



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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Taylor 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

Deputy Mayor Taylor led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Brian Lott, Cheryl Rakes, Lisa Stirgus, and Clinton Taylor.

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, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. National Public Works Week

Deputy Mayor Taylor proclaimed May 17 through May 23, 2026, as "National Public Works Week" in the City of Auburn.

Director Gaub accepted the proclamation and thanked Deputy Mayor and Council for their support and recognition.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Resolution No. 5908 was moved to Item D and Mayor's Report was removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received one written comment from Tina Simmons which was forwarded to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Dylan Gedert, Melissa Gedert, and Virginia Haugen provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 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

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Lott moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to request that the

Mayor work with staff to coordinate a future Study Session date for consideration of contracting with a qualified, independent third-party firm to conduct a comprehensive and periodic audit of the City's utilization of the Flock ALPR system to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Council discussed public comments received, State legislation, transparency, cost, expectations, ALPR camera functions, and other municipalities.

A Point of Order was raised by Councilmember Amer regarding personal attacks. Deputy Mayor Taylor ruled that the point of order stands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

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

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5897.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

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

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Lott seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5900.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

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

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5901.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. 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

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5908.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

Deputy Mayor Taylor called for a recess for 10 minutes at 7:36 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

- E. 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

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5907.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. From the Council

Councilmembers provided reports on the events that they attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2026.

TRACY TAYLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk