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Mayor Levesque, along with Auburn resident Brayden Bashaw, 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

1. Order 01-01082018*

Confirming Chief Crowell's Appointments of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearms within the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation: Brayden Bashaw - Ornaments of Hope

Brayden Bashaw, 12 year old Auburn resident, was recognized by Mayor Levesque for his significant contributions to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Brayden raised \$7,500 by crafting and selling ornaments – "Ornaments of Hope" to benefit the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. He was presented with a framed proclamation. Mayor Levesque praised him for "being an upstanding role model for children and adults alike".

IV. Open Session

Robert Spencer, PO Box 1088 Auburn, stated that he was opposed to Troy Street project, and wanted the Councilors to ask themselves if they thought the City would be better off without the project than with having it on the wrong lot. He also stated that he did not think the previous Planning Board meeting was a legal meeting because in his opinion, it was not properly noticed.

Renee Simonitis, commented on the Street Light Conversion and the smart controls on the street lights. She stated that she did not want cameras added on and believes that doing so would be a step in the wrong direction for citizen privacy.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 02-01082018

Accepting Portland Way as a City street.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 03-01082018

Approving the discontinuance of Troy Street and to appropriate funding for damages.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to “order the discontinuance of a portion of Troy Street, said road being a City Way approximately 30 feet wide including the right of way, from a point beginning at the southern side of the intersection of Hampshire Street and Troy Street and extending approximately 250 feet in a generally southerly direction to the northerly intersection of Library Avenue and Troy Street and that the following damages be paid to the adjoining property owners as follows: Nico Carrao - \$0.00; Pan Am Railroad - \$0.00”.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

3. Order 04-01082018

Approving the order directing the municipal clerk to record an attested certificate of the Troy Street discontinuance.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to “issue and file with the City Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the City Council to discontinue a portion of Troy Street, and that the City Council send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay”.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

4. Resolve 01-01082018

Supporting the formation of a Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary Committee as recommended by Mayor Levesque.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

5. Resolve 02-01082018

Supporting the formation of an Age Friendly Community Committee as recommended by Mayor Levesque.

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

Public comment - Renee Simonitis wanted more information about this committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend the language to read “resolved that the Auburn City Council hereby supports the formation of *the Mayor’s* Age Friendly Community Committee”. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Resolve 02-01082018 as amended 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that it has been a busy couple of weeks. He received several emails during the snow storms, he encouraged Councilors to reach out to their constituents encouraging them to sign up to receive Auburn Connections. He also encouraged Councilors to reach out to constituents regarding snow removal. He reported that a new softball league will be starting up Saturday at Ingersoll Arena. On January 15th, Krispy Kreme is having their grand opening at 6AM. Councilor Fournier will attend in the Mayor’s absence. He also mentioned that with all of the hockey tournaments that are taking place at the Norway Savings Bank Arena and the number of people attending these events, he would like to see a pop up display or something similar that would showcase Auburn in a positive way.

Councilor Young – reported that the Danville Junction Grange Hall is being jacked up in order to put in a foundation. Due to that, the Grange Hall supper did not take place.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she went to brunch at the House of Bacon, adding that it is well worth checking out. She also displayed a gift that her daughter gave her as a Christmas gift, a beautiful framed wall hanging that had her name and Auburn City Council embroidered on it. She said that in the note, her daughter said that “she was very inspired about having me run for City Council” and Councilor Lasagna added that “this is where it begins”.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the Lewiston Inauguration, and noted that he was very pleased to hear Mayor Bouchard comment that he and Mayor Levesque have met on a few different occasions and it was reported in the newspaper that between the two Mayors, it may be the best working relationship between the two Mayors that we’ve had. He also reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday at 5:00 PM at the airport. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Councilor Titus – reported that he did meet with the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Committee. There are still concerns regarding speeding in the Stevens Mill and Hotel Road areas. He also reported that the Sewer and Water District meetings will be held on the 16th and 17th of the month at 4:00 PM at the District Office.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the School Committee meeting. The 2021 graduating class will be graduating based on proficiency levels instead of grade levels (proficiency based learning). She added that there is a lot going on in the school system and she recommended inviting the School Committee to a meeting to give a presentation. They (School Department) are in the process of reviewing labor contracts, they reviewed their finance report, the wellness policy, and will review the 2018 school calendar and goals at the next School Committee meeting which will be held on January 17th.

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Councilor Walker – thanked the Public Services Department staff and Director Dan Goyette for helping out with the skating rink at Sherwood Heights, and their work during the storms. He said he appreciates everything they've done. He said the sidewalks and the City of Auburn look great and are the best he's ever seen.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) will meet on Wednesday at 12:30 at AVCOG. She also reported that the General Assistance department is in need of a lot of items (diapers, personal hygiene items, soaps, cleaning supplies, canned goods and other food items are needed). She will be placing a box in the lobby for residents to drop off items. She also commented on the Senior Center and some of the programs that are offered.

Assistant City Manager Clavette – reported that on January 29th there will be a workshop to cover the Departmental Orientation overview. She also reported that Mayor Levesque and she are setting up regular meetings with the Legislative delegation and she will provide regular updates to the Council on that. She also reported that on January 22nd, the City Council will transition from a paper and note books to a surface pro tablet with the goal going paperless for the February 5th meeting.

VIII. Open Session – Robert Spencer, PO Box 1088 talked about locating development lots and also about finding the location for the new high school.

IX. Executive Session

To confer with Counsel regarding their legal rights and obligations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(e)

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

Passage 7-0.

Time 8:19 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:31 PM.

Discussion on a poverty abatement case # 2017-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841.

Passage 5-0 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes not in room for vote).

Time 8:32 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:22 PM.

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to deny the abatement in full for case number 2017-001 for tax year 2016 - 2017.

Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Young and Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to deny the abatement in full for case 2017-001 for tax year 2017 – 2018.

Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Young and Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Discussion on a personnel matter pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(a).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(e).

Passage 7-0.

Time 9:26 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:18 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for this vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque, along with Axel Favreau, Ryan Mileikis, Ace Watson and Will Routhier of the Maine Gladiators U10 Squirt Team, 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 – January 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation – Norway Savings Bank Arena – Maine Gladiators U10 Squirt Team

Axel Favreau, Ryan Mileikis, Ace Watson and Will Routhier of the Maine Gladiators U10 Squirt Team were recognized and the Mayor presented each of them with a framed copy of the proclamation.

IV. Open Session – Wayne Souza, Auburn talked about exhaust and the effects of exhaust/emissions in the air.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 05-01222018

Approving the liquor license (beer and wine) for Craft Brew Underground LLC, DBA Craft Brew Underground located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Resolve 03-01222018

Authorizing membership in the Maine Service Center Coalition for 2018 and designating Peter Crichton to be the appointed representative and Denise Clavette as alternate representative.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Titus opposed).

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3. Order 06-01222018

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with RealTerm Energy for the LED Street Light Conversion Project.

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

Public comment – a representative from RealTerm Energy brought one of the LED lights for the Council to see. No other members of the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Resolve 04-01222018

Supporting the formation of a Mayor’s Ad hoc Committee on Economic Development and Marketing as recommended by Mayor Levesque.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

VII. Reports

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Levesque reminded everyone that the Winter Festival will take place this weekend and more information can be found on our website and on social media. He encouraged people to attend. He challenged Councilors to take a “selfie” at each event they attend, and the councilor with the most “selfies” taken, posted on line, and verified will be treated, by the Mayor, to a nice dinner out at a local restaurant. He also reported that he spoke at the Chamber’s monthly breakfast along with Lewiston’s Mayor, Mayor Bouchard.

Councilor Young – reported that he attended his first School Building Committee meeting, adding that there wasn’t a lot to report on it because most of it was covered in executive session. They talked about it being a self sustaining building. He added that they still have not selected a location for the school.

Councilor Lasagna – also reported on attending the School Building Committee meeting. She noted that the Department of Education will have a say on whether or not they accept a particular sight. She reported that they visited 3 sights in Massachusetts. A slide show of the schools they visited in Massachusetts is available on the Auburn School Departments website. She added that they will also be looking at schools in Maine. She also reported that she will be attending her first CDBG Meeting on February 7th.

Councilor Hayes – reported on a few recent newspaper articles regarding The Chamber Breakfast where the Mayor’s of Lewiston and Auburn spoke, and on things happening at historic Lost Valley by Dave Irons. He talked about Otto Wallingford and provided some history on how he developed snow making. He spoke of community pride and image

adding that as we move forward, we should also take a look back on how we got here. He also provided some history on the Auburn Lewiston Airport and on Proctor & Gamble buying out Tambrands.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer District meeting that was held last week. They have an ambitious budget for infrastructure repair and they came right within budget this year. He reported that the Water District meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. He commented on the School Building Committee stating that the Council should get involved in that before too much is committed. He also commented on Councilor Hayes report on Lost Valley.

Councilor Fournier – reported that March 7th is the community forum for the new high school project. She said it is imperative that we involve the public early on and we need to be transparent. She reported on School Committee meeting (goals, Shelly Mogul's presentation on Vision 2020, proficiency based education, there was a second reading on the student wellness policy, and they went over the finance report that focused on the demands that special education puts on the budget). She also reported on the Auburn Library Board of Trustees meeting. They have included 4 additional trustees and are looking for candidates to serve on the board. They are recruiting for donations for their annual auction. Their goal this year is \$10,000.

Councilor Walker – his reports on the 911 Committee and Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation have been included in the agenda packet. He also reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting is to be held on the 25th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM and the United New Auburn Association meeting is going to be held on the 30th at 6:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Auburn's Chief of Police. He also invited everyone to join the United New Auburn Association on Sunday, January 28th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM (Sherwood Heights) for sliding, skating, hot chocolate and donuts.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the last Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting. They discussed the meeting time. Meetings are held at 12:30 PM and they would like to keep that as is. They also discussed the temporary loan they received from the City. She also reported that she attended the Recreation Advisory Board Meeting where they discussed the budget and CIP that they will be submitting. They also discussed the upcoming Winter Festival. She also talked about the donation boxes she set up to collect items for the General Assistance pantry.

City Manager Report – thanked Denise Clavette and the team for taking over at the last meeting while he was touring schools in Massachusetts. He also wanted to let people know that the city has put out a city recycling calendar. He reported that they will be looking at EMS more closely. He would like to form a working group and has been working with Geoff Low, Auburn's Fire Chief on it. He mentioned a recent incident where the Town Manager of Jackman, Maine who made some racist remarks. City Manager Crichton stated that it was not representative of the profession and he was going to circulate a few letters that have been sent by the President of the

Maine Town and City Managers Association adding that they never want to see any of their colleagues make
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those kinds of remarks. He reminded everyone that there is a workshop scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 5:30 PM (Department Orientation). In closing, he wanted everyone to know that there was a public School Building Committee forum held a few months ago with community members.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the December 2017 Monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:08 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

1. Order 07-02052018*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for 2018-2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 22, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

V. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

VI. Open Session – Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street commented on the Smart Growth presentation and proposal going through each of the 10 principals and stating to the Council “it’s not your job” after each of them. She said that she wanted it publicly noted that she objected.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

5. Ordinance 01-02052018

Amending the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 186 Main Street (PID # 231-020) from Traditional Downtown Neighborhood (T-4.2) to Downtown Traditional Center (T-5.1). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 08-02052018

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Authorizing the City Manager and Human Resource Director to include Domestic Partner Coverage as part of MMEHT (Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust) contract for health insurance.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he won the winterfest “selfie” challenge. He reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society has loaned us some nice memorabilia (pictures) going back to 1869 to hang in the Mayor’s office. He thanked the Androscoggin Historical Society and encouraged everyone to visit the historical society to see what they have to offer.

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Advisory Committee meeting, noting that there is one opening on that committee and he encouraged residents to get their applications in. He also said they discussed people using YouTube and Facebook now instead of airing shows on public access TV. He encouraged non-profit organizations that may have an idea for a show for public access TV to come and see us to discuss possible options. Councilor Walker also attended that meeting and commented that Great Falls TV could be advertised more to make people more aware.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she attended the public meeting Ag Zone study meeting that was held on February 1st. She said it was very well attended and a lot of data was presented. She added that the consultants did a great job in presenting the data. The next meeting is on Thursday, February 15th at 6PM in Council Chambers.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the Airport monthly meeting noting that they approved fy18-19 operation budget that will be submitted to both cities. They formed a committee to select a consulting engineering company. They took the opportunity to go to Backwoods Barbeque Grill (the airport café). It was his first time there and he said he was very impressed. He talked about membership on the Railroad Committee, the upcoming AVCOG meetings - February 28th and another in April. He also asked that prior to getting into looking at the budgets, he would like to get the group together to review goals and objectives.

Councilor Titus – reported that he also attended the public Ag Zone meeting. He said he was disappointed that most of data was geared toward Androscoggin County and not Auburn. He noted that there were two Neighborhood Watch meetings coming up,

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Western Avenue is scheduled for February 6th at 6PM at the Dance Center on Western Avenue and the Sunderland Drive meeting will be held at Sam’s, same night, same time.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the Library Board of Trustees meeting that she attended, and shortly after that meeting she attended the Annual Corporators meeting. They accepted the bylaws. She said she also attended the Lewiston Library meeting. She was pleased to see Mayor Bouchard there (he is one of the Board members). The topic was the budget. She also reported that she attended the Sesquicentennial meeting at the Auburn Public Library that was held on January 31st.

Councilor Walker – reported on the Ag Zone study stating that he is glad they decided to fund this adding that it should be looked at every 20 years. He also noted that over 350 people that visited Sherwood Heights School during the winter festival. There was snowshoeing, sliding, skating, and more. There was great turnout, it was a great community event at no cost. He also commented on a young man that submitted a letter

to the editor who said he would like to see Sherwood Heights have a public skating rink every year.

Councilor Gerry – she commented on the Sherwood Heights skating rink and complimented Councilor Walker and Auburn resident Joe Gray for their hard work in putting it together. She spoke about mittens that were given out with a donation. She said it was a well attended event. She also reported that she also attended the public Ag study meeting adding that it was a good presentation but she was disappointed that there wasn't more information on the existing property owner's farms in the Ag zone and their needs and concerns. She also attended the CDBG meeting on non-profit agencies that have requested funding. Last, she said that she fully supports fully funding the LATC.

Mayor Levesque – wanted to include in his report that there are several Board and Committee vacancies and the application deadline has been extended to February 6th. He also wanted to let everyone know that funds are available through the Community Development Block Grant programs and he encouraged people to look into those programs.

City Manager – he commented on the Ag Zone study and the public interest in the study. He reported on tax acquired and city owned properties adding that there will be an update at the next council meeting. He mentioned the street light review process. The Police Department and City Electrician will be involved in that process. He thanked everyone that was involved in the Winter Festival. Last, he commented on the 150th anniversary effort stating that there is a lot of enthusiasm around this and it is getting off on the right foot.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session – none

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X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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.

II. Consent Items

1. Order 09-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$3,734.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2409 Tania Howell).

2. Order 10-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,289.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2410 Jamel Johnson).

3. Order 11-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,797.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1942 Wany Anyit).

4. Order 12-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,762.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2391 Mustafa Abdi).

5. Order 13-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$3,873.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2412 Jonathan Lara).

6. Order 14-02262018*

Amending Order 08-02052018 previously adopted at the February 5, 2018 City Council meeting to also include domestic partner coverage for all applicable medical benefits (health, dental, and vision).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to move consent items 1 through 5 (Orders 09-02262018 through 12-02262018) to new business.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to move consent item 6 (Order 14-02262018) to new business.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

VII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

VIII. Open Session

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Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street commented on CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) programs and her experience going through the program. Ms. Simonitis provided a written copy of her comments to the City Clerk to place on file.

