



**City Council
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2026 - 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 Tracy Taylor, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Brian Lott, Lisa Stirgus, and Clinton Taylor. Councilmember Cheryl Rakes was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Older Americans Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 2026, as "Older Americans Month" in the City of Auburn.

Director Krueger thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Older

Americans Month.

B. Jewish American Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 2026, as "Jewish American Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

C. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 2026, as "Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

Government Relations & Policy Advisor Utemei thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

D. Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 3 through May 9, 2026, as "Municipal Clerks Week" in the City of Auburn.

City Clerk Campbell thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Municipal Clerk's Week.

E. National Police Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 10 through May 16, 2026, as "National Police Week" in the City of Auburn.

Chief Caillier thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing National Police Week.

F. Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 14, 2026, as "Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day" in the City of Auburn.

Michelle Heetje and Avery thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day.

G. National Peace Officers Memorial Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 15, 2026, as "National Peace Officers Memorial Day" in the City of Auburn.

H. Affordable Housing Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed May 18 through May 22, 2026, as "Affordable Housing Week" in the City of Auburn.

I. Senator Kauffman Legislative Updates (Mayor)

Senator Kauffman provided Council with a Washington State Legislative Session update.

Mayor Backus thanked Senator Kauffman for her willingness to work for the City.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Chittenden and Rocky Salvador provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the April 13, 2026, Special City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the April 13, 2026, Study Session Meeting
- C. Minutes from the April 20, 2026, City Council Meeting
- D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated April 22, 2026, which includes voucher numbers 483383 through voucher 483419, voucher numbers 483421 through 483524 in the amount of \$3,303,320.44, twelve electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$19,254.20, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$529,313.93
- E. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher dated April 22, 2026, which includes voucher number 483420 in the amount of \$13,474.49
- F. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539815 through 539820 in the amount of \$829,745.29, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,858,142.20, for a grand total of \$3,687,887.49 for the period covering April 9, 2026, to April 29, 2026

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 7022 (Thomas)
An Ordinance relating to housekeeping amendments for recently adopted Tax Ordinances, and amending Section 3.53.020 and Chapter 3.62 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5904 (Krueger)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve the conceptual design, fabricate, and install a public art piece into Centennial Viewpoint Park

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5904.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- B. Resolution No. 5905 (Thomas)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and King County to implement the 2026-2027 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program and to accept and expend program grant funds

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5905.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- C. Resolution No. 5906 (Thomas)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and King County to implement the 2026-2027 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program and to accept and expend program grant funds

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5906.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

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 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2026.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk