



**City Council
Regular Meeting
July 20, 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, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Chief Administrative Officers Scott MacColl, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, Mayor's proclamations, or presentations.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Municipal Court Judge
City Council to confirm the appointment of Sara Watson to Auburn Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2, for a three-year appointed term from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to confirm the appointment of Sara Watson to Auburn Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2, for a three-year appointed term from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ava Hahn, Deanna Hagan, Virginia Haugen, Eric Mathson, Tracy Renish, Jeff Wright, Jess Burns, Sarah Blum, Corr Ash, Deborah Townsend, Reina Harrington, Lilith Silver, Amy Kim, Brian Alberts, Jeryl Flood, Vicki Bates, Rocky Salvador, Ken Blevens, Linda, David Fairchild, and Jeanne Brandt provided comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the July 6, 2026, City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from the July 13, 2026, Study Session Meeting
- C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
 - Voucher #483861 through Voucher #483937 dated June 10, 2026 in the amount of \$802,893.79
 - Voucher #483938 through Voucher #484052 dated June 17, 2026 in the amount of \$5,830,304.31
 - Voucher #484053 through Voucher #484059 dated June 18, 2026 in the amount of \$1,110,931.70
 - Voucher #484060 through Voucher #484060 dated June 29, 2026 in the amount of \$32,442.00
 - Voucher #484061 through Voucher #484172 dated July 2, 2026 in the amount of \$1,958,911.56
 - Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$4,122.38 and four wire transfers in the amount of \$1,709,536.15

- D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)
Voucher #484173 through Voucher #484326 voided due to accounts payable batch error
Voucher #484327 through Voucher #484479 dated July 15, 2026, in the amount of \$9,710,125.36
Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$16,237.45 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$981,680.36
- E. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)
Payroll check numbers 539848 through 539856 in the amount of \$217,926.78, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$3,219,207.09, for a grand total of \$3,437,133.87 for the period covering July 2, 2026 to July 15, 2026
- F. Public Works Project No. CP2227
City Council to approve an increase of \$55,000 in the total maximum authorized contract amount for Public Works Contract No. 26-03; Construction of Project No. CP2227, ARC Upgrade and Repairs

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

Councilmember Lott moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to have the Auburn City Council direct the Mayor and Chief of Police to develop and release, through the City's standard competitive process, a Request for Proposals for an independent third-party firm with demonstrated expertise in automated license plate reader systems, data privacy, and law enforcement technology compliance audits, to conduct an independent compliance audit of the City's Automated License Plate Reader program operated pursuant to Chapter 239, Laws of 2026 (ESSB 6002).

Council discussed audits, concerns, reporting, Flock contract, transparency, data collection, data privacy, date of camera implementation, technology, and data sharing.

MOTION FAILED. 3-4, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councilmembers Amer, Sturgus, and Taylor voted no.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 7024 (Gaub)

An Ordinance granting to Astound Broadband, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company, a franchise for Wireline Telecommunications

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve Ordinance No. 7024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5912 (Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, a First Amendment to the Lease dated October 7, 2024, with Rainier Flight Services, LLC

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5912.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5917 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Cascade Bicycle Club to accept and expend Grant Funds for the operation of City Bicycle Programs

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5917.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5919 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to certify the application for, and, if awarded, accept and administer a Public Works Trust Fund Loan from the Washington State Public Works Board to finance construction of the East Valley Highway Widening Project (CP2311)

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Deputy Mayor Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5919.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Resolution No. 5920 (Caillier)

A Resolution accepting a grant award from State of Washington, via the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5920.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

E. Resolution No. 5921 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for grant funding assistance for renovations at Brannan Park as provided in Chapter 79A.25 RCW, Title 286 WAC, and other applicable authorities

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5921.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

F. Resolution No. 5922 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for grant funding assistance for playground replacement at Veteran's Memorial Park as provided in Chapter 79A.25 RCW, Title 286 WAC, and other applicable authorities

Councilmember Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5922.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

G. Resolution No. 5923 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for grant funding assistance for playground replacement at Terminal Park as provided in Chapter 79A.25 RCW, Title 286 WAC, and other applicable authorities

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5923.

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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 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of August 2026.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk