



**City Council
Regular Meeting
June 1, 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

Brooklyn Prock and Zoe Thomlin with Girl Scout Troop No. 46808 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, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, 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. LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed June 2026 as "LGBTQIA+" Pride Month" in the City of Auburn.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for Lake Meridian Water District Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0003 (Gaub)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing in consideration of Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0003 for Lake Meridian Water District for a Water Franchise

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Virginia Haugen provided comment.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received a written comment from Angela Patterson, which was forwarded to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Stewart Anderson, Virginia Haugen, and Rocky Salvador provided comments at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Setting the date for a Public Hearing for the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (Gaub)
- B. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated May 20, 2026, which includes voucher numbers 483666 through voucher 483719 and voucher numbers 483721 through voucher 483860, in the amount of \$6,126,917.11, twenty-one electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$34,883.45, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$808,413.95
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Claims voucher list dated May 20, 2026, which includes voucher number 483720 in the amount of \$7,392.49
- D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539829 through 539834 in the amount of \$830,553.57, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,962,080.51, for a grand total of \$3,792,634.08 for the period covering May 14, 2026, to May 27, 2026

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Lott moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to request that Mayor Backus work with staff to coordinate a future Study Session date for consideration of a parental accountability Ordinance and related Code amendments addressing the illegal operation of non-street-legal motorized vehicles by minors on public streets, sidewalks, parks, and trails within the City of Auburn.

Mayor Backus noted the Auburn Junior City Council will be working on this item in the Fall.

Council discussed the need for accountability, destruction of park property, information from Target Zero, safety concerns, procedural concerns, bringing the item forward to a Study Session, ensuring the rules are effective, timing moving forward, opportunity to ride the vehicles somewhere within the City, working with home-owner associations, inviting the Traffic Safety Commission and Target Zero to a Study Session, including the Auburn School District in the conversation, and Washington State Laws regarding E-Bikes.

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ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 7015 (Krum)
An Ordinance relating to Downtown Urban Center Design Standards and Zoning Regulations amending Sections 18.02.070, 18.29.010, 18.29.020, 18.29.040, 18.29.050, 18.29.053, 18.29.055, 18.29.060, and 18.29.070, amending Section 18.29.057 and recodifying as 18.29.045, and creating new Sections 18.29.054 and 18.29.080 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7015.

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- B. Ordinance No. 7016 (Krum)
An Ordinance relating to updates to the Citywide Design Standards, and amending Sections 18.31.200, 18.07.030 and 18.23.040 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Deputy Mayor Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7016.

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- C. Ordinance No. 7021 (Krum)
An Ordinance relating to Planning, expanding the Density Bonus Allowance to the RC, R-1, and R-2 Residential Zones, and amending Section 18.02.067 “Units Allowed Per Lot”, of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7021.

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RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5903 (Krum)
A Resolution approving the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners 2027 Work Plan and 2027 Operating Budget

Councilmember Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5903.

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- B. Resolution No. 5911 (Krueger)
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the 4Culture relating to Project No. CP2414, Downtown Auburn Theater

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5911.

Council expressed appreciation for staff in procuring grant funds.

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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 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of June 2026.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk