



**City Council
Study Session
PW & CD Special Focus Area
May 26, 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 City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor, Hanan Amer, Lisa Stirgus, Brian Lott, Cheryl Rakes, and Clinton Taylor. Councilmember Kate Baldwin appeared virtually via Zoom at 7:00 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, Right of Way Specialist Amber Olds, Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague, Transportation Planner Veronica Bean, Senior Traffic Engineer James Webb, Transportation System Bryce Beason, Senior Planner Alyssa Tatro, Acting SKHHP Executive Director Dorsol Plants, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no Announcements, Reports, or Presentations.

PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update (Gaub) (20 Minutes)

Planner Bean provided Council with a presentation on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update, including the Safety Plan history, proposed updates, a Killed or Seriously Injured ("KSI") Crash Data overview, maps of prioritized locations, performance monitoring and long term goals, 2024 safety report card, progress towards goal and vision, and a plan of action.

Council discussed e-bicycles, speed and school zone cameras, tracking statistics and averages, dataset timespan, and effective interventions.

B. 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (Gaub) (20 Minutes)

Engineer Webb provided Council with a presentation on the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program, including an overview of the program, the process for updating the program, projects to be removed and added, new projects, funding by project type and source, Transportation Benefit District overview and status, and the next steps in the process.

Council discussed community concerns and the Public Hearing scheduled for June 15, 2026.

C. 2025 State of Our Streets Report (SOS) (Gaub) (20 Minutes)

Engineer Beason provided Council with a presentation on the 2025 SOS Report, including an overview of the and the SOS Program, pavement condition index, treatment and timing, summary of 2025 street conditions, funding for the Local Street Program and Arterial/Collector Program, projects completed, future projects, and next steps.

Council discussed recent flooding impacts on streets and lifespan for grind and overlay.

D. Draft Ordinance No. 7018 for Lake Meridian Water District Franchise Agreement No. FRN25-0003 (Gaub) (5 Minutes)

An Ordinance granting to Lake Meridian Water District, a Washington Municipal Corporation, a franchise for Water Facilities

Specialist Olds provided Council with a presentation on Draft Ordinance 7018, including the Lake Meridian Franchise Agreement, and shared that a Public Hearing for the Ordinance is scheduled for June 1, 2026.

E. Ordinance No. 7015 (Krum) (25 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to Downtown Urban Center Standards and Zoning Regulations Amending Sections 18.29.010, 18.29.020, 18.29.040, 18.29.050, 18.29.053, 18.29.054, 18.29.055, 18.29.057, 18.29.060, 18.29.070, 18.29.080, and 18.02.070 of the Auburn City Code

Planner Tatro provided Council with a presentation on Ordinance No. 7015, including an overview of the 2024 Auburn Downtown Subarea Plan update, goals for the update, procedural steps, public outreach, an overview of the changes, the Downtown Design Standards update, block-frontage standards for storefronts, applicability, departures, the text amendment, the Downtown Urban Center land use districts and zones, impact of changes, and the Auburn Planning Commission's recommendation.

F. Ordinance No. 7016 (Krum) (25 Minutes)

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

Manager Teague provided Council with a presentation on Ordinance No. 7016, including an overview of the Citywide Design Standards update, procedural steps, purpose, a map of the RapidRide I Line bus stops, storefronts and block-frontages, transparency standards, other prominent design standards, parking, the Auburn City Code updates, and the Auburn Planning Commission's recommendation.

Council discussed builders' experience working with Auburn.

G. Ordinance No. 7021 (Krum) (15 Minutes)

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

Manager Teague provided Council with a presentation on Ordinance No. 7021, including an overview of the Residential Density Bonus Code Text Amendment, its purpose, effects, reasons, and the Auburn Planning Commission's recommendation.

H. Resolution No. 5903 (Krum) (10 Minutes)

A Resolution approving the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners 2027 Work Plan and 2027 Operating Budget

Acting Director Plants provided Council with a presentation on Resolution No. 5903, including an overview of South King Housing and Homelessness Partners ("SKHHP"), the 2027 Work Plan and Budget Development process and timeline, goals, population numbers, operating budget, and operating contributions.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor T. 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 7:02 p.m. Councilmembers, Mayor Backus, City Attorney Whalen, and Director Gaub were required to attend. There was no action following the Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor extended the Executive Session for 15 minutes at 7:16 p.m.

Deputy Mayor T. Taylor reconvened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2026.

TRACY TAYLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock, Deputy City Clerk