



**City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2026 - 7:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

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**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 Tracy Taylor, Hanan Amer, Brian Lott, Cheryl Rakes, Lisa Stirgus, and Clinton Taylor. Councilmember Kate Baldwin attended the meeting virtually via Zoom.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. American Red Cross Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed March 2026 as "American Red Cross Month" in the City of Auburn.

Christie Merrill, American Red Cross Community Volunteer Leader, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the American Red Cross and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and recognition.

## **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from Lora Ferraro, Amanda Hill, Kendall Brown, and Linda Redman which were forwarded to the Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.

### In-Person Comments:

Linda Redman, John Pinsker, Sarah Jackson, Amanda Hill, Vicki Bates, and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from the February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the February 23, 2026, Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)  
Claims voucher list dated February 25, 2026, which includes voucher numbers 482869 through voucher 483010, in the amount of \$1,815,739.11, six electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$6,256.68, and one wire transfer in the amount of \$829,498.05
- D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)  
Payroll check numbers 539790 through 539794 in the amount of \$841,543.14, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,946,791.72, for a grand total of \$3,788,334.86 for the period covering February 12, 2026, to February 25, 2026

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A. Resolution No. 5890 (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 C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5890.

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B. Resolution No. 5893 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, and if awarded, accept and administer a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation relating to Project No. CP2518, Airport T-Hangar Upgrades

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5893.

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C. Resolution No. 5896 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Department of Social and Health Services for grant fund acceptance

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5896.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

## **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

A. From the Council

Councilmembers provided reports on the events that they attended.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus provided a report on the events she attended.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of April 2026.

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

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Shawn Campbell, City Clerk