

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City Council Meeting</b>  <b>October 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM</b>  <b>City Hall Council Chambers</b>  <b>MINUTES</b>  <b>Watch the meeting LIVE!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Watch the meeting video</b>  Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.</p>
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**I. 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.

**II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Backus led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call**

Councilmembers present: Acting Deputy Mayor Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Cheryl Rakes, Tracy Taylor, and Clinton Taylor. Deputy Mayor Larry Brown 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 Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2024, as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Auburn.

Detective Bennett with the Auburn Police Department accepted the proclamation.

B. Filipino American History Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2024, as "Filipino American History Month" in the City of Auburn.

C. Hindu Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 2024, as "Hindu Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

Sandeep Bhalerao and members of the community accepted the proclamation. They thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support.

D. Mental Health Awareness Week

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 6 through 12, 2024, as "Mental Health Awareness Week" in the City of Auburn.

Kathleen Nelson with South King County National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) accepted the proclamation. She thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support and awareness to this issue.

E. Indigenous Peoples' Day

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 14, 2024, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Auburn.

**VI. APPOINTMENTS**

A. Civil Service Commission

City Council to approve the appointment of John Boatman to the Civil Service Commission for a six year term expiring December 31, 2029

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to approve the appointment of John Boatman to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2029.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Parks & Recreation Board

City Council to approve the appointment of Cary Davidson to the Parks & Recreation Board for a three year term expiring December 31, 2026

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve the appointment of Cary Davidson to the Parks & Recreation Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

**VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## VIII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing for T-Mobile West LLC Franchise Agreement No. FRN23-0002 (Gaub)

A Public Hearing to consider Franchise Agreement No. FRN23-0002 for T-Mobile West LLC

Mayor Backus opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Virginia Haugen Auburn, WA

Virginia requested an explanation as to why the City is considering entering into the Franchise Agreement.

Mayor Backus closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 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.

#### **Written Comments:**

Jessica Hergert Auburn, WA

Jessica expressed concerns regarding crime in the City of Auburn and the need for more Police Officers.

James Wilson Auburn, WA

James expressed concerns regarding Councilmember interactions during meetings.

Mark Celich Auburn, WA

Mark expressed concerns regarding child trafficking and crime in the City of Auburn.

#### **In-Person Comments:**

Arlista Holman Auburn, WA

Arlista shared information about the upcoming Auburn School District Bond.

Virginia Haugen Auburn, WA

Virginia expressed concerns regarding City Budget for current projects, and Mayor involvement in Study Session Meetings.

**C. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

**IX. 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 Amer reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

**X. 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 September 9, 12, and 13, 2024, Special City Council Meetings

B. Minutes of the September 16, 2024, City Council Meeting

C. Minutes of the September 23 and 30, 2024, Study Session Meetings

D. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated October 2, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 477522 through voucher 477729, in the amount of \$5,639,892.99, 13 electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$2,105.26 and five wire transfers in the amount of \$937,541.26

E. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539612 through 539612 in the amount of \$612,060.76, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,775,154.56, for a grand total of \$3,387,215.32 for the period covering September 12, 2024 to October 2, 2024

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **XIII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 5782 (Council)**

A Resolution amending the City Council Rules of Procedure

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5782.

Council discussed concerns regarding new requirements.

Councilmember Amer moved and Councilmember T. Taylor seconded to amend the language in Section 12.1A to reflect "suggested".

Council discussed the requirements.

**MOTION FAILED 2-4.** Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel and Councilmembers Baldwin, C. Taylor, and Rakes voted against.

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to remove Community Commitments from Section 20.2 and add it as a new Section 21.

**MOTION PASSES 4-2.** Councilmembers Amer and T. Taylor voted against.

Council discussed Section 16.3B.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved to strike Section 16.3B Item 1.

**MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.**

Councilmember Baldwin noted to correct scrivener's error in Section 6.5.

Councilmember Baldwin noted to correct scrivener's error in Section 12.2A Item 3.

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to strike Section 16.2B.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0**

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to allow the City Attorney and City Clerk to review the August 26, 2024, meeting recording and add additional language if consensus of the Council was received or leave as is if consensus of the Council was received regarding Section 2.6.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0**

Mayor Backus recessed the meeting at 8:04 p.m. for five minutes. She reconvened the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Council discussed the Council Alerts email distribution list.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

B. Resolution No. 5785 (Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute amendments to certain Auburn Municipal Airport Land Leases relating to the implementation of the 2025 Fair Market Value Lease Rate Adjustment

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5785.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

C. Resolution No. 5786 (Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Airport Office Space Lease Early Termination with SpanaFlight LLC and execute a new Airport Office Space Lease with Rainier Flight Services, LLC

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5786.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

D. Resolution No. 5789 (Gaub)

A Resolution adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and committing to Vision Zero Transportation Safety Goals

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5789.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

E. Resolution No. 5790 (Whalen)

A Resolution selecting a nominee to serve as a member of the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5790 and nominated Mike Johnson from the Town of Steilacoom.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

F. Resolution No. 5791 (Faber)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and King County to accept and expend grant funds for the coordination and provision of services for seniors

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5791.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

G. Resolution No. 5792 (Faber)

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 two City Bicycle Programs

Councilmember Rakes moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5792.

Council discussed grant programming in the City.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

H. Resolution No. 5793 (Backus)

A Resolution supporting the Auburn School District's Proposition No. 1 - School Construction and Facility Improvements General Obligation Bonds - \$532,100,000

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5793.

Council discussed the new construction at the Auburn School District and safety measures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

**XIV. 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 Sound Transit Parking Garage Groundbreaking, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Legislative meeting.

Councilmember Rakes reported she attended the King County Board of Health meeting, Ribbon Cutting event at Game Farm Park, Postmark Center for the Arts Connecting Community Closing Reception, Municipal Services Committee meeting, and the Legislation Banquet at White River Amphitheater.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the Green River College Committee meeting, Dare to Dream Junior Achievement Fundraiser, Facilities Tour, Sound Transit Parking Garage Groundbreaking, and the

See Ya Later Foundation Fundraiser.

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Regional Water Quality Committee Meeting, Ribbon Cutting event for Wheels and Wrench, and the Sound Transit Parking Garage Groundbreaking.

**B. From the Mayor**

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Board meeting and Retreat, testified before the Washington State Supreme Court regarding Indigent Defense, Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute meeting, Public Safety Summit, and the Sound Transit Parking Garage Groundbreaking.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of October 2024.

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NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

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Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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