



**City Council
Study Session
Municipal Services SFA
June 9, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes 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: Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes, Hanan Amer, Clinton Taylor, Tracy Taylor, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Lisa Stirgus attended virtually via Zoom. Councilmember Kate Baldwin arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Deputy City Attorney Paul Byrne, 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, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, CDBG Coordinator Jody Davison, Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Parks Planning and Development Manager Thaniel Gouk, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The Auburn Junior City Council report out on attendance at the National League of Cities Conference was added to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, or presentations.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Project Be Free Update (Caillier) (20 Minutes)

Katya Wojcik, Executive Director, and Joel Thomas, Community Outreach

Director, of Project Be Free provided Council with an update on the program, including an overview of the Co-Response Program, Domestic Violence Advocacy and Council support. They shared the number of responses provided in 2024 and 2025 to date, the impact on the community, an update on House Bill 1498, and a Domestic Violence Survivor's story.

Council discussed their appreciation for the work of Project Be Free and the expansion of services.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Resolution No. 5821 (Krum) (20 Minutes)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement among the participating jurisdictions within the Green River, Duwamish River, and Central Puget Sound Watersheds within the Geographic Planning Area of Water Resources Inventory Area 9

Matt Goehring, WRIA 9 Salmon Recovery Manager, provided Council with an overview of the Green River, Duwamish River, and Central Puget Sound Watershed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) renewal (WRIA 9). He shared the salmon recovery timeline, the salmon recovery framework, the WRIA 9 watershed-based approach, the salmon habitat plan, the proposed renewal of the ILA, timeline for the ILA, the 2025 WRIA 9 Work Plan, salmon recovery funding, accomplishments in the watershed, and future plans.

Council discussed the benefits of increasing salmon numbers.

B. Fee Schedule Amendment for Recent State Legislation (Gaub/Krueger) (15 Minutes)

Assistant Director Sweeting and Manager Gouk provided Council with an overview of the Parks and Traffic Impact Fee Update to address recent legislation passed related to Senate Bill (SB) 5258 and House Bill (HB) 1337. They reviewed the impact of both legislative actions and requirements, the proposed approach for implementation, the current and proposed Park Impact Fees, the current and proposed Traffic Impact Fees, and reviewed the next steps.

Council discussed who pays the fees.

C. Resolution No. 5836 (Hay) (20 Minutes)

A Resolution authorizing the filing of Section 108 Loan Guarantee Application and designating signatories for payment voucher on letter of credit for a Section 108 Guarantee Loan Project

Director Hay and Coordinator Davison provided Council with an overview of the 2025 Draft Section 108 Loan Application, including a summary of the planned

loan application, the national objectives for the Section 108 Loan, the existing Resource Center, Community Court space, the proposed redevelopment plan, the proposed Loan request, and a Loan overview.

Council discussed the timeline for construction, the variable interest rate, the loan holder, objective for the renovations, staffing, contracts for service providers, the Police Substation, security at the building, shower facilities, the community space, staff re-locating, and plans for the space if Community Court doesn't occupy it in the future.

A Point of Order was raised by Councilmember Amer regarding the relevance of the question raised by Councilmember Baldwin. Deputy Mayor Rakes stated that Councilmember Baldwin could finish her questions.

D. Ordinance No. 6977 (Krum) (20 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to the Zoning Code, amending Chapter 18.04, Sections 18.02.067, 18.07.020, 18.23.030, 18.25.020, 18.31.130, 18.31.160, 18.46A.070, 18.52.020, and creating new Section 18.31.165 of the Auburn City Code

Director Krum and Manager Teague provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6977, Housing Types and Standards Code Update, including the updated legislation requirements and the proposed implementation of the Auburn City Code changes, the STEP Housing Types and supplemental standards, the land capacity analysis, homeless encampments hosted by religious organizations, density bonus for religious organizations developments, density bonus for existing commercial, mixed-use and apartment buildings, middle housing and critical area updates, communal housing occupancy limits, and minimum residential parking requirements.

Council discussed minimum parking requirements, the Planning Commission's recommendation, and homelessness encampments on religious organizations developments.

E. Junior City Council report out on attendance at the National League of Cities Conference

Junior City Councilmembers Rowan Santos, Prableen Kaur, and Phia Chea provided Council with a brief synopsis of their attendance at the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference.

Council discussed the delegate's representation at the NLC Conference and mentorship for future attendees.

F. Proposed Changes to City Council Rules of Procedure

Deputy Mayor Rakes adjourned for a 10-minute recess at 7:12 p.m. She reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee consists of Councilmember Baldwin as Chair, Deputy Mayor Rakes, and Councilmember C. Taylor. Chair Baldwin provided Council with the proposed changes by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Council discussed the proposed edits. The Rules of Procedure will come back to a future Study Session meeting for additional discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of June 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk