



**City Council
Study Session
Finance & Internal Services SFA
July 14, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Kate Baldwin 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: 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: Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Julie Krueger, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Utilities Engineering Manager Ryan Vondrak, Water Utility Engineer Senait Gebreeysus, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. King County Solid Waste Division Long-Term Disposal Presentation (Thomas)
(30 Minutes)

John Walsh, with King County Solid Waste provided Council with a presentation on the Long-Term Disposal Study including the service areas, operation sites, and the purpose of the Long-Term Disposal Study, items that are beyond the scope of the study, the five options studied, Study Criteria, the three options that are not viable were Refuse-Derived Fuel, Gasification, and Pyrolysis, the two options that were viable are Mass Burn with (Water Exported by Rail) WEBR and WEBR only, and reviewed the next steps in the process.

Council discussed community impact on communities along the railroad, the final location if sent by rail, the location of the incinerator in Spokane, other locations they reviewed, importing waste, job elimination and creation, and population growth.

FINANCE AND INTERNAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 1st Quarter 2025 Financial Report (Thomas) (20 minutes)
Financial Report through March 31, 2025

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the 1st Quarter 2025 Financial Report including the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Overview, Tax Revenue, Licenses and Permits, Intergovernmental Revenue, charges for services, fines and penalties, interest and investment earnings, expenditures by department, ARPA Fund Update, and Capital Funds including Real Estate Excise Tax revenue.

Council discussed Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax Projections for the full year, Collective Bargaining Agreement costs, Manufacturing Tax revenue, and Licenses and Permits types.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. General Speed Enforcement Locations with Automated Traffic Safety Cameras (Gaub) (30 Minutes)

Director Gaub and Assistant Sweeting provided Council with an overview of the Automated Traffic Safety Cameras, including the purpose of the safety cameras, Safety Vision and Goal, crash data, SAFE Systems Approach, School Speed Zone Camera Performance, automated traffic safety camera for general speed enforcement requirements, analysis and location identification process, equity analysis of the top 4 locations, traffic diversions, alternatives to photo enforcement analysis, and the recommended locations and next steps for implementation.

Council discussed the process for selection of locations, appreciation of the site selections, ability to change locations or expand the program, and communication with the public.

B. Ordinance No. 6980 (Gaub) (15 Minutes)

An Ordinance adopting the City's Amended 2024 Comprehensive Water Plan

Councilmember Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. for 5 minutes. She reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Manager Vondrak and Engineer Gebreeyesus provided Council with an overview of the Amended 2024 Comprehensive Water Plan including required edits, edits to the notes for the Braunwood Water Rights, and the City of Algona's request for additional water storage. They also reviewed the analysis used to evaluate the City of Algona's request, the costs of a future Reservoir, and the City of Algona's participation costs.

Council discussed the likelihood of the City of Algona participating in the building of a future Reservoir, and the benefit of changing the language for Braunwood Water.

C. Discuss Council Support for Auburn School District Bond Levy (Council)

The Auburn School District Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 fact sheets were provided to Council.

Council discussed the differences between the Proposition before the voters in 2024 which failed, requesting a representative from the Auburn School District to attend a future meeting to present the materials to Council, and previous Capital Projects by the Auburn School District.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of July 2025.

CHERYL RAKES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Shawn Campbell, City Clerk