



**City Council
Regular Meeting
June 15, 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

Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 48530 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.

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, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Director of Human Services and Risk Management Candis Martinson, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Promotional Ceremony (Caillier)

Chief Caillier introduced Sergeant Brian Anderson, Officer Josh DeRoche, and Officer Derek Anderson.

Sergeant Brian Anderson was promoted to Commander, Officer Josh DeRoche was promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Derek Anderson was promoted to

Sergeant. All three recited the Police Office Oath of Honor.

Mayor Backus recessed the meeting for 5 minutes at 7:13 p.m. She reconvened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

B. Juneteenth

Mayor Backus proclaimed June 19, 2026, as "Juneteenth" in the City of Auburn.

African American Affairs Commissioner, Joseph Todd, and Representative for the 47th District, Debra Entenman, accepted the proclamation. They both thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

C. America 250

Mayor Backus proclaimed July 4, 2026, as "America 250" day in the City of Auburn.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The "America 250" proclamation and an Executive Session were added to the agenda and Resolution No. 5912 was removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (Gaub)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing in consideration of the 2027-2032
Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monte Turner, Jeff Wright, Vicki Bates, Ken Blevens, Rocky Salvador, and Corr Ash provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the May 18 and June 1, 2026, City Council Meetings
B. Minutes from the May 26 and June 8, 2026, Study Session Meetings

- C. Setting the date for a Public Hearing for Astound Broadband, LLC Franchise Agreement (Gaub)
- D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539836 through 539842 in the amount of \$86,716.41, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,309,486.34, for a grand total of \$3,396,202.75 for the period covering May 28, 2026, to June 15, 2026

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 7018 (Gaub)
An Ordinance granting to Lake Meridian Water District, a Washington Municipal Corporation, a Franchise for Water Facilities

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5894 (Davison)
A Resolution adopting the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for the Consolidated Plan Years 2025-2029

Councilmember Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5894.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5909 (Gaub)

A Resolution approving and adopting the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program of the City of Auburn

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5909.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5913 (Martinson)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Office of Public Defense to accept and expend grant funds for Public Defense Services

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5913.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Backus 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 is 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 7:52 p.m. Councilmembers, Mayor Backus, City Attorney Whalen, Director Gaub, and Assistant Director Sweeting were required to attend.

Mayor Backus extended the session at 8:13 p.m. for 20 minutes.

Mayor Backus extended the session at 8:33 p.m. for 15 minutes.

Mayor Backus extended the session at 8:48 p.m. for 10 minutes.

Mayor Backus extended the session at 8:58 p.m. for 5 minutes.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 9:06 p.m. No action was taken after the session.

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 9:06 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of July 2026.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk