



**City Council
Study Session
Community Wellness SFA
April 27, 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, and Clinton Taylor. Councilmember Lisa Stirgus appeared virtually via Zoom at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Arts Program Supervisor Allison Hyde, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Parks Resource Navigation Program Coordinator Min Feng, Resource Navigation Program Office Assistant Lindsey Pritchard, Senior Center Manager Radine Lozier, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

An Executive Session was added to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, or presentations.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Auburn Senior Activity Center Resource Navigation Program (Krueger) (20 Minutes)

Director Krueger introduced Min Feng, Lindsey Pritchard, and Radine Lozier with the Auburn Senior Resource Center who provided Council with a presentation on the Auburn Senior Activity Center Resource Navigation Program, including an overview of the Veterans, Seniors, & Human Services Levy (VSHSL) and its services provided to the community, funds received, the referrals process, the role of Resource Navigators, common resources, program impact, 2025 program highlights, and the levy funding process. Council discussed the importance of resources made available to senior citizens, the Better Age pilot program, future funding, outreach to different populations, returning clients, cost for clients, and thanked staff for their work.

B. Public Art for Centennial Viewpoint Park (Krueger) (20 Minutes)

Director Krueger introduced Arts Program Supervisor Allison Hyde who provided Council with a presentation on the Public Art for Centennial Viewpoint Park, including the history of the artwork site and Centennial Park, and the City's process and timeline for selecting new artwork. She introduced artists Sharon Warman Agnor and Ben Dye, who created the design and discussed details about the project, including location, materials, concept, and sculptural elements. Council discussed the materials, weathering, and expressed support for the project.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Ordinance No. 7022 (Thomas) (5 Minutes)

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

Director Thomas presented Council with a presentation on Ordinance No. 7022, including clerical and housekeeping amendments.

B. 4th Quarter 2025 Financial Report (Thomas) (30 Minutes)

Director Thomas provided Council with a presentation on the 4th Quarter 2025 Financial Report, including a General Fund revenue overview, taxes, licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, and other revenues. She also provided an overview of General Fund expenditures, an ARPA update, and Non-General Fund highlights for capital leads and enterprise funds.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor, Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember C. Taylor, and Councilmember Stirgus provided reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor adjourned into an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is or likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 20 minutes at 6:54 p.m. Councilmembers, Mayor Backus, City Attorney Whalen, Director Gaub, and Assistant Director Sweeting were required to attend, there was no action following the Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session for 20 minutes at 7:15 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session for 10 minutes at 7:33 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session for 10 minutes at 7:44 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes at 7:55 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes at 8:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session by 5 minutes at 8:05 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2026.

TRACY TAYLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk