

	City Council Meeting December 18, 2023 - 7:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, Mayor's proclamations, or presentations.

VI. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

1. 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing (Tate)

City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed 2024 Annual Action Plan

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Virginia Haugen Auburn, WA

Virginia shared her hopes of great things to come for the City.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

1. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance.

Steve Auburn, WA

Steve expressed his concerns regarding his civil rights.

Virginia Haugen Auburn, WA

Virginia expressed her gratitude for all the Councilmembers.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

VIII. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendation to the City Council, if any.

1. Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baldwin)

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Finance Ad Hoc Committee, reported she and Councilmember Baggett have reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

- A. Minutes of the December 4, 2023, City Council Meeting

- B. Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Special City Council Meeting

C. Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Study Session Meeting

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated December 13, 2023 which includes voucher number 474318 through 474428, in the amount of \$2,312,613.59, three electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$565.99, and six wire transfers in the amount of \$861,461.94

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539544 through 539549 in the amount of \$83,416.59, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,735,510.54, for a grand total of \$2,818,927.13 for the period covering November 30, 2023 to December 13, 2023

F. Annual On-Call Agreements (Gaub)

Approve the Annual On-Call Agreements for Professional Services for 2024

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5743 (Tate)

A Resolution adopting the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for the Consolidated Plan Years 2020-2024

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5743.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5750 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting grants from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the Auburn Way South Widening and Regional Growth Center Improvement Projects

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5750.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Executive Session

Mayor Backus adjourned into an executive session at 7:18 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price and per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity; or litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 15 minutes. Senior City Staff Attorney Doug Ruth, Real Estate Manager Josh Arndt, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, and Outside Counsel Kennon Williams from Foster Garvey were required to attend.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

D. Resolution No. 5751

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the conveyance of interest real estate

E. Resolution No. 5752

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Temporary Construction Easement between the City of Auburn and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority over City-Owned Property located at 11 A Street NW

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 5751 and Resolution No. 5752 until the January 2, 2024, City Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Councilmember Baldwin reported she attended the REDI Coalition meeting.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the Rainier Middle School Holiday Concert.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Mountain View

High School Winter Multicultural Event and the Mayor's Open House Event.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus thanked all of the Councilmembers for their service and dedication to the community.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2024.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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