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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, Cheryl Rakes, Tracy Taylor, and Clinton Taylor. Deputy Mayor Larry Brown, and Councilmember Kate Baldwin 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 Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Public Works Jacob Sweeting, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Diwali Festival of Lights

Mayor Backus proclaimed October 30, 2024, to November 3, 2024, as "Diwali Festival of Lights" in the City of Auburn.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Junior City Council

City Council to approve the appointment of Caleb Choi and Oliver Nguyen to Junior City Council for a two year term expiring August 31, 2026

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Rakes seconded to approve the appointment of Caleb Choi and Oliver Nguyen to the Junior City Council for a two-year term to expire on August 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

VII. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

VIII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. 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:

Vance Auburn, WA

Vance expressed concerns regarding the City's Admissions Tax.

Laurie Carter Bonney Lake, WA

Laurie expressed concerns regarding Ordinance No. 6958.

Kristi Newman Auburn, WA

Kristi expressed concerns regarding taxes, permitting fees, and traffic impact fees.

In-Person Comments:

Steve Bergersen Buckley, WA

Steve provided comments regarding Ordinance No. 6958 including underground utilities, and security measures.

Ted Lasaya Auburn, WA

Ted provided comments regarding Ordinance No. 6958 including property values, temporary easements, and the project timeline.

B. 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.

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 October 7, 2024, City Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the October 14, 2024, Study Session Meeting

C. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated October 16, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 477730 through voucher 477873, in the amount of \$5,632,734.36, thirteen electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$1,788.52 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$632,722.86

Claims voucher list dated October 16, 2024 which includes voucher numbers 477874 through voucher 477887, in the amount of \$34,901.14

D. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539613 through 539616 in the amount of \$86,548.01, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,756,334.16 for a grand total of \$2,842,882.17 for the period covering October 3, 2024 to October 16, 2024

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6951 (Gaub)

An Ordinance granting a Franchise for Wireless Telecommunications to T-Mobile West LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6951.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

B. Ordinance No. 6958 (Gaub)

An Ordinance providing for the acquisition by Eminent Domain of Property located near or adjacent to R Street SE within the City of Auburn, Washington for Roadway Widening and Associated Improvements for Project No. CP2116, R Street SE Widening – 22nd Street SE to 33rd Street SE; declaring Public Use and Necessity; and providing for severability and an effective date

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 6958.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

XIV. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5784 (Whalen)

A Resolution amending the City of Auburn Fee Schedule to adjust for 2025 Fees

Councilmember Rakes moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5784.

Council discussed bringing this Resolution back to a Study Session Meeting.

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to amend the 2025 Fee Schedule to remove the proposed Traffic Impact Fees.

Council discussed the amendment, and fees.

MOTION PASSES. 3-2. Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel and Councilmember Rakes voted against.

MOTION AS AMENDED PASSES. 4-1. Councilmember Rakes voted against.

B. Resolution No. 5787 (Krum)

A Resolution relating to the Endorsement of Use of the 2025 Valley Regional Fire Authority Fee Schedule as adopted by the VRFA Board of Governance

Councilmember T. Taylor moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5787.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

C. Resolution No. 5788 (Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Commercial Property owned by Feenix Parkside LLC located at 2802 – 2826 Auburn Way North

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5788.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

D. Resolution No. 5794 (Faber/Whalen)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a Purchase and Sale Agreement for commercial property owned by 125 E Main, LLC located at 125 E Main, Auburn

Councilmember C. Taylor moved and Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5794.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

XV. 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

Acting Deputy Mayor Trout-Manuel reported she attended the King County Best Starts for Kids Junior Subcommittee meeting, Ribbon Cutting event for "A" Street Loop, Sound Cities Association (SCA) Mix and Mingle event, Master Buildings Solution Breakfast, and the Safe Auburn Community Conversation Meeting at Pioneer Elementary School.

Councilmember C. Taylor reported he attended the Ribbon Cutting event for "A" Street Loop, and the Safe Auburn Community Conversation meeting at Lea Hill Elementary School.

Councilmember T. Taylor reported she attended the Valley Regional Fire Authority Board of Governance meeting, SCA Public Issues Committee meeting, Safe Auburn Community Conversation meetings, and the SCA Mix and Mingle event.

Councilmember Amer reported she attended the Together Center meeting, Ribbon Cutting event for "A" Street Loop, Safe Auburn Community Conversation meetings, volunteered with Community Emergency Response Team, and announced that she earned her Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported she attended the Safe Auburn Community Conversation meetings and that they are gathering input from the community to develop solution ideas regarding Public Safety in the City. She reported that members of the community can submit their concerns and solution ideas online at speakupauburn.org.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED this 4th day of November 2024.

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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