



**City Council
Regular Meeting
June 16, 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: Deputy Mayor Cheryl Rakes, Lisa Stirgus, Clinton Taylor, and Tracy Taylor. Councilmember Hanan Amer attended the meeting virtually via Zoom. Councilmembers Kate Baldwin and Yolanda Trout-Manuel were 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, Director of Risk Management and Human Resources Candis Martinson, Assistant Director of Risk Management and Human Resources Aaron Barber, Director of Human Services Kent Hay, Equity, Engagement, & Outreach Coordinator Keisha Taylor, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Juneteenth

Mayor Backus proclaimed June 19, 2025, as "Juneteenth" in the City of Auburn.

Coordinator Taylor accepted the proclamation.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing for 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (Gaub) A Public Hearing to consider the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Virginia Haugen, Auburn

Virginia provided comments for the need for better roads.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Written Comments:

The City Clerk's Office received written comments from James DeLay, Elder Robert S. "Roman" Montague, and Mark Celich - all of which were forwarded to Mayor and Council for review prior to the meeting.

In-Person Comments:

David Wright, Tacoma

David provided comments regarding Resolution No. 5836.

Virginia Haugen, Auburn

Virginia provided comments regarding Parks in Auburn, the Postmark Center for the Arts, Resolution No. 5836, protests, and crime.

Elder Roman Montague, Auburn

Roman provided comments regarding an apartment complex in Auburn, the work they have done within the community of Auburn, and they thanked Mayor and Council for all their support.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Deputy Mayor Rakes, Chair of the Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee, reported no new updates.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the June 2, 2025, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes from the June 9, 2025, Study Session Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated June 4, 2025, which includes voucher numbers 479970 through voucher 480003, and voucher numbers 480005 through voucher 480086 in the amount of \$846,391.52, ten electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$15,451.37, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$903,223.14

D. Claims Voucher (Thomas)

Claims Voucher list dated June 4, 2025, which includes voucher number 480004, in the amount of \$8,065.11

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539693 through 539698 in the amount of \$83,227.15, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,924,149.79, for a grand total of \$3,007,376.94 for the period covering May 29, 2025, to June 11, 2025

F. Project No. CP1612, Postmark Contract Contingency (Krueger)

City Council to approve an increase of \$77,000.00 in the total maximum authorized contract amount for Project No. CP1612, Postmark Lower Level Construction

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6977 (Krum)

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

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Stirgus seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6977.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5821 (Krum)

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

Councilmember Stirgus moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5821.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

B. Resolution No. 5833 (Whalen)

A Resolution amending the City of Auburn Fee Schedule

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5833.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

C. Resolution No. 5835 (Gaub)

A Resolution approving and adopting the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program of the City of Auburn

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5835.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

D. Resolution No. 5836 (Hay)

A Resolution authorizing the Authorized Officer to file a Section 108 Loan Guarantee Application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to finance the Auburn Resource Center Project

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5836.

Council expressed gratitude to Director Hay and staff for their hard work.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

E. Resolution No. 5837 (Krueger)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the State of Washington Department of Commerce to accept and expend a direct appropriation for development of a new Park in Downtown Auburn

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5837.

Council expressed their gratitude to staff and their excitement for the development of Downtown Auburn.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

F. Resolution No. 5838 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Federal Highway Administration relating to Project No. CP2505, Lake Tapps Parkway Street Lighting

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5838.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

G. Resolution No. 5841 (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 C. Taylor moved and Deputy Mayor Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5841.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

H. Resolution No. 5842 (Krueger)

A Resolution creating a Limited-Term Position of Recreation Assistant - Bicycle Programs to assist in the operation of City Bicycle Programs

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5842.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Backus adjourned into a Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss a Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mayor Backus, Councilmembers, Senior City Staff Attorney Jones, Director Martinson, Assistant Director Barber, and Chief Caillier were required to attend.

Mayor Backus extended the Closed Session by 10 minutes at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Backus extended the Closed Session by 10 minutes at 8:01 p.m. Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

A. Resolution No. 5843 (Martinson)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Police Guild for 2025-2027

Deputy Mayor Rakes moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5843.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

No reports.

B. From the Mayor

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED this 21st day of July 2025.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk