



**City Council  
Special Meeting  
May 1, 2025 - 8:00 AM  
Postmark Center for the Arts  
20 Auburn Avenue, Auburn**

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nancy Backus called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in the Postmark Center for the Arts, 20 Auburn Avenue.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: City Attorney Jason Whalen, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Chief Prosecutor Charlotte Storey, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Executive Assistant Tamie Bothell, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

**CITY COUNCIL RETREAT DAY ONE**

**A. Breakfast - 8:00am to 8:25am**

Those present shared breakfast.

**B. Ice Breaker - 8:25am to 8:30am**

Mayor Backus asked all present to share one word describing how they are feeling about today.

**C. Introduction - 8:30am to 8:40am**

Deputy Mayor Rakes to discuss City Council Retreat Objectives, Code of Conduct and provide an overview of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Rakes provided Council with an overview of the agenda, the retreat objectives, and reviewed the Code of Conduct.

**D. Criminal Justice Overview - 8:40am to 12:00pm**

City Staff and Consultants to provide Council with an overview of the Criminal Justice System in the City of Auburn and the consideration of King County District Court versus Auburn Municipal Court

Staff provided Council with the costs of Law Enforcement, including Valley Communications, SCORE Jail, prosecution, public defense, King County District Court, Community Court, probation, electronic home monitoring and the Police Department, working with King County District Court and the ILA with King County. Staff shared their recommendations and philosophical considerations for standing up a City-run Municipal Court or staying with King County District Court.

John Bello from the National Center for State Courts recapped the 2023 Court Study. He shared his opinion on standing up for the Court and the opportunities for the stakeholders in having a City-run Court.

Council discussed costs, jail services, juvenile arrests, prosecution rates, trial rates, prevention of crimes, impact panels, turnover within the Court, and Court startup costs.

**1 Resolution No. 5827**

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Terminate the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Auburn and King County to Stand Up the City of Auburn Municipal Court

**E. Lunch - 12:00pm to 12:30pm**

Those present shared lunch.

**F. 2022-2024 City Accomplishments - 12:30pm to 1:30pm**

Mayor Backus and Department Directors to provide a summary to Council of the Major 2022-2024 Accomplishments

Director Gaub presented the Council with the major accomplishments for 2022-2024, including totals for the See Click Fix requests, total grant awards, new revenue received by the City, and program advancements completed for each Department.

Council thanked staff for all their work over the past two years.

**G. Pre-Visioning - 1:30pm to 2:00pm**

Director Gaub to lead Council in discussion regarding a review of the 2024 Visioning List/Map and New Councilmember Opportunity

Director Gaub introduced the Visioning Plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2025.

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk