



**City Council
Study Session
Community Wellness SFA
April 28, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel 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: Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes and Councilmember Lisa Stirgus were excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Patrol Commander Todd Byers, Inspectional Services Commander Shaun Feero, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator Jody Davison, Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague, Planner II Gabriel Clark, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Department Annual Report (Caillier) (20 Minutes)

Chief Caillier and Commander Feero provided Council with a presentation on the 2024 Annual CIA Review including commendations, internal investigations, supervisory investigation, allegations, collisions, combined discipline, and outside agency investigations.

Council discussed CAD incidents, sustained versus unsustained misconduct, allegations, officer training, and the officer decertification process.

Chief Caillier and Commander Feero provided Council with a presentation on the 2024 Use of Force Report including contacts versus use of force, complaints, types of force, effective versus non-effective uses, injuries, incidents by time of day, and reasons for force. They also discussed resistance during force, officer assessments, and demographics.

Council discussed force types, reasons for force, and results of injury statistics.

Chief Caillier and Commander Byers provided Council with a presentation on the 2024 Pursuit Analysis including total number of pursuits, time of day statistics, reasons for pursuits, total miles driven for pursuits, Washington State Initiative No. 2113, and the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

Council discussed pursuits outside of City limits, and training requirements.

Chief Caillier provided Council with an overview of the 2024 Annual Report Highlights including calls for service, felony investigations, person crimes, property crimes, response times, total arrests, and employee years of service.

Council discussed employee retention, recruitment, and the vehicle take-home program.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2024 (Hay) (20 Minutes)

Director Hay and Coordinator Davison provided Council with an overview of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) including City funding support, goals, available funding, allocations of funds, people and population served by goals, demographic breakdown, sidewalk improvements, and the home repair program.

Council discussed people served, and funding.

- B. Resolution No. 5825 (Hay) (20 Minutes)
A Resolution adopting the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan

Director Hay, Director Krum, and Coordinator Davison provided Council with an overview of Resolution No. 5825, including the 2025-2029 Consolidated and Action Plan, public engagement, stakeholder engagement, feedback, needs

assessment, goals, key changes, funding, and next steps.

Council discussed funding and tenant improvements to the Auburn Resource Center (ARC).

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. 4th Quarter 2024 Financial Report (Thomas) (20 Minutes)
Financial Report through December 2024

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the 4th Quarter 2024 Financial Report including General Fund Revenue, and Tax Revenues including: Property Tax, Retail Sales and Use Tax, Utility Tax, Business and Occupation Tax (B&O), and other taxes. She discussed Licenses and Permits, Intergovernmental, Charges for Services, Fines/Penalties, and Interest/Investment revenues. She also discussed General Fund Expenditures by Department, ARPA fund update, and Non-General Fund highlights.

Council discussed bonds.

- B. Ordinance No. 6974 (Gaub) (10 Minutes)
An Ordinance granting to Level 3 Communications, LLC, a franchise for fiber optic telecommunications

Director Gaub provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6974, including the Franchise Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC.

- C. Ordinance No. 6978 (Krum) (30 Minutes)
An Ordinance relating to adoption of a temporary 6-month moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and/or approval of applications for Building and Land Use Development Permits and related Land Use Decisions for Energy Storage System Facilities proposed to be located within the City of Auburn

Planner Clark provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6978, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Lithium-Ion Batteries, residential versus commercial and grid, primary functions, flow map of systems, impacts, demand, and the reason for the Moratorium. He also discussed the jurisdictional responses, standards, and the proposed timeline.

Council discussed infrastructure, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway, environmental impacts, and backup cooling systems.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember T. Taylor asked for a status update on the Council Rules and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee. Councilmember Baldwin shared that the Ad Hoc Committee is still reviewing and have their next meeting on May 8, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk