



**City Council
Special Meeting
April 14, 2025 - 5:00 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 Special 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 Cheryl Rakes, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Candis Martinson, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one came forward to speak.

COUNCIL VACANCY INTERVIEW

A. Candidate Interviews

Mayor Backus explained the voting and selection process that will occur after the interviews are complete.

City Clerk Campbell selected the applicants' names at random to determine the order of the interviews.

All candidates were asked to wait outside of Council Chambers and were escorted into Council Chambers when it was their turn to interview.

Councilmembers asked all applicants the same questions, in the same order for each interview. The Council interviewed: Carmen Goers, Erica Tomas, Lisa Stirgus, Bill Steward, Adib Altallal, and John Holman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into an Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public for 15 minutes. In addition to Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, and City Attorney Whalen were required to attend.

Mayor Backus extended the Executive Session by 15 minutes.

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Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

CANDIDATE SELECTION

A. Nomination and Voting for Candidate to Fill Unexpired Term

Mayor Backus thanked the candidates for their interest in the position and thanked Council and staff for their hard work throughout the entire process. She restated the voting process and asked Council for nominations.

Councilmember Amer nominated candidate John Holman.

Councilmember T. Taylor nominated candidate Lisa Stirgus.

Councilmember Baldwin nominated candidate Erica Tomas.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel nominated candidate Adib Altallal.

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded for nominations to be closed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

John Holman received one vote.

Lisa Stirgus received two votes.
Erica Tomas received one vote.
Adib Altallal received two votes.

Candidates Lisa Stirgus and Adib Altallal each received two votes.
Councilmembers voted again for the two candidates that received the most votes.

Lisa Stirgus received four votes.
Adib Altallal received two votes.

By majority vote of the Council, Lisa Stirgus was selected to fill the Vacant Council Seat No. 6.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk