



**City Council
Study Session
June 29, 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 Study Session Meeting was held in person and virtually.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Lisa Stirgus, Brian Lott, and Cheryl Rakes. Councilmember Clinton Taylor arrived at 5:31 p.m.

The following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A Closed Session was added to the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Deputy Mayor Taylor adjourned into a Closed Session per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for a discussion on a Collective Bargaining Agreement for 20 minutes at 5:13 p.m. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, City Attorney Whalen, Director Martinson, Assistant Director Barber, and Attorney John Henry from Summit Law Group were required to attend. There was no action after the Closed Session.

Deputy Mayor Taylor extended the Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. by 20 minutes.

Deputy Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026 Quarter 1 Financial Report (Thomas) (20 Minutes)

Director Thomas provided Council with a presentation on the 2026 Quarter 1 Financial Report, including the General Fund Revenue overview, tax revenue funds, licenses and permits revenues, intergovernmental revenue, revenue for charges for services, fines and penalties, interest and investment earnings, General Fund expenditures, ARPA Update, and bad Real Estate Excise Tax funds.

Council discussed ARPA funding categories, utility taxes, and property taxes.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Ordinance No. 7023 Budget Amendment #5 (Thomas) (20 Minutes) An Ordinance amending the City's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Director Thomas provided an overview of Ordinance No. 7023, including programs with revenue adjustments, new programs, and one 2025 carry forward.

Council discussed Clean Building Performance Standards funds.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Tracy Taylor and Councilmember Baldwin provided reports.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of July 2026.

TRACY TAYLOR, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk