

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**I. Consent Items - None**

**II. Minutes - December 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Women's Suffrage Mural – Rebecca Swanson Conrad
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor MacLeod** – reminded everyone that the indoor Farmer's Market is closed until the Spring.

**City Manager Crowell** – provided an update on the Farmer's Market "bucks" that were distributed. They are no longer valid, however new Farmer's Market "bucks" will be available in the Spring. He also wanted to let the Council know that a plant was sent to the family of Normand McKeone, former City Council, who recently passed and a thank you note was received from the family.

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation's vacant seat noting that he has been appointed as an interim director of the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation filling the remainder of Dick Trafton's term (April 2021).

**IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 01-01042021**

Approving the Packgen TIF District #26. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

**2. Order 02-01042021**

Setting the date for the second council meeting in January to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 03-01042021**

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with FB Environmental Associates for the evaluation of ordinances applicable to the protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – Forrest Bell, Adam Daignault, and Rich Brereton from the firm of FB Environmental Associates spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to the next regular Council meeting (January 19, 2021).

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – announced that he will be providing the State of the City address on 1/19/2021, he also commented on the PAL Christmas efforts where gifts were collected for 175 kids and gave thanks to the volunteers and everyone that donated toys.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the holiday take out meal that the Age Friendly Committee put on noting that it was a big success.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, adding that the board of trustees will be meeting again January 19<sup>th</sup>. She reported on the Ag Committee meeting that was held last week, the next meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Last, she provided an update on the Comp Plan review team.

**City Manager Crowell** – echoed the comments made about the PAL Christmas effort and the holiday meal put on by the Age Friendly Committee. He noted that we are working through staffing challenges (quarantines, exposures, etc.) adding that all departments are still operating efficiently and still meeting the service needs of the community.

**IX. Executive Session** - Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (D).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 8:10 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

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Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.  
Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 19, 2021 VOL. 36 PAGE 107**

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. A moment of silence was held in memory of Brian Sicknick who was a member of the Capital Hill Police Force. Officer Sicknick was killed during the Capital building riots on January 6, 2021.

**I. Consent Items**

**1. Order 04-01192021**

Setting the time to open the polls for all 2021 election for 7:00 A.M.

**2. Order 05-01192021**

Accepting the transfer of \$4,535.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-1787 David Cochran).

**3. Order 06-01192021**

Accepting the transfer of \$2,480.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-1787 Lloyd Lyttle).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Mayor Levesque delivered his State of the City Address which was pre-recorded
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** took a moment to reflect on the events that happened on January 6, 2021 at the Capital Building noting that while it is important look outwardly at the cracks in our democracy and our government, which led to the violence, we should also look inwardly at the cracks that may exist in our own community and the potential cracks within ourselves and do what we can to ensure equity and commitment to each other.

**IV. Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, New Auburn resident, commented on litter and dog waste in the City.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**4. Order 01-01042021**

Approving the Packgen TIF District #26.

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Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to postpone this item indefinitely.

Passage 7-0.

**5. Order 03-01042021**

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with FB Environmental Associates for the evaluation of ordinances applicable to the protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 07-01192021**

Approving the liquor license for El tequila Restaurant located at 245 Center Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Order 08-01192021**

Authorizing the reallocation \$150,000 originally allocated for the Auburn Lewiston Airport main terminal parking lot to be used for the Eastside Aircraft Apron Reconstruction Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – announced that the Comp Plan ad hoc review committee has been meeting actively and the next meeting is scheduled for January 21st.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided a School Committee update.

**Councilor Walker** – reminded everyone about the upcoming Valentine’s Day (February 14, 2021) spaghetti dinner that the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on. The dinner is a take-out dinner, there is no charge, orders must be called in in advance. He also expressed some concerns about the Sopers Mill Road bid on underground piping and the pond in that area.

**Councilor Milks** – provided an update on the Sewer District meeting held earlier in the afternoon adding that the Water District Trustee meeting will be held tomorrow.

**Councilor MacLeod** – provided an update on the LATC meeting, and the Comp Plan ad hoc committee meeting.

**Councilor Lasagna** – asked for an update on the ad hoc committee on Boards & Committees and provided an update on the School Building Committee.

**Councilor Boss** – reported that she has been hearing from residents about their excitement about the newly opened Holy Donuts as well as some traffic concerns in that area.

**Manager Crowell** – provided the Council with some upcoming items slated for future Council meetings. He provided an update on COVID vaccinations.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – December 2020 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the December 2020 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0

**IX. Executive Session**

- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).  
This executive session was taken up during the workshop.
- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).  
Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 7:52 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned 8:15 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**1. Order 09-02012021\***

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Logan Rossignol as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

**2. Order 10-02012021\***

Setting the date for the second council meeting in February to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes** – January 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Continuation of Council Workshop on Ordinance Review
- Council Communications (about and to the community) – None at this time.

**IV. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business** - None

**VI. New Business**

**1. Ordinance 01-02012021**

Amending the zoning map adjusting the boundary to remove the parcel at 186 Main Street from the T.4.2 Form Based District and include the parcel in the T.5.1 Form Based Code District. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 02-02012021**

Expanding the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to replace current zoning in the Multi-family Urban District in the New Auburn neighborhood. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Order 11-02012021**

Appointing Glen Holmes to the Auburn Lewiston Airport Board as the City Manager Representative.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**4. Order 12-02012021**

Appointing Eric Cousens to the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) Policy Committee, replacing the City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

Mayor Levesque reported on the Comp Plan review process noting that more information can be found on our website and he encouraged public feedback. He also reported that meetings were held last week and again this week with Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital to try to determine potential COVID vaccine sites.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone about the upcoming Valentine's Day spaghetti take out dinner. He also wanted everyone know that due to the storm, the Age Friendly Committee meeting is postponed to the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

Councilor Gerry reported that the Grab and Go grocery program will be this Thursday instead of Wednesday due to the storm.

Councilor Macleod echoed the Mayor's comments on the Comprehensive Plan review and also encouraged public comments.



Councilor Lasagna reported that the ELHS Building Committee meeting has been moved from February to March.

Councilor Boss provided an update on the Ag Committee.

City Manager Crowell reminded everyone of the parking ban due to storm, and also noted that Auburn Hall may close, also because of the storm. That will be determined tomorrow morning. He provided Council with an update on upcoming agenda items. He reported that he and the mayor participated in the Legislative Policy Committee meeting looking at various bills that are being brought forth, adding that he will keep the Council up to date on those. He provided follow up on the Sopers Mill road piping project that was mentioned at the previous Council meeting, and last, he thanked Brian Soucy from our IT department for the work he has done to improve the audio quality for these meetings.

**IX. Executive Session** – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Passage 7-0. Time: 7:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:44 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was held in memory of Dr. Bernard Lown who recently passed away.

All Councilors were present.

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**1. Order 13-02162021\***

Re-appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the one consent item.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- CDBG Annual Report Presentation – Zachary Lenhert
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Walker – provided an update on the Valentine’s Day spaghetti dinner, and he thanked all involved.

**IV. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 01-02012021**

Amending the zoning map adjusting the boundary to remove the parcel at 186 Main Street from the T.4.2 Form Based District and include the parcel in the T.5.1 Form Based Code District. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 14-02162021**

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant's (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Ordinance 03-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the language in the last sentence as noted below.

**Be it ordained, that the City Council hereby amends Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 as follows:**

Sec. 2-381. - Established.

The city has such boards, commissions, committees, agencies, and other subunits of its governing authority as are established from time to time by the city Charter or the city council. The school committee is established in the city Charter, and information regarding other city boards, commissions, committees, agencies, and similar bodies is available in this article and on the city's official website. The council has created advisory boards to provide oversight and facilitate communication between the various boards, commissions, and committees as well as the elected officials.

Passage of the amendment 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

Passage of Ordinance 03-02162021 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 04-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-430 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 05-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 06-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-432 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 07-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-433 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 08-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-434 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Ordinance 09-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-435 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**9. Ordinance 10-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-440 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**10. Order 15-02162021**

Approving the formation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate and recommend changes to the city ordinance as it pertains to permitting and fees.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.**

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he has been in communication with staff and has reached out to non-profit organizations that have goals offering different opportunities for youth in regards to recreation and how these programs can help people with disabilities and low to moderate incomes.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library services.

**Councilor MacLeod** – provided an update on The Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting, Great Falls TV meeting, ELHS building committee, and the Comp Plan sub committee meeting.

**Councilor Milks** – reported on the Sewer District meeting held earlier today and noted that the Water District will be meeting tomorrow.

**Councilor Walker** – requested time during an upcoming workshop for the Age Friendly Committee to provide an update. He also provided information on the Walk in the Park event scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at Rolly’s Diner where they will discuss the event.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided an update on the School Committee meeting.

**Manager Crowell** – provided an update on the Solar Energy project update, the temporary closing of the Tax Office due to several staff members testing positive to Covid-19, and the search for a vaccination site. He also provided the Council with some upcoming agenda items.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2021 Final Monthly Report**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the January 2021 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

**IX. Executive Session - Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (C).**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:09 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**1. Order 16-03012021\***

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Steve Chouinard, Constable Process Server to serve documents on behalf of the Auburn Police Department without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn for 2021.

**2. Order 17-03012021\***

Setting the date to hold the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 8, 2021.

**3. Order 18-03012021\***

Confirming the appointment of Robert Cavanagh as full member and Renee Cote as alternate member of the Registration Appeals Board as nominated by the Democratic party.

**4. Order 19-03012021\***

Confirming Mayor Levesque's re-appointment of Leonard Kimble to the Ethics Committee with a term expiration of 11-01-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the 4 consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes** - February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Age Friendly Committee Update (Leroy Walker & Jan Biron)
- Economic Development City Owned Properties (Jay Brenchick)
- Council Communications (about and to the community) – There were none.

**IV. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 02-02012021**

Expanding the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to replace current zoning in the Multi-family Urban District in the New Auburn neighborhood. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 03-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage of the second reading for Ordinances 03-02162021 through 10-02162021.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 04-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-430 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

**4. Ordinance 05-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

**5. Ordinance 06-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-432 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

**6. Ordinance 07-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-433 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

**7. Ordinance 08-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-434 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

**8. Ordinance 09-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-435 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

**9. Ordinance 10-02162021**

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-440 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.



**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 20-03012021**

Approving the consolidation and polling place changes as recommended by staff. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**2. Ordinance 11-03012021**

Amending Chapter 60 to correct spelling, capitalization and word placement errors. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 12-03012021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII re-zoning a portion of Parcels PID 057-003, 057-003-001, 057-002, 057-001 on Trapp Road from Rural Residential to Agriculture/Resource Protection. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 13-03012021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII expanding the form-based code zoning district T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood, In the Court/Lake Street and Lake Auburn Avenue, Union, Lake, and Whitney Streets areas. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 14-03012021**

Amending Chapter 52 – Traffic. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 15-03012021**

Amending Chapter 24 - General Assistance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 16-03012021**

Amending Chapter 61, Section 61-1 – Moratorium on social clubs and retail medical marijuana caregiver storefronts. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Ordinance 17-03012021**

Amending the Code, Appendix A to include language for the Veteran Relocation and Development Incentive Program. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one From the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**9. Order 21-03012021**

Appointing Ian Campbell to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6-1-2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**10. Order 22-03012021**

Appointing Riley Bergeron as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**11. Order 23-03012021**

Re-appointing Evan Cyr as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**12. Order 24-03012021**

Appointing Brian Dubois as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**13. Order 25-03012021**

Re-appointing Raymond Fortier to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**14. Order 26-03012021**

Appointing Kevin Arel to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**15. Order 27-03012021**

Re-appointing Robert Cavanagh to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**16. Order 28-03012021**

Re-appointing Courtney McDonough to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of 10-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**17. Order 29-03012021**

Appointing Joseph Morin to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of 10-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

- a. Mayor's Report
- b. City Councilors' Reports
- c. City Manager Report

**Councilor Carrier** – Reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday, and he provided an update on the School Committee meeting.

**Councilor Walker** – Reported that there will be an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm. They are joining with the United New Auburn Association on the Walk in the Park event scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. He reported on the 911 Committee meeting, and the Waste to Energy meeting.

**Councilor Milks** – Provided an update on the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees on the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) complaint.

**Councilor Gerry** – Noted that the Farmers Market will not be held on Sunday as mentioned earlier during the meeting.

**Councilor MacLeod** – Reported on the Comprehensive Plan work group meeting, the Audit Committee meeting, and the first Permitting Fee Structure meeting is scheduled for Friday.

**Councilor Lasagna** – Provided an update on the School Building Committee.

**Councilor Boss** – Reported on last week's Ag Committee meeting adding that they will be providing an update to the City Council at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.

**Mayor Levesque** – Provided updates on the Legislative Policy Committee, the Railroad Corporation, and the Comprehensive Plan work group.

**Manager Crowell** – Thanked the public for their patience while the Tax Office was closed temporarily. He also gave thanks and appreciation to the Council for fitting in all of the committee meetings into their busy schedules. He also stated that we are moving forward with the online permitting process. In regards to the Legislative Policy Committee, he noted that he will be paying close attention to those bills and will be sure to keep the Council abreast of those items.

**VIII. Executive Session** – Contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:22 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:40 pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**Leroy G. Walker, Sr., City Councilor**  
**Ward 5**  
**Age-Friendly Report 2019-2020**

Good evening, Mayor Levesque, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Councilors and City Staff,

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, things had to change drastically with our Age-Friendly programs, but I am proud of what we, as a team, were able to accomplish. We found different ways to feed people in need, and gave them something to look forward to in these lonely, separated times. It was quite a challenge.

Beginning in August of 2019, our group raised funds by hosting the beverage booth at the Balloon Festival and we raised over \$1000.00 for the Age-Friendly program.

We held a Box Car Movie Night for kids, where the kids decorated boxes (provided by International Paper) to look like cars, and showed a youth movie. It was enjoyed by all. Over 100 people participated. Some of the box cars were taken home. The remainder were donated to a daycare center. They were very happy to have them.

On November 2, 2019, the ribbon cutting was held, opening the newly renovated Auburn Senior Community Center in Pettengill Park.

On November 24, 2019, we held an in-person Thanksgiving dinner, free of charge, to anyone who wanted to attend. There were approximately 150 people in attendance, and about 20 meals were taken home to those who couldn't attend. ReEnergy, Inc. donated \$500.00 to this event. Mike Small, of Small's Greenhouse on Summer Street in Auburn, donated beautiful poinsettias, valued at about \$200.00, for people to take home for the holidays.

On December 13, 2019, we held an adult Christmas Movie, "White Christmas", and served cookies and popcorn to all who attended. It was very well received. Approximately 50 people attended.

On New Year's Day 2020, we held an in-person meal of finger rolls, chips, pickles, olives, dessert and beverage to approximately 200 people. We showed a video count-down from New York's Time Square of the last 30 seconds of 2019 and handed out noise makers and hats to everyone. We had a puzzle, games, Corn Hole, and music for everyone to enjoy.

On January 20, 2020, we held our first bus tour with the City Link Bus Company, with Italian sandwiches being served, and a class on how the bus system works. Many people attended and were grateful for the information. About 20 people were present. Everyone had the opportunity to ride the entire bus route.

On January 22, 2020, we had a light lunch and movie, with popcorn being served. 52 people attended.

On February 14, 2020 – Valentine's Day, we held an in-person spaghetti and meatball dinner. Larry Gowell sang love songs and participants sang and danced. We had a full house on that day – 150 people.

On February 20, 2020, we had our second City Link talk, ride and Italian sandwich luncheon, with 27 people. Everyone took the bus tour.

On February 27, 2020, we had a beef stew lunch, followed by a movie. 65 people attended.

This is where things changed drastically.

On March 17, 2020, we would have held what would have become our last in-person dinner, a boiled dinner for St. Patrick's Day. We were not, however, able to hold this event due to the beginning of the Covid 19 virus. All of the food that was purchased for the dinner was given to the "Grab and Go" program, to be distributed by the recreation department.

On April 23, 2020, we were supposed to have a light lunch and movie, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On May 14, 2020, we had scheduled a Mother's Day lunch and movie with cake and popcorn, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On June 25, 2020, we planned a Father's Day light lunch and movie with cake and popcorn, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On July 23, 2020, we planned a Fun Day lunch with hamburgers and corn on the cob, with games like Corn Hole, board games, and more. This was cancelled due to Covid-19.

On August 27, 2020, we had planned a light lunch with games inside and outside. This was cancelled due to Covid-19.

On September 24, 2020, a light lunch and a movie with popcorn was scheduled, but cancelled due to Covid-19.

On October 22, 2020, we had planned a light lunch and a movie with popcorn. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

We also had a bean supper on October 17th, serving 41 people beans, hot dogs, bread, dessert and beverage. This was a "Stop and Go" meal, where people picked up their food and took it home.

On Halloween, the Hello-Ween program took place, serving over 500 children with candy and music at Little Andy Park, hosted by the United New Auburn Association and Age-Friendly Community Committee.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, we held a "Stop & Go" full Thanksgiving dinner for all who wanted or needed one. Over 250 people picked up a meal and took it home to enjoy. This FREE meal was sponsored by ReSource Waste Services and Cure, owned by John Morrison. Over \$600.00 in donations came in.

Finally, on December 30, 2020, we hosted a combined Christmas and New Year's "Stop & Go" luncheon of finger rolls, chips, dessert and beverage. We served approximately 265 people from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Matt Leonard co-sponsored this event.

For all of the meals, donations were accepted and gratefully appreciated. In spite of Covid-19, we have managed to continue to connect with our community members and keep them engaged.

On February 14, 2021, Valentine's Day, we held another "Stop & Go" spaghetti and meatballs dinner. It wasn't the same as last year, because there was no entertainment, dancing or singing, but there was plenty of food and good will from all of our Age-Friendly board members and volunteers, who consider themselves privileged to serve their community. We served 285 people from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We received \$370.00 in donations and John Morrison (Cure) sponsored this event. It was a great success.

We are planning to offer movies again at the Senior Community Center in Pettengill Park on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We plan to hold the first one on the third Wednesday of March, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for the movies. No food will be allowed in the facility. People can bring their own beverages, according to the CDC regulations. Masks must be worn. Registration is required in advance, as we can only allow 30 people in the building at one time. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

The Age-Friendly Community Committee wants to thank the Auburn Recreation Department and its staff for the great support to every one of our events. They have helped to make each one a great success.

Considering the fact that we have only been in existence for 2 years, with a pandemic taking place half-way through, we have successfully united our community and provided many people who have food insecurity and socialization issues with what they needed. It has been quite a challenge and we stepped up to that challenge. We've received many wonderful comments and thanks from almost every participant. We hope to continue for a long time to come with your support.

Thank you,

Jan Biron

On behalf of Leroy G. Walker, Sr., City Councilor, Ward 5



Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

**I. Consent Items - None**

**II. Minutes – March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Recognition – The Mayor John Jenkins Hands & Hearts Leadership Service Award was awarded to Deputy Fire Chief, Matt Fifield
- Presentation of the City Manager’s Preliminary Budget
- Proclamation – Greek Independence Day
- Recognition – The Maine Recreation and Parks Association has awarded the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department with the Facility of Merit Award for the Auburn Senior Community Center
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Mayor Levesque** – reminded everyone that the Auburn Mall is the host of the Androscoggin County mass vaccination site.

**Councilor Gerry** – noted that the LA transit bus will be stopping at the Auburn Mall for anyone that needs transportation to get their vaccine.

**Councilor Lasagna** - added that there is also free transportation to vaccination sites throughout the State which can be found on the Maine CDC website. She also said that she has been getting a lot of questions regarding the new proposed zoning and asked if we could hold a question & answer forum on this item.

**Councilor Walker** – announced that the Age Friendly Committee is going to offer a movie at the Senior Center for up to 30 people. Anyone interested should call the Recreation Department to make sure there is room. This will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 pm. They will be offering another one next month. He also reminded everyone of the Walk in the Park event to be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 11-03012021**

Amending Chapter 60 to correct spelling, capitalization and word placement errors. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 12-03012021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII re-zoning a portion of Parcels PID 057-003, 057-003-001, 057-002, 057-001 on Trapp Road from Rural Residential to Agriculture/Resource Protection. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 13-03012021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII expanding the form-based code zoning district T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood, In the Court/Lake Street and Lake Auburn Avenue, Union, Lake, and Whitney Streets areas. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 14-03012021**

Amending Chapter 52 – Traffic. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 15-03012021**

Amending Chapter 24 - General Assistance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 16-03012021**

Amending Chapter 61, Section 61-1 – Moratorium on social clubs and retail medical marijuana caregiver storefronts. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 17-03012021**

Amending the Code, Appendix A to include language for the Veteran Relocation and Development Incentive Program. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one From the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 30-03152021**

Re-appointing Bruce Bickford to the Railroad Company to serve from April 2021-April 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Order 31-03152021**

Appointing Mayor Jason Levesque to the Railroad Company filling the remaining term of outgoing Director, Richard Trafton, serving from April 2021-April 2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 32-03152021**

Initiating a Planning Board Ordinance Change to Amend Chapter 60 – Secondary dwellings.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Order 33-03152021**

Ratifying the contract for (FOP) Fraternal Order of Police Patrol Detectives.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on proposed legislation, reported that he was invited by MMA to give a presentation to Rep. Golden on Thursday to talk about Auburn and how we are moving forward during COVID, and how we are using the stimulus funds and more.

**Councilor Milks** – reported that the Sewer Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday at 4:00 pm and the Water Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

**Councilor Macleod** – reported on the last LATC meeting, and the Permits and Fees sub-committee.

**Councilor Lasagna** – commented on the new ELHS Building outline and added that they are working on plans for the ground-breaking.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported that if anyone has questions for the School Committee budget, let him know and he will try to get the questions answered.

**Manager Crowell** – thanked the Finance Director and Department Directors for their work on the budget. He pointed out that he included an Annual Report in the Councilors budget packet adding that it will be available on our website for the public to view. He pointed out that the CIP plan can also be found in their workbooks. He talked about the traffic plan around the ELHS construction. He also went over the budget schedule.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2021 Final Monthly Report**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the February 2021 Final Monthly Report.

Passage 7-0.

**VIII. Executive Sessions:**

**Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:17 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 pm.

**Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A)**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:33 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**1. Order 34-04052021\***

Setting the date for the second regular council meeting in April to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

**2. Order 35-04052021\***

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY2020 local solicitation - Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government document to be submitted with the grant application.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – March 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Communication - St. Mary's Nutrition Center Annual Report (Auburn Community Gardens)
- Agricultural Committee Update – Katie Boss, Scott Blanchard, David Griswold (via phone)
- Permit Fees Update – Tim MacLeod and Katie Boss
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Gerry** – asked if there would be a presentation from St. Mary's Nutrition Center at a later date.

**Councilor Walker** – commented on the Walk in the Park Event.

**Councilor Lasagna** – thanked Eric Cousens, Liz Allen, and the City Manager for putting together the Community Conversation that took place last week regarding zoning.

**Mayor Levesque** – commented on the April fool’s joke (Auburn’s 2021 Lobster Festival) that went out last week. He also provided an update on legislative matters.

**IV. Open Session** - No one from the public spoke

**V. Unfinished Business** - None

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 36-04052021**

Authorizing the sale of real property to Tambrands, Inc.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Order 37-04052021**

Disposition of building located at 16 Walnut Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Order 38-04052021**

Disposition of building located at 32 High Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 18-04052021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 60-34, Buildings per Lot (secondary dwellings). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Open Session** - No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor** – he, along with Councilors Boss and MacLeod, have been working with the Mercatus Institute (George Mason University) regarding zoning. They’ve offered to do a pre walk around/on site evaluation and meet with the Council. One of the lead professors will be in Boston in May and the Mayor would like to invite them to Auburn. The cost would be approximately \$1,500 to cover expenses such as hotel, transportation, and food.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided an update on the School Committee meetings, and Airport Board.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that there will be a public Zoom meeting at 6:00 pm on April 7<sup>th</sup> for Citylink bus service.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the high-volume vaccine site in Auburn adding that Citylink has a route that is running every half hour to provide bus service to individuals in need of transportation to get their vaccine.

**City Manager** – provided an update on the American Relief Fund, renewable energy credits, and the Lake Auburn study.

**IX. Executive Session**

- Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:43 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

- Property acquisition, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 9:10 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:30 pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items – None**

**II. Minutes – April 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

**CALEA Presentation** – Karen Shepard, Program Director of CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) presented Chief Moen with their re-accreditation certification. This is their 5<sup>th</sup> accreditation award.

**Council Communications** (about and to the community) -

**Councilor Boss** – reminded everyone that Saturday is Earth Day and there will be a community clean up organized by Conservation Commission. She encouraged everyone to get out and participate in the clean-up.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that there is an ELHS Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm there is a Medication Take Back event scheduled in Lewiston and Auburn, and the YWCA will be holding it's Stand Against Racism three-day, virtual event starting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilor Walker** – the United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday. Their guest speaker will be Glenn Holmes. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, there is a Waste to Energy meeting at 11:30 am.

**Manager Crowell & Mayor Levesque** offered a joint statement announcing that the State of Emergency order for the City is being lifted. This is the State of Emergency that was implemented on April 1, 2020 by the Mayor and former City Manager. They did state that we should still adhere to the Governor's State of Emergency orders.

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that there were two grand openings last week for Back in Motion Physical Therapy, and another for Holy Donut.

**IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke**

**V. Unfinished Business – None**

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 39-04202021**

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**2. Order 40-04202021**

Waiving the \$150 business licensing fee for the Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball snack shack located at 4 Mount Apatite Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 41-04202021**

Directing the City Manager to implement a City Equity Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – Fatuma Hussein spoke in support of the order.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend as follows:

***ORDERED***, that the City Council hereby directs the city manager to ~~use the accepted equity statement provided by City Spirit and~~ implement a city-wide policy on equity and inclusion utilizing the work done by the City Spirit and the equity inclusion tool kit made available for municipalities by the International Association of City/County Managers (ICMA).

*The policy will define expectations for consideration of racial and social equity, and in particular, meaningful community involvement when planning, developing, and implementing policies, practices, programs and initiatives. It will provide a framework to advance equity in alignment with our strategic plan.*

Passage 4-3 (Councilors MacLeod, Boss, and Lasagna opposed).

Passage of Order 41-04202021 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.**

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he sent to Councilors a consolidated list of bills in Augusta that are being taken up by the legislative committee. He asked they reach out to either him or the City Manager if they have questions and to let them know if there is any legislation they are passionate about that they feel would benefit the City.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported that the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday and he will report back after the meeting.

**Councilor Walker** – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be offering a movie day from 1-3 pm tomorrow at the Senior Center. They will also be offering a beef stew dinner on Friday (to go). He also reported on a committee that has been formed by Susan Roy on the beach. A meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

**Councilor Milks** – reported on the Sewer District meeting that was held earlier today and added that the Water District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4pm.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that AVCOG is having a follow up survey to the presentation on the transit system which is on their website.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library and noted that the Ag Committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

**Manager Crowell** – thanked Fatuma Hussein and members of the City Spirit Council for their work and their effort for the City Spirit. He also provided notification to the Council on a business license that was denied due to tax dollars owed to the City. The applicant has until May 5<sup>th</sup> to file an appeal.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – March 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the March 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 7-0.

**IX. Executive Session - None**

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:02pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



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# Recent Trends in Residential Segregation in New England

Nicholas Chiumenti

## Summary

Residential segregation in Boston has drawn considerable attention in recent years, but much less notice has been given to the issue with respect to the rest of New England. This regional brief focuses on residential segregation between all minority groups and non-Hispanic white residents in metro areas throughout the region. New England’s population is predominately non-Hispanic white; however, the region has diversified considerably since 1990, as most of the population growth has occurred among minority groups. Residential segregation by race/ethnicity declined over that same period in nearly every medium-sized and large metro

area in New England, though the levels remain modestly higher than the national averages. Contrary to the broader trends, many of New England’s small metro areas saw increases in residential segregation during the 1990–2017 period. While racial and ethnic minorities in the region tend to be clustered in fewer neighborhoods relative to the rest of the United States, they are less isolated from non-Hispanic whites; that is, on average, a minority resident of a New England metro area has a considerably higher share of white neighbors compared with minorities elsewhere in the country.

## Key Facts

**12%**

Residential segregation in large New England metro areas declined 12 percent between 1990 and 2017.

**64%**

Hispanic population growth drove that decline; Hispanics accounted for 64 percent of New England’s total population growth between 1990 and 2017.

**80%**

On average, white residents of New England metro areas live in neighborhoods that are 80 percent white.



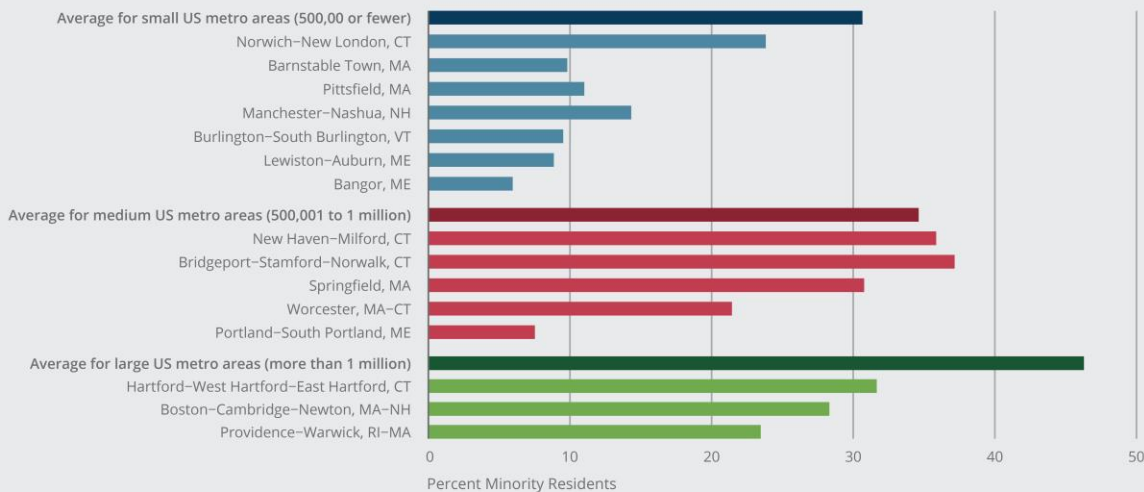
Between 1990 and 2017, residential segregation increased 10 percent in the region’s small metro areas, most of which are located in northern New England.

## An Increasingly Diverse New England

For this report, “minority residents” refers to people who identify as belonging to at least one racial or ethnic group other than non-Hispanic white (for example Hispanic, black, or Asian). These include individuals who identify as multiracial or as Hispanic of any race. This report makes some references to specific minority groups in order to give context to or compare different experiences.<sup>1</sup>

Compared with similarly sized metropolitan areas elsewhere in the United States, those in New England generally are home to fewer minority residents.<sup>2</sup> Figure 1 shows the share of New England metro area residents in 2017 who identified as belonging to any minority group. For every small (500,000 or fewer residents) and large (more than 1 million residents) metro area in the region, the share of minority residents was less than the average for all similarly sized US metro areas. In all but two of New England’s medium-sized metro areas (500,001 to 1 million residents) the share of minority residents was smaller than the average share for similarly sized metro areas nationwide. The exceptions were New Haven-Milford (Connecticut) and Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk (Connecticut), where the share of minority residents was even greater than those of every large New England metro area. Metro areas in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont had the smallest shares of minority residents, ranging from just under 6 percent in Bangor (Maine) to 14.3 percent in Manchester-Nashua (New Hampshire).

**Figure 1: Minority Resident Population by New England Metro Area**  
As percent of metropolitan area’s total population in 2017



*Note(s): Averages by metropolitan area size include all metro areas in the United States. Metropolitan areas refer to core-based metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). The minority population includes those identifying as single race, more than one race, or Hispanic.*  
*Source(s): American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017*

New England metro areas have diversified considerably over the past three decades. Since 1990, the minority population in these areas has more than doubled. Within metro



areas, the minority-population growth between 1990 and 2017 ranged from 105.7 percent in Hartford (Connecticut) to 360 percent in Lewiston-Auburn (Maine). Smaller metro areas in northern New England saw some of the largest increases by percentage; however, the minority population in these areas remains small in comparison with those of southern New England metro areas.

Every New England state saw an increase in its non-white population between 1990 and 2017, and the region as a whole saw an increase of 144 percent. The number of minority residents more than doubled in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island; tripled in Maine; and quadrupled in New Hampshire and Vermont. The increase in the Hispanic population was responsible for 64 percent of the total population growth in New England between 1990 and 2017; non-Hispanic black residents accounted for 21 percent of the region's population gains during this period. As a result, the New England population went from being 89 percent white in 1990 to 76 percent white in 2017.

## Residential Segregation of Minorities

Rates of residential segregation have been on the decline nationally since at least the 1980s.<sup>3</sup> Medium-sized and large metropolitan areas in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut mirrored this decline between 1990 and 2017; however, their rates of decline were generally slower than the national average. This finding is based on a measure of residential segregation called the dissimilarity index.<sup>4</sup> The index represents the percentage of minority residents who would need to move to another neighborhood (in this case census tract) within a metro area in order for all neighborhoods to have an equal share of minorities.<sup>5</sup> A lower percentage indicates a more even distribution of minority residents across an area and thus less residential segregation; a higher percentage indicates a minority population that is highly concentrated in a certain neighborhood or neighborhoods. Table 1 shows each New England metro area's dissimilarity index for the entire minority population relative to its white population.

In 2017, six of the eight medium-sized and large New England metro areas had rates of residential segregation that were higher than the national average for similarly sized metro areas. Based on the dissimilarity index, Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk (Connecticut) had the highest rate in 2017. In that year, about 53 percent of minority residents would have had to move in order for all neighborhoods in the metro area to have an equal share of minority residents.<sup>6</sup> Conversely, New England's small metro areas tended to have lower-than-average rates; residential segregation was greater than the national average in only two of its seven small metro areas: Manchester-Nashua (New Hampshire) and Norwich-New London (Connecticut).

Even though Connecticut metro areas had the highest rates of residential segregation, the state saw some of the steepest declines in New England between 1990 and 2017. Hartford's dissimilarity index fell 17 percent, and in New Haven-Milford, it decreased 18 percent, the most of any New England metro area during this period. In other New England states' metro areas where the rates declined, they tended to do so at a pace that

was slower than the national average. The main exception here was the Boston-Cambridge-Newton (Massachusetts-New Hampshire) metro area, where the dissimilarity index also fell slightly faster than the national average.

During this period, the dissimilarity index of large US metro areas fell 13.1 percent on average, a drop slightly larger than the 12.6 percent decline in New England's large metro areas. Nationally, the index for medium-sized and small metro areas fell an average of about 16 percent and 11 percent, respectively, but in New England, the decline was only 9.8 percent in medium-sized metro areas, while in small metro areas the index increased 10.1 percent on average.

**Table 1: Residential Segregation of All Minorities Relative to White Residents**

By New England metropolitan area, 1990–2017

Metropolitan area (MSA)	1990	2000	2010	2017
<b>Large metro areas (more than 1 million residents)</b>				
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	60.8	56.5	52.1	50.5
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	53.8	53.2	50.2	50.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	55.7	53.6	49.7	48.2
<b>Average for large US metro areas</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>48.4</b>
<b>Medium metro areas (500,001 to 1 million residents)</b>				
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	59.6	58.4	55.3	53.2
Springfield, MA	59.3	56.5	55.5	53.1
New Haven-Milford, CT	58.9	55.4	51	48.4
Worcester, MA-CT	47	46.1	43.8	42.7
Portland-South Portland, ME	27.3	26.6	27.8	33.1
<b>Average for medium US metro areas</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>41.1</b>
<b>Small metro areas (500,000 or fewer residents)</b>				
Norwich-New London, CT	41.7	41	40.5	39.4
Manchester-Nashua, NH	28.2	35.8	34.9	38.1
Bangor, ME	33.8	29.4	22.8	34.1
Pittsfield, MA	30.6	27.8	29.3	31.8
Burlington-South Burlington, VT	22	22.5	24.3	30.2
Barnstable Town, MA	31.6	27.1	24.8	29.5
Lewiston-Auburn, ME	23.2	19.8	35.4	27.6
<b>Average for small US metro areas</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>37.2</b>

Note(s): Table displays the dissimilarity index for all minority groups relative to non-Hispanic whites in New England metro areas. Values represent the percent of minority residents who would need to move out of their neighborhood (census tract) and into another within the same metro area in order for every neighborhood within that metro area to have an equal share of minority residents. Metropolitan areas were excluded if less than 3 percent of their population identified as a minority group. Averages include all metro areas in the United States by population size.

Source(s): Decennial census 1990–2010; American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017

Northern New England and southern New England appear to have been on divergent paths between 1990 and 2017. Metro areas in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont all saw their rates of residential segregation rise (according to the dissimilarity index), while those in southern New England, with the exception of the Pittsfield metro area

(Massachusetts), saw theirs decline. One factor that may help to explain this divergence is the different demographic changes these areas experienced. In Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont metro areas, the number of non-Hispanic white residents remained the same or grew between 1990 and 2017; in every southern New England metro area where residential segregation declined, the number of white residents also fell.<sup>7</sup> Thus, in southern New England, predominantly white neighborhoods may have desegregated in part because, with white residents departing, it was more likely that only minority buyers or renters competed for available housing. These demographically driven changes were not present in northern New England.

In metro areas with smaller shares of minority residents, it can be difficult to accurately estimate the dissimilarity index.<sup>8</sup> In 2017, fewer than 10 percent of northern New England's metro area residents were minorities. Because the dissimilarity index conveys the share of minority residents who have to move within a metro area, large changes in residential segregation can occur in places with smaller minority populations when relatively few minority residents relocate from one neighborhood to another. Thus in many northern New England metro areas, the changes in residential segregation between 1990 and 2017 may have been the result of the relocation of a relatively small number of minority residents. In addition, the 2017 estimates are based on a sample of residents from the American Community Survey (ACS), as opposed to the estimates from earlier years, which use the decennial census (a full count of residents). The 2017 estimates for areas with smaller minority populations have larger margins of error, so the actual changes in residential segregation may vary from these estimates.

Despite data limitations for small metro areas, evidence indicates that residential segregation has been rising in northern New England, including during the 1990–2010 period, for which the more accurate full-count census data are used. With the exception of Bangor (Maine),<sup>9</sup> all northern New England metro areas that saw their minority and non-Hispanic white populations grow during this period also saw an increase in residential segregation. Lewiston-Auburn (Maine) was the only metro area that experienced a decline in the number of non-Hispanic white residents along with an increase in residential segregation between 1990 and 2010. All medium-sized and large metro areas where the dissimilarity index fell between 1990 and 2010 also had a decline in their non-Hispanic white population but an increase in their minority population.

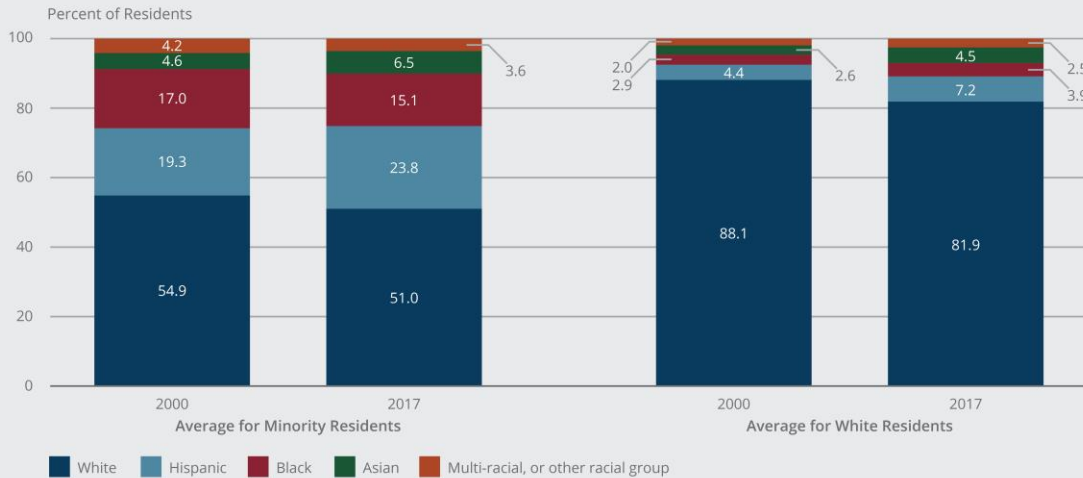
## Neighborhood Diversity in New England

While minority residents of New England metropolitan areas experience somewhat greater residential segregation, being clustered into fewer neighborhoods compared with minority residents of other US metro areas, they are also more likely to live alongside a greater number of non-Hispanic white residents and are thus less “isolated” from them. In 2017, the neighborhood of a minority resident of a New England metro area, on average, was 51 percent white (Figure 2), compared with only 36 percent white in metro areas outside of the region. In part, this is because non-Hispanic whites make up a larger share of the population in New England than in the country as a whole. The neighborhood of a



white resident of a New England metro area, however, usually looks quite different from a minority resident’s neighborhood; on average, in 2017 only 18.1 percent of a white resident’s neighbors were minorities. In the average metro area outside of New England, a white resident lives in a neighborhood where slightly more than one-fourth (27 percent) of the residents are minorities.

**Figure 2: Neighborhood Composition for New England Minority and White Residents**  
New England metropolitan areas, 2000 and 2017



*Note(s): Percentages represent the neighborhood (census tract) average composition for New England minority and non-Hispanic white residents. The average share of the census tract population in each racial group is weighted by the share of minority or white New England metro area residents living in the census tract.*

*Source(s): Decennial census 2000; American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017*

Since 2000, the average racial composition of New England metro area neighborhoods has changed. The share of non-Hispanic white neighbors has declined for minority residents, as well as for white residents, dropping, on average, 4 percentage points for a minority resident and 6 percentage points for a white resident. In both cases, the shift is primarily due to an increase in the number of Hispanic residents and, secondarily, to the rise in the number of Asian residents. Between 2000 and 2017, the Hispanic share of residents climbed 4.5 percentage points in the neighborhood of a minority resident and 2.8 percentage points in the neighborhood of a white resident, on average. In the neighborhoods of each, the Asian share of the population rose an average of 1.9 points.

For New England metro areas, the declining share of white residents living in the neighborhood of a minority resident is consistent with declining residential segregation, which may seem counterintuitive. However, as previously noted, the region is diversifying; the share of the overall population of New England’s metro areas that is non-Hispanic white fell 10.3 percent between 2000 and 2017. But during that period, the share of white residents living in the neighborhood of a minority resident declined only 7.1 percent, on average. Thus in 2017, the average racial and ethnic makeup of a minority

resident's neighborhood more closely resembled the region as a whole than it did in 2000.

## Obstacles to Future Declines in Residential Segregation

Changing demographics helped facilitate declines in residential segregation, but these trends are not guaranteed to continue. From 2000 to 2010, the minority population in a white resident's neighborhood increased, on average, 5 percent annually. Meanwhile, in the neighborhood of a minority resident, the minority population increased only 3.7 percent annually, on average. While seemingly not large, this difference compounded over the decade and was also evident in the preceding 10-year period.<sup>10</sup> However, the 2010–2017 period saw a reversal of this trend; the minority population of a minority resident's neighborhood grew faster than the minority population of a white resident's neighborhood, increasing, on average, at annual rates of 2.4 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively. These numbers suggest that the minority populations in predominantly white neighborhoods grew at a slower pace in recent years, and that new minority residents to New England metro areas are moving into predominantly minority neighborhoods.

The continuation of these patterns could disrupt the region's long-term trend toward declining residential segregation. The reasons for this shift in the most recent period are not clear, but rising home prices and an inadequate supply of housing may be at least partly to blame for the slower minority population growth seen in predominantly white neighborhoods. As problems of housing affordability continue, and potentially worsen, future progress toward residential integration will be at risk, because fewer minority households will be able to afford to live in neighborhoods where white households live. While lending practices no longer overtly discriminate against minority buyers as they once did, the cost of borrowing remains higher—and loan terms less favorable—for minority households.<sup>11</sup> Housing affordability looms large as an important barrier to residential integration. The effects of an insufficient supply of housing and the related restrictive zoning practices are increasingly acknowledged as exacerbating this issue.<sup>12</sup> New England's minority residents disproportionately experience the consequences of housing unaffordability, and an absence of affordable housing options will make it more difficult to further reduce residential segregation.

## Concluding Remarks

Residential segregation between minority and non-Hispanic white residents in New England's more populated southern metro areas is declining, and it has been since at least 1990, mirroring a national trend. In these communities at least, changing demographics are likely playing an important role, as the Hispanic population has increased dramatically over the past three decades, and new minority residents have been responsible for all of the net population growth in southern New England's metropolitan areas. Thus, in southern New England, declining residential segregation may be, in part, a natural outcome of a diversifying region, as new demand for available

housing has been more likely to come from minority residents in recent years. In northern New England's metro areas, residential segregation increased between 1990 and 2017. The demographic trends present in southern New England that have facilitated residential integration were not present in northern New England during this period. Before 2010, trends involving where minority residents chose to live were favorable to declining residential segregation in the region's metro areas, but those trends seem to have shifted in recent years, with minorities more likely to settle in predominantly minority neighborhoods.

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The data used in this report are from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2013–2017 and the US Census Bureau 1990, 2000, and 2010 Decennial Censuses. The geography considered are New England area census tracts within US Office of Management and Budget metropolitan core based statistical areas.

## Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> References to racial groups in this report refer to persons who identify as a single race. For example “black residents” refers to persons who identify as black or African American *only* and *not* in combination with another race (multi-race). Hispanics are treated as a separate minority group, even though Hispanics are identified in combination with a race by the US Census Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> Metropolitan areas refer to Core Based Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), as defined by the US Office of Management and Budget. Micropolitan Core Based Statistical Areas are excluded from this analysis.

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<sup>5</sup> Standardized census tracts were used in order to compare measures of residential segregation across years.

<sup>6</sup> Alternatively, 53.2 percent of non-Hispanic white residents could relocate to achieve this same distribution.

<sup>7</sup> The decrease in the white population in medium-sized and large southern New England metro areas between 1990 and 2017 ranged from 6.3 percent in Providence-Warwick (Rhode Island) to 17.8 percent in New Haven-Milford (Connecticut). Meanwhile the increase in the number of minority residents ranged from 105.7 percent in Hartford (Connecticut) to 204.2 percent in Worcester (Massachusetts-Connecticut). The Portland (Maine) metro area is the one medium-sized or large metro area where residential segregation increased during this period; its white population grew 12.7 percent, while the minority population increased 303.2 percent. There are three exceptions to this trend of a declining white population coupled with declining residential segregation. In Barnstable Town (Massachusetts), the number of white residents increased 8.4 percent between 1990 and 2017, but residential segregation declined 6.6 percent during this period. In Pittsfield (Massachusetts), the number of white residents declined 15.3 percent, but residential segregation increased 3.9 percent. Residential segregation also increased in Lewiston-Auburn (Maine), even while the white population decreased 5.2 percent.

<sup>8</sup> Allen, Rebecca, Simon Burgess, Russell Davidson, and Frank Windmeijer. 2015. “More Reliable Inference for the Dissimilarity Index of Segregation.” *Econometrics Journal* 18(1): 40–66.

<sup>9</sup> Bangor (Maine) had a decline in residential segregation during this period coupled with increasing minority and white populations. However, this metro area may be most susceptible to small sample size issues.

<sup>10</sup> From 1990 to 2000, the number of minority residents increased an average of 6.4 percent annually in a white resident’s neighborhood, but only 6 percent, on average, in a minority resident’s neighborhood.

<sup>11</sup> Bayer, Patrick, Fernando Ferreira, and Stephen L. Ross. 2017. “What Drives Racial and Ethnic Differences in High Cost Mortgages? The Role of High Risk Lenders.” *The Review of Financial Studies* 31(1): 175–205.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:24 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent – None**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to temporarily suspend the rules to change the order of the agenda.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve orders 44-05032021 through 54-05032021 below (Board and Committee appointments under New Business).

Passage 7-0.

**1. Order 44-05032021**

Appointing Amy Dieterich to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

**2. Order 45-05032021**

Appointing Mary LaFontaine to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

**3. Order 46-05032021**

Appointing Adam Lee to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

**4. Order 47-05032021**

Appointing Adam Platz to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**5. Order 48-05032021**

Re-Appointing Rhyanna LaRose to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**6. Order 49-05032021**

Appointing Donna Wallace to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**7. Order 50-05032021**

Re-appointing Cynthia Larrabee to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**8. Order 51-05032021**

Re-appointing Dana Morrell to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**9. Order 52-05032021**

Re-appointing Mamie Ney to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**10. Order 53-05032021**

Re-appointing Larry Pelletier to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

**11. Order 54-05032021**

Appointing Joseph Morin to the Planning Board as an associate member with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

**II. Minutes – April 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna reported on the Community Conversations meeting that took place noting that she has heard a lot of positive feedback. She thanked Eric Cousens and other City staff for putting this together.

- Permit and Fee discussion (continuation from the workshop).

**IV. Open Session – Nikkita Sampson, 9 Academy St. spoke in opposition of the sale of property located at 261 Main Street.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 18-04052021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 60-34, Buildings per Lot (secondary dwellings).  
Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

**12. Order 42-05032021**

Initiating a formal request to the Planning Board to Amend Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the Low-Density Country Residential.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**13. Order 43-05032021**

Initiating a formal request to the Planning Board to Amend Section 60-34 to allow an additional one-family detached dwelling in all residential zoning districts where a single-family dwelling currently exists on the lot.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0.

**14. Order 55-05032021**

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,050,000.00 to finance the City's FY22 Capital Improvement Program. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by adding 1.3 million to the Recreation playground line.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to increase the Recreation budget by \$15,000 for a dog park. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Passage of Order 55-05032021 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**15. Order 56-05032021**

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**16. Resolve 01-05032021**

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2022. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**17. Ordinance 19-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 7 and 8, Sections 60-307(1)(2) and 60-335(1)(2) Dimensional Regulations, Multifamily Suburban District and Multifamily Urban District of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to Change Lot Depth/Density Requirements. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**18. Ordinance 20-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, to remove the Downtown Enterprise Zone from the Auburn Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**19. Ordinance 21-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 12, General Business II, Section 60-225(b)(14) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to fix the improper reference from section 60-499(a) to Section 60-525(a). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**20. Ordinance 22-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Division 14, Section 60-553 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to explain the purpose of the conversation/open space form-based code district. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to strike “agriculture”. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.



Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by striking “*agriculture and forestry*” as follows:

*The Conservation/Open Space District is reserved for natural resource and compatible open space uses such as ~~agriculture and forestry~~, low-intensity recreation, facilities that provide water access and similar low impact uses.*

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 22-05032021 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**21. Ordinance 23-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-668(b)(1) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to match the elevation requirement to current FEMA regulations. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**22. Ordinance 24-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision – Remove Mylar Requirements, Reduce Required Number of Copies and Reference Staff Consistently. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Open Session** – no one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee adding that he will keep them posted.

**Manager Crowell** – reported that the Lake Auburn Study update will be postponed until mid-June. The next Comp Plan engagement series meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 pm at the Community Senior Center, the CDBG revised annual report will come before them either at the next meeting or the first meeting in June, they will be seeing the Spirit of America nominations soon, and Congressman Golden submitted 10 projects to be funded and the Auburn Fire Department Training Center was one of his choices, it is a million-dollar project, however it is not guaranteed to happen at this point.

**IX. Executive Session** – Contract Negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 8:55 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

Councilor Milks had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items – None**

**II. Minutes – May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

**Proclamation** – Maine Arbor Week, David Griswold provided an update on the Forestry Board. This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> year Auburn is recognized as a Tree City USA.

**Council Communications** (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** – noted that there will be a ELHS ground-breaking to take place on Saturday. Dr. Connie Brown, superintendent provided details.

**Councilor Walker** – The United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Rolly’s Diner.

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on the status of the American Recovery Program Act update, and he announced that there will be a workshop of the City Council held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Manager Crowell** – also discussed the City Council workshop that is scheduled for June 22, 2021. He noted that the Lake Auburn Study Presentation will be held during that workshop, as well as the infrastructure project discussion.

**IV. Open Session** – no one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to suspend the rules to take up the School Committee budget item.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of Order 58-05172021 approving the FY22 Auburn School Budget.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

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Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to request that the Planning Board at it's earliest convenience, provide the City Council with a recommendation on reduction or elimination of commercial parking requirements, including commercially defined residential developments. Planning Board should also include possible modifications to existing zoning ordinances that support their recommendations for City Council to discuss and vote on.

This becomes Order 63-05172021.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**1. Order 55-05032021**

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,350,000.00 to finance the City's FY22 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend to add an additional 800,000 to the Comprehensive Plan account. The proposed addition would increase the Authorization for the Issuance of the General Obligation Bond from 10,350,000.00 to 11,150,000.00.

Passage of amendment 5-1 (Councilor Gerry was opposed).

Public hearing – no members of the public was present.

Passage of Order 55-05032021 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Order 56-05032021**

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Resolve 01-05032021**

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2022. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 19-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 7 and 8, Sections 60-307(1)(2) and 60-335(1)(2) Dimensional Regulations, Multifamily Suburban District and Multifamily Urban District of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to Change Lot Depth/Density Requirements. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 20-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, to remove the Downtown Enterprise Zone from the Auburn Code of Ordinances. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 21-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 12, General Business II, Section 60-225(b)(14) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to fix the improper reference from section 60-499(a) to Section 60-525(a). **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 23-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-668(b)(1) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to match the elevation requirement to current FEMA regulations. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Ordinance 24-05032021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision – Remove Mylar Requirements, Reduce Required Number of Copies and Reference Staff Consistently. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Public hearing – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022.**

Public hearing - no one from the public was present.

**2. Order 57-05172021**

Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for The 1800 Club located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public was present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the June 7, 2021 Council meeting.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor MacLeod opposed).

- 3. Order 58-05172021**  
Approving the FY22 Auburn School Budget.

This item was taken out of order and voted on earlier on in the meeting.

- 4. Order 59-05172021**  
Accepting Coe Street as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the meeting of June 7, 2021. After discussion, the motion to postpone was withdrawn.

Passage of Order 59-05172021 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

- 5. Order 60-05172021**  
Accepting Spencer Drive as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public was present.

Passage 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Carrier, Walker, and Gerry opposed, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote and voted in the affirmative).

- 9. Order 61-05172021**  
Authorizing use of Other Funds to fund a portion of the FY 21-22 CIP.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0.

**10. Order 62-05172021**

Initiating a formal request for the Planning Board to explore the feasibility of and to provide a recommendation on expanding the Auburn residential strip zoning.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0.

**VII. Open Session – no members of the public were present.**

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he has been busy this past week working with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager on proposed legislation.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the next ELHS building committee is on Tuesday at 6:00pm.

**Councilor Walker** – wanted to recognize the Public Works crews on their efforts during Spring Clean-up stating that they did a great job.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported on the School Finance meeting that was held last week.

**Manager Crowell** – reported on the renaming of a brook that originates in Auburn and leads into New Gloucester, which is being named the Talking Brook. New Gloucester has approved it, there wasn't a real need to go before the Council formally unless anyone has any concerns. He noted that Fire Chief Chase will be giving an update at the next meeting on what they've been doing for work with the vaccination sites. He provided an update on the legislative bills that are being proposed. They continue to monitor the status of these bills and providing testimony as needed.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director – April 2021 Final Monthly Report**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to accept and place on file the April 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 6-0.

**VIII. Executive Session – Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).**

The executive session was not needed.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

**1. Order 64-06072021\***

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 8, 2021 Election.

**2. Order 65-06072021\***

Initiating a formal request to forward the draft Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Chapter to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

**3. Order 66-06072021\***

Initiating a formal request to forward a proposed draft ordinance change allowing auto sales in the General Business II district to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

**1. Order 67-06072021\***

Approving the Annual Reports to the Maine State Housing Authority for Tax Year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021, Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing Districts, #16 (Webster School), #20 (62 Spring Street), #21 (477 Minot Ave) and #22 (48 Hampshire Street).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the four consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. 7-0.

**IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Summer Activities – Sabrina Best
- Covid Vaccinations Update – Chief Robert Chase
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque provided an update on the current legislative session and asked that Councilors reach out to either him, the City Manager, or the Assistant City Manager if there is any legislation that is concerning to them.



Brian Wood, Assistant City Manager provided an update on the cool down locations that are being set up in Auburn.

- X. **Open Session** – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, gave kudos to the Auburn Adventures, she thanked the City Council for the upcoming budget, and she announced an upcoming fundraiser at the Auburn Public Library called “Book around Town”.

XI. **Unfinished Business**

4. **Order 57-05172021**

Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for The 1800 Club located at 34 Court Street.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – Lisa Cooper, owner of the 1800 Club spoke.

Passage 7-0.

XII. **New Business**

2. **Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022.

No one from the public spoke.

XIII. **Open Session** - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. **Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** congratulated the ELHS Class of 2021. Graduation was held Saturday evening at Walton Field. He reported on the regional summit that was held last week and hosted by himself and the City Manager.

**Councilor Boss** provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.

**Councilor Lasagna** encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow on the school budget.

**Councilor Carrier** noted that it was great graduation on Saturday, and the School Finance committee will meet on Thursday.

**Phil Crowell, City Manager** reminded residents of the election scheduled for tomorrow, polls are open from 7am to 8pm and he provided the voting locations by ward.

**III. Executive Session** – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C) to discuss an economic development matter.

Passage 7-0. Time 7:38 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:15 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:26 pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7: 00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items**

**1. Order 64-06212021\***

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Sadie Pinard as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

**2. Order 65-06212021\***

Authorizing the cancellation of the first regular City Council meeting in July (July 12, 2021).

**3. Order 66-06212021\***

Referring the Shoreland Zone (Special Condition Overlay) to the Planning Board.

**4. Order 67-06212021\***

Authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government for this grant solicitation.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of the four consent items.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**II. Minutes – June 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Proclamation – National Park’s & Recreation Month
- Energov Citizen Portal – Jill Cunningham
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** – congratulated the City of Lewiston for being the recipient of a Choice Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$30 million dollars.

**Councilor MacLeod** – noted that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee will be holding another public meeting via Zoom on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at 6:00 pm to discuss the new bus route.

**IV. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business** – None

**VI. New Business**

- 1. Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022

No one from the public spoke.

- 2. Order 68-06212021**

Approving the public art piece by artist Charles Hewitt, which will be located at Anniversary Park.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

- 3. Order 69-06212021**

Approving the proposed amendments to the Board & Committee Appointment Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

- 4. Order 70-06212021**

Approving the proposed amendments to the Fund Balance Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

- 5. Order 71-06212021**

Approving the River Race Special Event application from the Lewiston Auburn Metro Chamber.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - Shanna Cox, President and CEO of the LA Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding the event.

Passage 7-0.

- 6. Ordinance 25-06212021**

Amending the Chapter 60, Article IV of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to strike Division 8. - Multifamily Urban Zoning District. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 26-06212021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 13, Section 60-525(b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to add automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies to the List of special exception uses in the Minot Avenue (GBII) zoning district. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend as follows:

Amend Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 13, Section 60-525(b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to add automobile and marine sales and services lots (not more than 8) as an ancillary service to existing businesses to the list of special exception uses in the Minot Avenue (GBII) zoning district.

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and MacLeod opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 26-06212021 as amended, 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Ordinance 27-06212021**

Amending Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the low-density country residential zoning district. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**9. Ordinance 28-06212021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article V, Section 60-608 to remove minimum off-street parking requirements for all land uses (except residential). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**10. Ordinance 29-06212021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 14, Section 60-554 to remove all parking requirements (except residential) in the form-based code zoning districts. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**11. Ordinance 30-06212021**

Amending the Conservation/Open Space Form-Based Code District by adding a purpose statement. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**III. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**IV. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** provided an update on the current legislative session. He also encouraged everyone to be careful around water, it can be dangerous, there have been quite a few fatalities around water recently.

**Councilor Walker** reported that the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Sixth Street Congregation Church. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of the month, Sabrina Best will be the guest speaker. The Age Friendly meeting will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Senior Community Center.

**Councilor Milks** reported that the Water Department PUC ratepayer complaint has come back. The response has been posted for the public to view on the Maine PUC website.

**Councilor MacLeod** reported that the LATC signed the new bus contract with Western Maine Transportation for another two years.

**Councilor Lasagna** reported that the ELHS Building Committee met last week, they are on budget, a site walk through will be coming up in the fall.

**Councilor Boss** reported on the Auburn Public Library fundraiser. It went well, the bags sold out.

**City Manager Crowell** reported that Brookfield will be submitting their relicensing application in July, the School Budget passed with a 4% turnout. The employment contract for Rick Lanman, Director of the Auburn Lewiston Municipal Airport will be expiring. He will not be renewing his contract and we will be looking for a replacement.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – May 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the May 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 7-0.

**V. Executive Session**

**Economic Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (C) with possible action to follow.**

The executive session was taken up during the workshop (motion was made by Councilor Gerry, seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0. Time in 6:31 pm and out at 6:56 pm).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry on Order 72-06212021 as follows;

***“Ordered, that the City Manager is authorized to sign a purchase and sale agreement with the Auburn Housing Authority for a city owned lots located at 7 & 9 Fern Street contingent on AHA securing AHP grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, for the purpose of constructing a four-unit residential structure to promote homeownership for individuals and or families at or below 80% of median income.”***

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed).

**Poverty Abatement, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 with possible action to follow.**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 with possible action to follow.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:15 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:25 pm.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage of Order 73-06212021 as follows:

***“Ordered, that the City Council hereby approves the poverty abatement, case #2021-001 in the amount of \$2,376.29.”***

Passage 7-0.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Lasagna had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items**

**1. Order 74-07192021\***

Initiating a formal request to send the Transportation Chapter and the Food Access/Growing the Agriculture Economy Chapter of the Draft Comprehensive Plan updates to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Councilor Gerry requested a roll call vote.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**II. Minutes – June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Council Communications (about and to the community) - none

**IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 25-06212021**

Amending the Chapter 60, Article IV of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to strike Division 8. - Multifamily Urban Zoning District. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 26-06212021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 13, Section 60-525(b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to add automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies to the List of special exception uses in the Minot Avenue (GBII) zoning district. Public hearing and second reading.



Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by striking the amended language and adding “*Automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies, provided that vehicle display spaces are limited to not more than 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross building area permanently constructed on the site with maximum of 100 display spaces*”.

Passage of amendment 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

Public hearing – Dave Rich, spoke and asked for clarification on the proposed amendment.

Passage of Ordinance 26-06212021 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 27-06212021**

Amending Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the low-density country residential zoning district. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 28-06212021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article V, Section 60-608 to remove minimum off-street parking requirements for all land uses (except residential). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend by removing the strikethrough where it states: “*applies to elderly housing as constructed under special local, state or federal guidelines restricting occupancy to elderly person.*”

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend as follows:

Residential, Single-family; farm – strike Two per each dwelling unit  
Residential, Multifamily; two-family – strike 1 ½ per dwelling unit  
Combine building types to one line & change to minimum of 1 space per dwelling  
Residential Single-family; farm; Multifamily; two-family – 1 dwelling per unit  
Elderly remains at ½ unit per dwelling

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 28-06212021 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 29-06212021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 14, Section 60-554 to remove all parking requirements (except residential) in the form-based code zoning districts. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry was opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 30-06212021**

Amending the Conservation/Open Space Form-Based Code District by adding a purpose statement. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Ordinance 31-07192021**

Amending the Low-Density Country Residential and Rural Residential Strips abutting the Agriculture/Resource Protection Zone from the current depth of 450 Feet from center line of the roadway to a depth of 750 Feet from the centerline of the roadway or the rear property boundary, whichever is less. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one spoke, written comment was submitted prior to the meeting from Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road

*It is my understanding that Council will vote on a potential change in lot depth in the rural residential zone. Over the past 2 years we have repeated attempts to change the zoning in our protected Ag/Forest resource zones. This change will be of no benefit to our zone, and in MY opinion will just be another foray to weaken this protected zone. Changes such as this are just another attempt to create more housing density in an area where it is NOT needed. Please vote this down.*

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Boss and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 32-07192021**

Amending the zoning of the property located at 41 Steven's Mill Road (PID 208-043) from Suburban Residential to General Business II. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 33-07192021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 5, Section 60-992 (b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Map to allow as a Special Condition Overlay in identified areas of the Shoreland Zone, the height of all principal or accessory structures to exceed the 35-foot height limit to maximum of 50-feet. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Order 75-07192021**

Allocating \$250,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds towards a city match of Efficiency Maine Residential grants for qualifying purchases, upgrades in accordance with their published residential programs as of July 8, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by including “*(excluding electric vehicles and LED bulbs)*”.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by adding the census track numbers (101 & 105) for clarity.

Passage 6-0.

**ORDERED**, that the City of Auburn Allocate \$250,000 from the allocated ARPA funds towards a city match of Efficiency Maine Residential grants for qualifying purchases, upgrades in accordance with their published residential programs as of July 8, 2021 ***(excluding electric vehicles and LED bulbs)***. This program is to be active as of its enactment, and City should be prepared to distribute funds no later than 8-15-2021. The funds will be allocated specifically to residential homes in the two designated census track areas; any allocation outside of the two census tracks **101 and 105** will be authorized if determined by the city manager to be an allowable allocation.

Passage of Order 75-07192021 as amended (above) 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**During the City Council workshop, an Executive Session was held to discuss Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow during the meeting as the last item under New Business. Action is as follows:**

**Order 76-07192021**

Granting the City Manager or his designee the authority to execute the purchase and sale of the property at 526 Minot Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Passage 6-0.

**VII. Open Session** - No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** reported that there are a lot of summer activities going on and a lot of follow up meetings are happening with legislators and community residents regarding various issues.

**Councilor Boss** reported that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow morning at 7:30am, and the Ag Committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 5:30pm.

**Councilor Macleod** reported that the fundraising sub committee for the new ELHS will be meeting to discuss funding.

**Councilor Milks** reported that the Sewer and Water District meetings will be held this week 4:00 pm on Tuesday for Sewer and 4:00 pm Wednesday for Water.

**Councilor Gerry** reported that a vehicle was stolen from the Barker Mill's parking lot over the weekend. The vehicle was found and is in disrepair. She will be holding a fundraiser to try to help the owners of the vehicle.

**Councilor Walker** reported that tomorrow Age Friendly Committee will be playing a movie at the Senior Center from 10am until noon; on Wednesday, the First Auburn Senior Citizens will be meeting at 10am; on Monday, the Appointment Committee will be meeting at 4pm; next Thursday, the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6pm; and next Tuesday, the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6pm at Rolly's Diner.

**Councilor Carrier** reported that the Airport Board will be meeting this Saturday from 1-5pm for Strategic Planning. He also announced that the former Airport Manager, Rick Lanman recently passed away. His wife has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

**City Manager Crowell** reported that staff has been working hard on events that are coming up. August 3<sup>rd</sup> National Night Out; August 21<sup>st</sup> the Bicentennial Parade; the Neighborhood Watch Groups are starting back up; a communication will be going out explaining the process to run for Municipal Office; and the New Year's Auburn planning is underway.

**IX. Executive Session**

**Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).

Passage 6-0. Time in 7:56 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

**Personnel matter (City Manager's Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).

Passage 6-0. Time 8:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:43 pm.

**X. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.**

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- I. **Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
  1. **Order 77-08022021\***  
Instructing the Planning Board to hold a second public hearing on Residential Strips with abutter's notification.
  2. **Order 78-08022021\***  
Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$100 business license fee for Saint Dominic Academy's Annual Holiday festival.
  3. **Order 79-08022021\***  
Approving the CDBG & HOME Action Plan and Budget.
  4. **Order 80-08022021\***  
Authorizing the City Manager to cast the ballot for the MMA Annual Election.
  5. **Order 81-08022021\***  
Re-appointing Kathy Shaw to the Ag Committee with a term expiration of 4/1/2024.
  6. **Order 82-08022021\***  
Appointing Stanwood Gray to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2024.
  7. **Order 83-08022021\***  
Appointing Kryston Chapman to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.
  8. **Order 84-08022021\***  
Appointing David Griswold to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.
  9. **Order 85-08022021\***  
Appointing Larissa Martin to the Citizen's Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/30/2022.
  10. **Order 86-08022021\***  
Initiating a formal request to send the proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Chapter to the Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendation at their September 2021 meeting.

Councilor MacLeod requested that Order 78-08022021 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Councilor Gerry requested that Order 86-08022021 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of the 8 remaining consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – July 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Auburn Community Concert Band – 40 Years Update – Milt Simon presented
- Spirit of America Presentation – Milt Simon and Councilor Leroy Walker were both presented with a Spirit of America Award.
- Tax Commitment Year 2021/2022 – Karen Scammon and Joe St. Peter presented
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** noted that the ELHS Building Committee will hold their meeting tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

**Councilor Walker** reported that there will be a movie showing tomorrow at 10:00 am at the Senior Community Center.

**Councilor Gerry** reminded everyone that tomorrow is National Night Out beginning at 5:30 pm at Festival Plaza and Main Street.

**Mayor Levesque** provided an update on some upcoming events - the Maine State Bicentennial Parade which is scheduled for August 21st, the Blues and Brews Festival is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at Anniversary Park, and New Year's Eve Auburn is scheduled for December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**IV. Open Session – Lance Pierce, owns property on Perkins Ridge Road had questions regarding the Residential Strips item.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 32-07192021**

Amending the zoning of the property located at 41 Steven's Mill Road (PID 208-043) from Suburban Residential to General Business II. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 33-07192021**

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 5, Section 60-992 (b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Map to allow as a Special Condition Overlay in identified areas of the Shoreland Zone, the height of all principal or accessory structures to exceed the 35-foot height limit to maximum of 50-feet. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

**Items removed from the Consent Agenda:**

**Order 78-08162021**

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$100 business license fee for Saint Dominic Academy's Annual Holiday festival.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

**Order 86-08162021**

Initiating a formal request to send the proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Chapter to the Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendation at their September 2021 meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Councilor Gerry asked for a roll call vote.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**1. Order 87-08022021**

Approving the formation of a new department, Capital Infrastructure and Purchasing.



Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Order 88-08022021**

Approving the allocation of \$175,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to execute the approved organizational realignment.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 34-08022021**

Amending the setback requirements in Chapter 14 – Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVIII-Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses Section 14-659 (a)(4). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Order 89-08022021**

Approving the Mass Gathering for the Bicentennial Parade to be held on August 21, 2021. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.**

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that the LATC Bus service will not be running on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of the parade.

**Mayor Levesque** – announced the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled because the City Manager and Assistant City Manager will both be out of the State.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported that the Airport Board would be meeting on Thursday at 5:30 pm, the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm, and last, he wanted to recognize his wife Candace for 38 years of marriage today on their wedding anniversary.

**City Manager Crowell** – announced that Brian Wood and his wife Simone were celebrating the birth of their new baby boy, Max adding that mom and baby are both doing well. He also notified the City Council of a business license denial, a lodging house license at 63 academy street.

**IX. Executive Session** – Personnel matter (City Manager Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time in 8:06 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:21 pm.

**X. Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned following the executive session at 8:21 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**1. Order 90-08162021\***

Changing the date of the first regular meeting of September from 9/13/2021 to 9/7/2021.

**2. Order 91-08162021\***

Cancelling the first meeting of October (October 4, 2021).

**3. Order 92-08162021\***

Appointing a representative (the Mayor) and designating an alternate representative (the City Manager) to vote on behalf of the City of Auburn at the Maine Service Centers Coalition business meetings.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 5-0 (Councilor Gerry was not present during the vote).

**II. Minutes – August 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 5-0. (Councilor Gerry was not present during the vote).

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Rail Corridor Advisory Council Update – Mayor Levesque presented
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** provided an update on the ELHS Building Committee.

**Councilor Walker** noted that the New Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group will meet on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:00 pm, the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly’s Diner on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Councilor Gerry** stated that she would like the Planning Board to hold another meeting/public hearing on the proposed strip zone amendments.

**Mayor Levesque** – reminded everyone that the Maine State Bicentennial Parade is scheduled for this Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and other upcoming events are the Brew and Blues Fest on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Auburn New Year’s Eve event is scheduled for December 31<sup>st</sup>, and on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a fireworks extravaganza at the end of the Community Band Concert at 8:30 pm. He noted that he attended and spoke at the Evergreen Subaru ribbon cutting this past Friday, and Center Street Dentistry celebrated their grand opening. He stated that there is a lot of new growth in Auburn - all positive and he encouraged the Councilors to talk to their constituents about these things. He said he also attended the Make a Wish event at Mac’s Grill. The night before he emceed the All-Decade Sports Teams event at CMCC.

**IV. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 34-08022021**

Amending the setback requirements in Chapter 14 – Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVIII-Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses Section 14-659 (a)(4). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business – None**

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss authorizing the Finance Director to carry forward \$60,000 from the FY21 budget to be used for fringe benefits for the Fire Department employees.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. This is Order 93-08162021.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** reported that he part of the Maine Municipal Association’s Housing sub-committee, if anyone has ideas about housing please let them know.

**Councilor Walker** announced that tomorrow at 10:00 am the Age Friendly Committee will be presenting a free movie for members of the public at the Auburn Senior Community Center. On Wednesday at 10:00 am the First auburn senior citizens are meeting at the Municipal Beach at 10:00 am for a cookout.

**Councilor Milks** reported that the Sewer Trustees are meeting on Tuesday, and the Water Trustees are meeting on Wednesday, both at 4:00 pm at the Auburn Water District.

**Councilor MacLeod** reported that LATC met last week and approved a new emergency schedule should they run short of bus drivers. He also noted that there will not be any bus service on Saturday due to the parade.

**Councilor Boss** reported that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 7:30 am.

**City Manager Crowell** reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>, he provided information on cooling stations that are available to the public. He noted that parade route improvements are underway, and he clarified that the requirement mentioned by Councilor Lasagna for vaccination is because we are Fire/EMS who provide medical services to the public. He provided an update on the status of the Lake Auburn Study. He reported that we are seeing an uptick on police calls and an increase of opioid issues.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director – Final July 2021 Financial Report**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the final July 2021 Finance Report.

Passage 6-0.

- IX. Executive Session** – Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E). *This executive session was held during the Council Workshop.*
- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 6-0. Time adjourned 7:55 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**1. Order 94-09072021\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

**2. Order 95-09072021\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

**3. Order 96-09072021\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

**4. Order 97-09072021\***

Approving the revision of Order 36-04052021 previously adopted by the City Council regarding authorization to sign on behalf of Auburn Lewiston Airport.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – August 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Proclamation - World Refugee Day September 16, 2021
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor MacLeod noted that the pizza place in Ward 2 (Pizza Market) has reopened after being closed for a month for renovations.

Mayor Levesque reported that he received a letter from Lake Auburn Community Center. They are requesting the acquisition by the City of Auburn for the restoration of the Lake

Auburn Community Center which is located in North Auburn. He added that this could provide great recreational opportunities for the City and he would like to schedule a workshop on this item.

**IV. Open Session**

Mike Farrell, spoke regarding his property at 154 Eastman Lane and 1865 Hotel Road.

Dr. Susan Stanford, 33 Goff Street spoke regarding the Auburn Redevelopment Program (weatherization grant).

Rudy Wing spoke regarding his property at 499 Penley Corner Road.

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**1. Resolve 02-09072021**

Supporting the creation of the ad hoc Public Safety Buildings Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Council Walker to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Milks and MacLeod opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to hold a special meeting on September 16, 2021 in order to hold a public hearing on the proposed Charter amendments.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Carrier, Milks, MacLeod, Lasagna, and Boss opposed).

**2. Resolve 03-09072021**

Supporting the naming of the Lewiston Auburn footbridge as the John Jenkins Memorial Footbridge.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 98-09072021**

Directing staff, at the request of Councilor Gerry, to hold another Planning Board public hearing on the residential strip zones at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Carrier, Walker, Milks, MacLeod, Lasagna, and Boss opposed).

**4. Order 99-09072021**

Authorizing the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Comprehensive Plan fund for the last phase of the MDOT feasibility analysis.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one From the public spoke. A written comment was submitted by Auburn resident, Bob Stone as follows:

*“As an Auburn taxpayer, please accept this email as registering my personal opposition to the recommendation by Auburn City Staff to spend \$10,000 as Auburn’s portion of a \$200,000 Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) ‘feasibility analysis’ for expanding passenger rail access to Lewiston-Auburn. A number of years ago, I was in opposition to spending \$50,000 as Auburn’s local share portion of a \$500,000 study by the MDOT which was eventually used to produce a “Demand Propensity”<sup>[1]</sup> report and an “Operating Plan and Corridor Assessment”<sup>[2]</sup> As I recall, the Auburn City Council voted unanimously to fund the study.*

*No financial projections were included as there weren’t sufficient funds to produce financials.*

*So, here we are again, about to spend the next chunk of money to further study the prospect of passenger rail to Lewiston and Auburn.*

**Summary of Concerns**

*(1) Auburn, along with Lewiston, are the only two municipalities being asked to fund the 10% local share. There are a number of municipalities that will be impacted by the proposed passenger rail service, including New Gloucester, Pownal, North Yarmouth, Yarmouth, Cumberland, Falmouth and Portland. I would expect Portland area entertainment, sports, restaurant and shopping establishments to see some great portion of any train riders coming in from points North. Have those towns/cities denied requests to participate, or, even better, were they even asked to participate? If not, why not?*

*(2) Just what are we getting as a deliverable for Auburn’s investment in the city?*

*(3) This is a “skin in the game”<sup>[3]</sup> demonstration by the City of Auburn, according to a letter in support of this expenditure by a Lewiston State Senator. The “Final Phase” report<sup>[4]</sup> estimated construction costs of over \$250 million and annual operating costs of \$15 to \$20 million. How much*



*of these costs will the City of Auburn be responsible for? We could be opening a Pandora's Box of expenses.*

*(4) Assuming Federal funding to some unknown extent for building and operation of a rail service, are there any strings attached to commit a local share for x amount of years regardless of expenses exceeding revenue which the Final Phase report clearly demonstrated would be the case.*

*(5) On a national basis, politicians love passenger trains. The traveling public? Not so much. Transit ridership in most of America is declining.*

*(6) The Demand Propensity report included projections that an inter-city type of passenger rail service would see one-way trips upwards of 220 riders a day with 10-12 train segments running daily. Inter-City is a limited train service like the NNEPRA "Downeaster" service from Portland to Boston and back. The Demand Propensity report also included projections of upwards of 650 riders per day in a commuter rail type of service with 22 segments to and from Portland per business day.*

*(7) How many Auburn taxpayers have any idea that \$250 million will be spent, potentially (inflation not factored into this estimate) and \$15 to \$20 million, potentially<sup>[5]</sup> (again, inflation not factored into this estimate) to transport a very minimal number of train riders daily?*

*(8) The world didn't begin yesterday. Passenger rail in Maine, through Lewiston and Auburn, went out of business in 1960 when the Maine PUC approved Central Maine Rail Road's request to terminate passenger service. Passenger rail is an expensive, inflexible, polluting transportation system that saw its better days prior to the invention of the mass-produced family automobile over 100 years ago. Without the support of massive amounts of "other people's money", passenger rail would likely not exist with the possible exception of the New York City metro area. In a very lightly populated area like the Portland-L/A corridor, a break even will be extremely difficult to achieve, ever.*

*Just so that you are aware, the Downeaster service from Brunswick to Boston, through Portland, is heavily subsidized by the Federal and Maine state governments. Although it passes through Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, Maine is the only state government that funds a subsidy that enables the inter-city passenger rail service to continue in business. Politicians meeting in Augusta might define this as "fair", and apparently have unanimously approved the legislation to conduct this study as "fair", but this taxpayer sees nothing "fair" about it.*

*We are in a period of escalating inflation, with large annual increases in inflation expected for years to come. Chasing cost increases will be exhausting. This is not the time to be building this public works project, in the taxpayer's opinion.*

*As to transportation as a whole, the action now is primarily involved in electric vehicles, ride sharing, autonomous (driver-less) technology, and complex, vehicle to signaling interfaces that will radically alter the way Americans "get around" town. Investing in a 150 year old, big iron system seems incredibly short-sighted."*

*Motion failed unanimously.*

**VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** reminded everyone that School is back in session, please drive slowly. He noted that on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Blues and Brews Festival, sponsored by Auburn Savings Bank, will be held at Anniversary Park beginning at 1:00 pm. He reported on the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade that was held noting that it was a great event and he thanked staff for their work on the event. He noted that he will be speaking in front of the Legislative Committee on affordable housing on Thursday and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please send them to him beforehand.

**Councilor Boss** provided updates on the Auburn Public Library, the Ag Committee, and she also suggested that we create a forum on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the City.

**Councilor MacLeod** reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting.

**Councilor Gerry** asked if the City Manager was going to provide an update on the 9/11 ceremony.

**Councilor Walker** would like an update on the Chestnut Street Gully. The City Manager stated that this will appear on the City Council workshop agenda on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilor Carrier** reported that the Airport has hired an interim manager (Betty Ann Sheats) who will be filling in until a permanent director is hired. He also asked the City Manager to please direct the Police Department to hire additional staff to issue traffic citations to people that are exceeding the speed limit.

**City Manager Crowell** reported on the 9/11 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event that is scheduled for Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am at Central Fire Station. He clarified that no action has been taken by LATC to eliminate bus routes at this time. He also noted that the Lake Auburn study has been delayed. He is hoping to see something soon and will make it available as soon as possible. He provided an update on traffic enforcement adding that they are working on that and allocating for additional officers. He also addressed issues with traffic backing up on Court Street and Western Avenue due to construction of the new ELHS that is taking place.

**IX. Executive Session – None**

**X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.**

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

City Manager Crowell opened by asking for nominations from the Council to appoint someone to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the temporary absence of Mayor Levesque.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to nominate Councilor Carrier to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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- 1. Order 100-09202021\***  
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller Corp. located at 78 & 80 Hotel Road.
- 2. Order 101-09202021\***  
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Co., LLC. located at 522 Washington Street.
- 3. Order 102-09202021\***  
Approving the appointment of Councilor Lasagna to the Maine Waste to Energy Committee.
- 4. Order 103-09202021\***  
Approving the appointment of Councilor MacLeod to the LA911 Committee.
- 5. Order 104-09202021\***  
Approving the appointment of Councilor Milks to the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.
- 6. Order 105-09202021\***  
Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilor Boss to the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the six consent items.

Passage 7-0.

### **II. Minutes** – September 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Proclamation – U.S. Constitution Week (September 17- September 23, 2021)
- Court Street Upgrades/50% Design – this presentation was postponed
- Announcing the creation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) ad hoc committee
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

In the absence of Mayor Levesque, he requested that Anne Parker be given a few moments to speak, in his stead, regarding John Jenkins and the naming of the Auburn-Lewiston footbridge after him.

Councilor Lasagna announced that on October 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm a Planning Board meeting is scheduled and there will be discussion on possible zoning changes, and on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center there will be a question and answer period for the public to engage in, regarding proposed zoning changes.

Councilor Gerry also commented on the October 4th question and answer period on proposed zoning changes to be held at the Senior Center.

City Manager Crowell thanked Anne Parker for speaking and added that she has agreed to help promote and celebration the event that will be held for the naming of the bridge.

Assistant City Manager Wood presented slides on proposed ordinance/fee changes that were to be presented during the workshop.

**IV. Open Session**

**Mike Farrell**, formerly of 145 Eastman Lane commented on the late John Jenkins noting that he doesn't want anyone to forget that Mr. Jenkins had a big heart and was forgiving. He provided a letter to Councilors and asked that the Councilors acknowledge that they read the letter.

**Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road** and owner/operator of Valley View Farm and Chair of the Ag Committee provided an update on the work and progress of the Ag Committee.

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 106-09202021**

Approving the comprehensive plan updates on the Food and Agriculture Chapter. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Order 107-09202021**

Approving the comprehensive plan updates to the transportation chapter. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Order 108-09202021**

Appointing two Council Representatives to serve on the Mayor’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-hoc Committee.

Councilor Gerry nominated herself for the position.

Councilor Lasagna nominated herself for the position.

There were no other nominations.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks to appoint Councilors Gerry and Lasagna to serve on the Mayor’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-hoc Committee.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Order 109-09202021**

Approving the Soccer Maine donation and agreement for use of the Futsal Court in Chestnut Street “Gully” Park as recommended by staff.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Open Session**

Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road and owner of Valley View Farm commented on a text message she stated that her husband received last week from Mayor Levesque which referenced her, and she read the text to the City Council.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Councilor Boss** – thanked Kathy Shaw for her update on the Ag Committee. She also provided updates on the Auburn Public Library and reported on the Audit Committee meeting that was held last week.

**Councilor Lasagna** – thanked the Planning Board for the work they are doing and thanked the City Staff for their time, energy and thoughtful work on this issue as well.

**Councilor MacLeod** – Reported on the LATC meeting, and the School Building Committee informal meeting (a tour of the high school). He also added that the Auburn Public Library has great Tuesday afternoon programming for kids.

**Councilor Milks** – the Auburn Sewer District meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and the Water District meeting is scheduled on Wednesday. Both start at 4:00pm at the Water Department building.

**Councilor Walker** – announced that the United New Auburn Association will have a yard sale at Rolly's on Saturday from 9am until 2pm. He stated that he was glad that Anne Parker came in to speak, and he added that he did not mean to put a cloud on the dedication of the footbridge and that he was very sorry, it was not his intent.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided an update on the School Committee meeting and mask mandates.

**City Manager Crowell** – provided a reminder that there is no City Council meeting on October 4 but there is a question and answer session that night at the Senior Center on proposed zone changes. He also provided an update on the OSHA requirements on vaccination and testing for organizations with 100+ employees. He is waiting to hear more.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – August 2021 Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the August 2021 Monthly Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

**IX. Executive Session**

Personnel Matter (City Manager performance review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 8:03 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:20 pm.

**X. Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned following the executive session at 8:20 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Boss was absent. All other Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

**1. Order 110-10182021\***

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Isaac LaBonte as Constable with Firearm for the City of Auburn.

**2. Order 111-10182021\***

Accepting the transfer of \$2,210.50 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Androscoggin Superior Court Docket No. CV-18-051 Kenneth Gardner.

**3. Order 112-10182021\***

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$150 Business License Fee for the Danville Junction Grange.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 6-0.

**I. Minutes** – September 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting as corrected. Passage 6-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Pedestrian Safety Month
- Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ARPA Ad hoc Committee Update
- Delivery of Final Lake Auburn Study Report
- Bring Auburn Back
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** announced that the Auburn Ag and Forestry Committees are holding a Farm Snapshot tour on Saturday between 10am and 1pm.

**Councilor Walker** announced that the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a baked bean luncheon at the Auburn Senior Community Center on Saturday from noon to 1:30pm.



**City Manager Crowell** reported that Senator Susan Collins was in Auburn touring the Fire Station and 911 Center on Friday. She had worked with staff to secure funding opportunities toward our radio system which is tied in with school system to provide emergency response directly from school staff personnel to the dispatch center. He also talked about additional funding to be used for public safety facilities, and lead abatement within the city.

**IV. Open Session**

**Virginia Levasseur**, 20 great falls plaza, regarding sweeping and snow removal in the parking lot by the esplanade.

**Chris Moretto**, Captain of the Fire Department spoke regarding ARPA funds and would like the City Council to consider compensating first responders with premium pay for their work during the pandemic.

**Nick Gagnon**, Auburn Police Department, also spoke regarding ARPA funds and would like to request hazard pay for first responders for their work during the pandemic.

**Rudy Wing**, 499 Penley Corner Road spoke regarding his property.

**David Griswold** 199 Gamage Avenue, provided information on the Riverwalk Story Walk exhibit. He also informed the Council that the Community Forest Board applied for a grant, Project Canopy and last week 12 Ginkgo trees were planted on Washington St with that grant.

The Mayor called a 10 minute recess.

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**1. Order 113-10182021**

Amending the Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Chapter. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Macleod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**2. Ordinance 35-10182021**

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Fees and Charges. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to strike the fees for jukeboxes, motion picture screens, pool halls, and roller-skating rinks.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to remove the fees for coin operated devices.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 35-10182021 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** reported that he attended an international convention for Mayor's that was held in Greece. He then announced the grand opening of Reid's Gun Shop on Minot Avenue.

**Councilor Carrier** gave an update on the School Finance Committee meeting.

**Councilor Walker** reported that the United New Auburn Association and the Recreation Department will be holding a Trick or Treating event on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> in Anniversary Park in New Auburn.

**Councilor Milks** announced that the Sewer District will be meeting tomorrow at 4pm and the Water District will be meeting at 4pm on Wednesday, both at the Water District Building.

**Councilor Macleod** reported on the LATC meeting.

**Councilor Lasagna** provided an update on the Maine Waste to Energy meeting that she attended.

**City Manager Crowell** reported that we are still waiting for the OSHA rules on employers with over 100 employees. He also reported that he and Brian (Assistant City Manager) both attended the International City and County Manager's conference in early October, the sessions and training were fantastic.

**Sue Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk** provided an update on the election and absentee voting.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – September 2021

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 2021 Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

**IX. Executive Session** – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Passage 6-0. Time 8:32 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:42 pm.

**X. Adjournment** – motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 8:42 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7: 00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

**1. Order 114-11012021\***

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the business license fee for the Edward Little Music Association.

**2. Order 115-11012021\***

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Zachary Roy as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Compensation for Elected Officials – Phil Crowell
- Proclamation – Extra Mile Day
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Mayor Levesque** reminded everyone that Veterans Day is coming up and there will be a ceremony held at the Veteran’s Memorial Park at 10:30 am. A grand opening will be held at noon at the new Staples Store on Union Street. He provided information regarding Sustainable Auburn. Brochures will be going out soon. He also provided an update on the requests from Auburn Fire and Police Departments regarding the consideration of hazard compensation to be covered with a portion of the ARPA funds.

**Councilor Carrier** stated that the Disabled American Veterans are holding an annual fundraiser helping at Shaw’s on Saturday and Sunday.

**Councilor Lasagna** asked about the status of the work being done on diversity, equity and inclusion in the City.

**IV. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 35-10182021**

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Fees and Charges. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Carrier to accept the changes as recommended by Assistant City Manager Wood. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed).

Passage as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Gerry opposed).

**1. Ordinance 36-11012021**

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 – Street Names & Numbering. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 37-11012021**

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, General Assistance Maximums. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that MMA and the Governor’s Committee on affordable housing will soon have recommendations to present to the Legislature. He also reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and he encouraged everyone to vote.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, the successful Halloween event they hosted, and she thanked the staff for their help.

**Councilor Lasagna** – provided an update on the Maine Waste to Energy meeting that she attended.

**Councilor Milks** – reported that the Water and Sewer Districts proposed budgets are in, and there are no rate increases on either side. He provided an update on pipe replacement – the goal is two miles a year.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the United New Auburn Association’s Halloween Event that took place on Saturday. He also announced that the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on another free Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Donations are welcome.

**Councilor Gerry** – commented on the ARPA meeting that was held before the workshop, and the BAB program.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported that the School Committee will be meeting 6pm on Wednesday, and on Thursday at 5:30 pm the Airport Board will be meeting here at Auburn Hall in the Community Room.

**City Manager Crowell** – provided an update on the work that is underway on diversity, equity and inclusion.

**VIII. Executive Session** – None

**IX. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 8:02 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Milks had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.
  - 1. Order 116-11152021\***  
Accept the transfer of \$1,145.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-569 Jamil Dabson).
  - 2. Order 117-11152021\***  
Accept the transfer of \$1,037.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-299 Patrick Murico).
  - 3. Order 118-11152021\***  
Appointing Jason Agren to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 4. Order 119-11152021\***  
Appointing Preston Chapman to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 5. Order 120-11152021\***  
Appointing Trisha Fletcher to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 6. Order 121-11152021\***  
Appointing Jim Pittman to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 7. Order 122-11152021\***  
Appointing Robert Stone to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 8. Order 123-11152021\***  
Appointing Andrew Titus to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 9. Order 124-11152021\***  
Appointing William Welch to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
  - 10. Order 125-11152021\***

Re-appointing Tim Cogle to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2023 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

**11. Order 126-11152021\***

Re-appointing Paula Curtis-Everett to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2023 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

**12. Order 127-11152021\***

Appointing Michael Thurston to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2026 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

**13. Order 128-11152021\***

Appointing Nicholas Gagnon to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2026 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the 13 consent items.

Passage 6-0.

**II. Minutes – November 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 6-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Extra Mile Recognition – Jolene Girouard and Todd Whitcomb were both recognized for their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service and were each presented with a plaque.
- Mayor Levesque read a proclamation for Small Business Saturday for 2021
- Communication - Residential Strip Zones (Eric Cousens)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** read the following and provided handouts to the Mayor and Council.

*“Words have immense power to wound or to heal. The right words catalyze personal transformation and offer invitations to citizenship and community service. The wrong words stigmatize and dis-empower.”*

*~William White*

- Substance use disorders are treatable and that recovery is a reality and possible for everyone, and provide opportunities to help people with substance use disorder achieve recovery
- We can never forget that the faces of substance use disorders are real people. They are a beloved family member, a friend, a colleague, and ourselves
- Substance use Disorder is a chronic medical condition characterized by clinically significant impairments in health, social function, and voluntary control over substance use. As such, they are



subject to relapse, and influenced by genetic, developmental, behavioral, social, and environmental factors. They are driven by changes in the brain:

- (1) enable substance-associated cues to trigger substance seeking (i.e., they increase incentive salience);
  - (2) reduce sensitivity of brain systems involved in the experience of pleasure or reward, and heighten activation of brain stress systems;
  - (3) reduce functioning of brain executive control systems, which are involved in the ability to make decisions and regulate one's actions, emotions, and impulses.
  - Supported scientific evidence shows that these changes in the brain persist long after substance use stops.
- People who suffer from substance use disorders (recovering or not) have essential worth and dignity
  - Shame and discrimination prevents many individuals from seeking help
  - By some estimates, it can take as long as 8 or 9 years after a person first seeks formal help to achieve sustained recovery
  - From Surgeon General: "stigma has created an added burden of shame that has made people with substance use disorders less likely to come forward and seek help. We must help everyone see that addiction is not a character flaw – it is a chronic illness that we must approach with the same skill and compassion with which we approach heart disease, diabetes, and cancer."

**Mayor Levesque** reported that he and the City Manager and a few of the Councilors attended the Veteran's Day event at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lewiston. He reminded everyone of the Veteran's reimbursement program that the City of Auburn offers. He reported that he attended the joint (LA Chamber of Commerce and City of Auburn) ribbon cutting at the new Staples building. He also provided an update on the Auburn Start Up Program.

#### **IV. Open Session**

**Braden from Braden's Vegetable Stand** stated that he farms his grandfather's land on Hatch Road. He said he had a great year with his squash and he would like to donate 75 pounds of butternut squash and three turkeys to the Senior group.

**Councilor Gerry** awarded the 2021 Bruce Gerry scholarship to Braden (\$100 towards his college education, the second \$100 to help him with his farming business).

**Judy Harris** would like to see the City of Auburn consider starting a botanical garden to teach young people about native plants.

#### **V. Unfinished Business**

##### **1. Ordinance 36-11012021**

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 – Street Names & Numbering. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Ordinance 37-11012021**

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, General Assistance Maximums. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. **New Business**

1. **Order 129-11152021**

Approving the sale of surplus property of the Auburn Lewiston Airport in accordance with Article VIII of the Interlocal Agreement for the disposal of surplus property.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. **Ordinance 38-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (Mayor). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, Auburn resident commented that he would like to see this amended by requesting a lower amount.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to reduce the increase from \$7,000 to \$6,000. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Ordinance 39-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. **Ordinance 40-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 41-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 2, by adding section 2-441 compensation of the Regulatory Advisory Board. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 42-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (City Council) effective 12/18/2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane commented that he would like to see this amended by requesting a lower amount (\$3,000) and would like to see it take effect immediately (December of 2021).

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 43-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members effective 12/18/2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, Rubelite Lane commented that he would like to see this amended by reducing the amount to \$3,000 but would like to see it take effect immediately.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Ordinance 44-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members effective 12/18/2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

**9. Order 130-11152021**

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Auburn School Department and Quirk Automotive, Corporation to create a playing field for Washburn Elementary School.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Passage 6-0.

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Councilor Gerry** – thanked the woman that spoke regarding the botanical garden for coming forward with her suggestion.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that LATC and E911 will be meeting this Thursday.

**City Manager Crowell** – announced that the inauguration will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Senior Center, and planning is under way. He also provided an update on an equity and inclusion exercise that was done during a recent leadership team meeting. It was a great day with a lot of take-aways for staff.

**Councilor Walker** – reported that a Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6pm. The Age Friendly Committee will be putting on another Thanksgiving dinner this year on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Assistant City Manager Wood** – provided an update on the Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas parade and tree lighting. The parade will begin in New Auburn this year.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – October 2021 Final Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to accept and place on file the October 2021 Final Finance report.

Passage 6-0.

**IV. Executive Sessions**

- Contract Negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time 8:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:56 pm.

- Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)

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Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time 8:56 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

- V. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 9:10 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items - None**

**II. Minutes – November 15, 2021, Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Communication from Kennebec Behavioral Health
- Communication from Mayor Levesque - Comprehensive Plan-Future Land Use & Strip zone information
- Presentation recognizing the service of Councilor Lasagna (2 terms), Councilor Boss (1 term), Councilor Carrier (2 terms), and Councilor MacLeod (1 term).
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** – wanted to give thanks to members of the community that have shown up time after time in support of the work they’ve done. She noted that it has been extremely meaningful and educational for the Council to hear from them.

**IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 31-07192021**

Amending the Low-Density Country Residential and Rural Residential Strips abutting the Agriculture/Resource Protection Zone from the current depth of 450 Feet from center line of the roadway to a depth of 750 Feet from the centerline of the roadway or the rear property boundary, whichever is less. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing:

Thomas Shields, Maple Hill Road had a number of questions regarding the proposed amendment. Why did Planning Board vote no on this? If a lot expanded 450 from road and add another 300 if the land allows, what is the purpose of that? How many houses and septic systems are going to be put there? He noted that adding further density to those kinds of places is difficult. He also wanted to know many house lots are on the map on the Maple Hill Road and Dillingham Hill Road area.

Fred Holler, 352 West Auburn Road, stated that this was the third time he has attended a public hearing on this and he hasn’t heard anyone that has talked in favor of this proposed amendment.

He said that he feels it is a major change for the city and would like more concern to be given on this matter.

Michael Heskanen, 380 Youngs Corner Road supports the Planning Board's recommendation to not approve this amendment.

Cynthia Alexander, 582 West Auburn Road, thanked the Council for all of the work they do and the time they put in. She stated that she agrees with all of the comments that have been made thus far. Comprehensive plan is focused on growth but doesn't consider all residents and where they are at. She stated that she values her privacy and would not want neighbors to build behind her home, and she would like to know how to get an exemption if this were to pass.

Sid Hazelton, 121 Conant Avenue and Auburn Water District Superintendent, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay zone. It would put the filtration waiver at risk. A study was done, and the zone changes were discouraged. A filtration system would cost approximately 40 million dollars.

Susan Brown, 152 Dillingham Hill Road stated that she was grateful that Sid Hazelton spoke.

Scott Alexander, 582 West Auburn Road stated that his land is not suitable for leach field, so his leach field is on someone else's land. By expanding his land to be buildable lot when it is not a buildable lot to begin with. He stated that his taxes would go up but there would be no value to him. He stated that he is very concerned, and very frustrated adding that a lot of thought should be given to how it will be developed.

Mike Parent, 275 Dillingham Hill Road said that he thinks this proposed amendment is discriminating to people who chose to buy and live in those areas.

Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road said that she has talked to a lot of longtime residents of the city, one person told her that when she first moved here 35,000 acres were protected in the agriculture resource protection zone, now we have approximately 18,000 acres that are protected and they are talking about removing another 1,000 acres. She said she understands why people are frustrated - they are seeing land being taken from them to raise taxes.

Bill Sylvester, 1128 South River Road said he Feels this should be in the comprehensive plan. He serves on the Agriculture Committee and they did not recommend a zone change. He stated that this is a poor time to be making decisions about zoning in any town or city due.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road stated that he is also frustrated and feels the agricultural resource protection areas are being squeezed out.

Steve Damian, 703 South Witham Road stated that the Planning Board did a good job voting against passing this at this time, adding that he is opposed to the proposed change.

Michael Morrissey, 825 Perkins Ridge Road stated that he is opposed to the proposed change, adding that the proposed changes in the watershed protection zone will poison our water system.

Carl Skilling, 1425 Riverside Drive, stated that people use his land to recreate. He said he did not buy the property to have a bunch of houses around him and he would like the things to stay as is.

Chuck Naum, 968 Perkins Ridge Road stated that he is already at the 750 feet but he does not support proposal adding that we should listen to our Planning Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss to postpone this item indefinitely.

Passage to postpone indefinitely, 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 38-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (Mayor) effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend by including an effective date of 1-1-2022.

The vote was 3-3-1 (Councilors Boss, MacLeod, Gerry opposed, Councilor Milks abstained) resulting in a tie vote and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, the Mayor voted to break the tie vote, voting in favor of the amendment. Amendment passes.

Passage of the ordinance as amended 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, MacLeod, and Milks opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 39-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion as made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to include an effective date of 1-1-2022 and the full amount of \$4,000 annually.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors MacLeod and Gerry opposed).

Passage of the ordinance as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 40-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members. Second reading.



Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend to include an effective date of 1-1-2022 and the full amount of \$1,200 annually.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry Opposed).

Passage of the ordinance as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Ordinance 41-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 2, by adding section 2-441 compensation of the Regulatory Advisory Board. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**6. Ordinance 42-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (City Council) effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend to include an effective date of 1-1-2022 and the full amount of \$4,000 annually

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Milks, Gerry, and MacLeod opposed).

Passage of the ordinance as amended 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Gerry, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**7. Ordinance 43-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod, no second.

Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

**8. Ordinance 44-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod, no second.

Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

**VI. New Business**

**1. Ordinance 45-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III – Fire Code. Sec. 20-55. - Appeals. public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 46-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, by adding Sec. 20-84 – Permits; requirements. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 47-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 20-32 – Fees for service. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 48-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A: Fees; Fire Prevention and Protection. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Order 131-12062021**

Amending the City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2: Adopting a revised Future Land Use Plan. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**6. Order 132-12062021**

Authorizing the allocation of APRA funds for the procurement of a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**7. Order 133-12062021**

Authorizing the allocation of ARPA funds for the Museum L/A Expansion Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by reducing the amount from \$1.5 million to \$1 million to Museum LA and \$500,000 to Community Little Theater.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, MacLeod, Milks, and Carrier opposed). A roll call vote was taken as requested by Councilor Gerry.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend to not exceed \$1.5 million but not fall below \$500,000.

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Milks, Gerry, and Walker opposed).

Passage of the order as amended 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

**8. Order 134-12062021**

Authorizing the allocation of ARPA funds for Premium Pay for first responders (Police and Fire).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**9. Order 135-12062021**

Authorizing the allocation of \$50,000 of ARPA funds to conduct a study of the Tot Lot Revitalization Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by allocating the \$50,000 to the study and any remaining money to be used to implement the program as decided by the Committee.

Motion failed 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend to allocate the \$50,000 for the study and any money not used for the study will be allocated toward the implementation of the study with the final approval of the City Council.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of the order as amended 7-0.

**10. Order 136-12062021**

Authorizing the allocation of \$150,000 of ARPA funds to conduct a water quality initiative of the Lake Grove Municipal Beach.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**11. Order 137-12062021**

Approving the allocation of Auburn's portion in ARPA funds to install a backbone dark fiber network.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**12. Order 138-12062021**

Approving the collective bargaining agreement for Police Patrol/Detectives.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**13. Order 139-12062021**

Approving the collective bargaining agreement for the Police Command Unit.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**14. Order 140-12062021**

Approving the \$1,500 budget request for the Agriculture Committee to cover operating and incidental committee costs.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by approving a one-time payment to the Agriculture Committee in the amount of \$200 to cover costs of events that have already taken place this year.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of the order as amended 7-0.

**15. Resolve 04-12062021**

Supporting the Climate Plan action goal.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Milks opposed, Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

**VII. Open Session**

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library commented that she did not see Library Avenue allocation (ARPA funds) on tonight's agenda adding that the road is getting worse.

Tim Cowan, President of the Community Little Theater, thanked the Council for their supportive comments tonight, adding that they will be coming forward to present a plan.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported on the Christmas tree lighting, and thanked everyone involved, the City of Lewiston will be holding their Inauguration on January 3, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Our inauguration is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center.

**Councilor Carrier** – stated that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone, and he encouraged people to get involved.

**Councilor Boss** – echoed Councilor Carrier’s sentiment stating it has been an incredible 2 years on the Council and on the Planning Board the year before that. She thanked everyone for the work and collaboration. She also encouraged involvement.

**Councilor Lasagna** – she said over the last 4 years, she was glad to be able to be part of this group and working with a stellar city staff, adding that Auburn did a really good job with the pandemic and she is very proud of the work that she and the Council have done.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that there is a LATC meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>, also echoed what other councilors said about the experience of the last two years on the Council.

**Councilor Milks** – announced that the Water and Sewer Districts have a joint meeting on their budgets on this coming Wednesday.

**City Manager Crowell** – wanted to mention that the Auburn Business Association is a big part of the events that take place and getting things done. He provided an update on the Sustainable Auburn Program.

**IX. Executive Session - None**

**X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

**1. Order 141-12202021\***

Confirming Mayor Levesque's board and committee appointments.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the one consent item.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – December 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Communication – Mayoral Appointments
- Hydro Power Communications
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Walker** announced that the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a New Years Day celebration at noon time at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

**Councilor Whiting** stated that the Auburn Nordic Ski Association is open for cross country skiing.

**Mayor Levesque** reminded everyone about the upcoming New Year's Eve event that is to be held on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> on Main Street in Auburn.

**IV. Open Session**

Walter Reynolds, Public Works Department employee stated that a proposal has been put together, for the City Council to consider, requesting additional compensation from ARPA funds for PW employees that worked during the pandemic.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 45-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III – Fire Code. Sec. 20-55. - Appeals. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Ordinance 46-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, by adding Sec. 20-84 – Permits; requirements. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 47-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 20-32 – Fees for service. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Ordinance 48-12062021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A: Fees; Fire Prevention and Protection. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**VI. New Business**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to take any action necessary to effectuate an agreement with the State regarding apportionment of funds from the Opioid litigation. This is Order 147-12202021.



Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**1. Order 142-12202021**

Approving the Mass Gathering permit for the New Year's Eve event. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Order 143-12202021**

Approving the liquor license for the New Year's Eve event. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 144-12202021**

Approving the amendments to the Auburn-Lewiston Local Cable TV Operations Interlocal Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**4. Order 145-12202021**

Establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the City standard for incident management.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**5. Order 146-12202021**

Amending Order 132-12062021 previously adopted by the City Council on 12/06/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Staples abstained).

**VII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

**Mayor Levesque** announced that he has taken the Mayor’s seat on the School Committee, their first meeting was on Wednesday and it went well.

**Councilor Milks** stated that the Water and Sewer budgets were approved last week at a public meeting.

**Manager Crowell** stated that the budget process has started and is in full swing. A workshop will be held with the Council to provide them with information regarding access to our Munis system which will be available to them. Tablets will be handed out to new councilors as soon as possible. He provided an update on staffing challenges, and policies relating to COVID and he thanked staff for doing a fantastic job to ensure that services are still being provided.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – November 2021 Final Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to accept and place on file the November 2021 Final Finance report.

Passage 7-0.

**IV. Executive Sessions** - None

**V. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 7:48 pm.

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