



**City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2026 - 7:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

**AMENDED**

**AGENDA**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would like to acknowledge the Federally Recognized Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the ancestral keepers of the land we are gathered on today. We thank them for their immense contributions to our state and local history, culture, economy, and identity as Washingtonians.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. The Auburn City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

Virtual Participation Link:

To view the meeting virtually please click the below link, or call into the meeting at the phone number listed below. The link to the Virtual Meeting is:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/watchauburn/live/?nomobile=1>

To listen to the meeting by phone or Zoom, please call the number below or click the link:

Telephone: 253 215 8782

Toll Free: 877 853 5257

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88534309939>

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

- A. National Public Works Week  
Mayor Backus to proclaim May 17 through May 23, 2026, as "National Public Works Week" in the City of Auburn

## **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

- A. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance.

Participants can submit written comments via mail, fax, or email. All written comments must

be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting and must be 350 words or less.

Please mail written comments to:  
City of Auburn  
Attn: Shawn Campbell, City Clerk  
25 W Main St  
Auburn, WA 98001

Please fax written comments to:  
Attn: Shawn Campbell, City Clerk  
Fax number: 253-804-3116

Email written comments to: [publiccomment@auburnwa.gov](mailto:publiccomment@auburnwa.gov)

If an individual requires accommodation to allow for remote oral comment because of a difficulty attending a meeting of the governing body, the City requests notice of the need for accommodation by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting. Participants can request accommodation to be able to provide a remote oral comment by contacting the City Clerk's Office in person, by phone (253) 931-3039, or by email ([publiccomment@auburnwa.gov](mailto:publiccomment@auburnwa.gov)).

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

- A. Minutes from the April 27, 2026, Study Session Meeting
- B. Minutes from the May 4, 2026, City Council Meeting
- C. Setting the date for a Public Hearing for Lake Meridian Water District Franchise
- D. Claims Voucher (Thomas)  
Claims voucher dated April 23, 2026, which includes voucher number 483525 in the amount of \$511,931.95
- E. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)  
Claims voucher list dated May 6, 2026, which includes voucher numbers 483526 through voucher 483665, in the amount of \$5,380,938.04, twenty-three electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$5,608.09, and five wire transfers in the amount of \$1,141,862.68
- F. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)  
Payroll check numbers 539821 through 539828 in the amount of \$87,967.59, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,079,051.26, a special payroll for a time card correction, electronic deposit transmission in the amount of \$2,427.36, for a grand total of \$3,169,446.21 for the period covering April 30, 2026, to May 13, 2026

**(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.)**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5897 (Whalen/Krueger)  
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an updated Interlocal Agreement with King County to accept funds in the amount of \$2,121,000 to purchase the Soos Creek Botanical Garden Property

**(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5897.)**

- B. Resolution No. 5900 (Whalen/Krueger)  
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Maurice Skagen for real property commonly known as the Soos Creek Botanical Garden and Heritage Center

**(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5900.)**

- C. Resolution No. 5901 (Whalen/Krueger)  
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, an Operating Agreement for Services with the Soos Creek Botanical Garden Foundation for continued operations, improvement and maintenance of the Soos Creek Botanical Garden and Heritage Center

**(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5901.)**

- D. Resolution No. 5907 (Whalen)  
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Lease Termination and Surrender Agreement with Classic Helicopter Corp

**(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5907.)**

- E. Resolution No. 5908 (Whalen/Krueger)  
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Soos Creek Botanical Garden Foundation for the acquisition of real property used for the Soos Creek Botanical Garden and Heritage Center

**(RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 5908.)**

### MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

- A. From the Council  
B. From the Mayor

### ADJOURNMENT

Agendas and minutes are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office and on the City website (<http://www.auburnwa.gov>).