



**City Council
Regular Meeting
July 6, 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

Mayor Backus 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, Assistant Chief of Police Sam Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Services and Risk Management Candis Martinson, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks & Recreation Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed July 2026, as "Parks & Recreation Month" in the City of Auburn.

Parks, Arts, and Recreation Board Chair Matt Jennings thanked the Mayor and

Council for acknowledging Parks and Recreation Month.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Planning Commission
City Council to approve the appointment of Adib Altallal to the Planning Commission, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirus seconded to approve the appointment of Adib Altallal to the Planning Commission, for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing for Astound Broadband, LLC Franchise Agreement No. FRN24-0004 (Gaub)
City Council to hold a Public Hearing in consideration of Franchise Agreement No. FRN24-0004 for Astound Broadband, LLC, for a Wireline Telecommunication Franchise

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

No one came forward to speak.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from Linda Redman, which were forwarded to Mayor and Councilmembers prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

Amy Whitt, Ava Hahn, Raina Harington, Jeff Wright, Rocky Salvador, Tina Simmons Amsler, and Atlas Turner provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the June 15, 2026, City Council Meeting

- B. Minutes from the June 22 and June 29, 2026, Study Session Meetings
- C. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539843 through 539847 in the amount of \$810,639.30, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,163,913.37, for a grand total of \$3,974,552.67 for the period covering June 11, 2026, to July 1, 2026
- D. Award Public Works Project No. CP2518 (Gaub)
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. 7020 (Krum)
An Ordinance relating to Nonconforming Structures, Land, and Uses Regulations Amending Sections 18.54.050, 18.54.060, 18.54.070, 18.54.080, and 18.70.020 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

- B. Ordinance No. 7023 (Thomas)
An Ordinance amending the City's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5915 (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 improvement

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Lott seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5915.

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B. Resolution No. 5916 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB) Loan Agreement to the total amount of \$1,320,000.00 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for Project No. CP2518, Airport T-Hangar Upgrades

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5916.

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C. Resolution No. 5918 (Martinson)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Police Support Guild Non-Commissioned Unit for 2025–2027

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5918.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) 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 7:42 p.m. Councilmembers, Mayor Backus, City Attorney Whalen, and Director Gaub were required to attend. There was no action following the Executive Session.

Mayor Backus extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes at 8:02 p.m. Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2026.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk