



**City Council
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2025 - 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: Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Lisa Stirgus, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Senior City Staff Attorney Taryn Jones, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed June 6, 2025, as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the City of Auburn.

Catherine Rosales, King County Public Health Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention, thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

B. LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed June 2025 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month" in the City of Auburn.

Paris Yandall, Operations Director of the United Territories of Pacific Islanders Alliance (UTOPIA) of Washington, thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing Pride Month.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cobi Clark, Auburn

Cobi thanked the Council for voting to open a Municipal Court, requested Council repeal Chapter 5.22 of the Auburn City Code, and requested the City open a Community Gun Range.

Viginia Haugen, Auburn

Virginia spoke about homelessness and low-income housing.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee (Baldwin)

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee, reported that the Ad Hoc had not met since the last Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the May 19, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes from the May 27, 2025, Study Session Meeting

C. Setting the date for a Public Hearing for the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (Gaub)

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated May 21, 2025 which includes voucher numbers 479840 through voucher 479969, in the amount of \$5,501,661.87, 14 electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$10,701.48 and one wire transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539687 through 539692 in the amount of \$692,136.88, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,634,449.07, for a grand total of \$3,326,585.95 for the period covering May 15, 2025 to May 28, 2025

Councilmember Sturgus moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6979 (Whalen)

An Ordinance relating to parking and adding a new Section, 10.36.135, to the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6979.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Ordinance No. 6981 (Gaub)

An Ordinance relating to Commute Trip Reduction, and amending Chapter 10.02 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6981.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5829 (Krum)

A Resolution approving the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners 2026 Work Plan and 2026 Operating Budget

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5829.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5831 (Gaub)

A Resolution adopting the 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction Plan

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5831.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Resolution No. 5832 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and Valley Regional Fire Authority for Geographical Information System services

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5832.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Resolution No. 5834 (Krum)

A Resolution approving the Lodging Tax Grant disbursements recommended by the Auburn Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and authorizing the Mayor to execute associated agreements for the purpose of Tourism

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5834.

Council discussed the benefits of these grants.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmember Amer reported she attended the Good Eggs Breakfast and the Community Wellness Special Focus Area meeting.

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the Good Eggs Breakfast.

Councilmember Stirgus reported she attended a tour of the SeaTac Airport and the Auburn Municipal Airport.

Councilmember C. Taylor reported he attended the Good Eggs Breakfast and the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the Regional Transit Committee meeting, the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting, and the Auburn Memorial Day events.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the tour of the SeaTac Airport, Auburn Farmers Market, and the Blue Ribbon Committee Healthy Bite event.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Spring Citizens Academy Graduation, Auburn Municipal Court Stand-Up Internal meeting, Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting, Sound Transit Board Retreat, Step into the Mind: A Schizophrenia Awareness Experience at the Postmark, Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) May It Forward event, and the Auburn Rotary Student Scholarship Gala event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of June 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk