atmospheric river flooding event, investing in Auburn's infrastructure, Main Street improvements, the Auburn Avenue Theater and Downtown Park update, Postmark Center for the Arts update, supporting residents with the Auburn Resource Center and various partners, connecting community, Auburn Public Schools update, community engagement, Public Safety update, Municipal Court update, Traffic Safety Plan update, staffing update, and Auburn's resilience.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of April 2026.

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

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Shawn Campbell, City Clerk