V. Unfinished Business

6. Ordinance 01-02052018

Amending the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 186 Main Street (PID # 231-020) from Traditional Downtown Neighborhood (T-4.2) to Downtown Traditional Center (T-5.1). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus to postpone this item until the 3/5/2018 City Council meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

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

Public hearing – Kathryn Begg, Drummond Street Auburn, spoke in opposition of the proposed zone change. She added that a neighbor, Mr. Pat Callahan, who also owns property on Drummond Street wanted to attend the meeting but was unable to and he gave her permission to note his opposition of this proposed zone change.

Peter Rubins, owner of Garcelon House spoke regarding concerns he has with this proposed zone change. If this zone change goes through, he said that he would like to see a walking path from the river to the Edward Little House.

David Rogers, owner of the Garcelon House and Hasty House, spoke regarding concerns he has with the proposed zone change and stated that he would also like there to be easy access to the River Walk.

Jim Tierney owner of 7 Drummond Street, said he did not know about this request for change until today. He said it would be helpful for him to know who was interested in the property and what their intentions are before there are any changes made to the zoning.

Bob Grieshaber, current occupant of the Edward Little House spoke regarding his concerns with the proposed zone change and stated that he would hope that they would not put in a building that would block the view.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Gerry, Young, Lasagna, Hayes, and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

7. Order 15-02262018

Re-appointing Patricia Mador to the LA 911 Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

8. Order 16-02262018

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Appointing Lance Gagne, Velma McConnell, and Diane Whiting to the Citizens Advisory Committee (term expirations of 6/30/2019) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

9. Order 17-02262018

Re-appointing Larry Pelletier to the Complete Streets Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

10. Order 18-02262018

Re-appointing Linda Snyder to the Ethics Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

11. Order 19-02262018

Re-appointing Evan Cyr and Dustin Boutin as full members of the Planning Board (term expirations of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

12. Order 20-02262018

Re-appointing Joseph Defilipp and Stephen Ness to the Auburn Sewer District (term expirations of 3/1/2022) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

13. Order 21-02262018

Re-appointing Dan Bilodeau and K. C. Geiger to the Auburn Water District (term expirations of 3/1/2022) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

14. Order 22-02262018

Appointing Mary LaFontaine as full member of the Board of Assessment Review (term expiration of 10/01/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young for passage of Orders 15-02262018 through 22-02262018.

7-0 passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept Orders 09-02262018, 10-02262018, 11-02262018, 12-02262018, and 13-02262018 (items that were moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Deputy Police Chief Jason Moen answered Councilor's questions regarding the acceptance of the forfeitures.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor for passage of 14-02262018 (another item that was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

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Mayor Levesque asked if Council would entertain a motion to suspend the rules to authorize the City Manager to start advertising for a second City Electrician. Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier.

Mayor Levesque asked for comments from the public.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road would like to see Council discuss contracted services. He suggested looking at sharing services from other surrounding towns like Minot or New Gloucester or look at other ways to solve this problem than to hire an additional staff member.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road said that we should sub out instead of hiring another person adding that it is a lot less expensive and if we hire someone, we would also have to provide benefits. He also noted the importance of having an inspector.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

After Council discussion and a straw poll vote, Council decided not to act on this item tonight. It will be brought forth at the March 5, 2018 City Council meeting for action.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the grand opening and ribbon cutting that was held this past Friday at Craft Brew Underground, and the joint meeting that was held last Thursday with the Lewiston City Council. On Wednesday, he will be announcing his Mayoral Appointments to the Economic Development and Marketing Committee. He reported on the Auburn Public Library's Farmers Market event. He announced that there will be a grand opening of the Brewery at Lost Valley on Wednesday the 28th at 7PM. He provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee adding that he will be testifying on Wednesday at 9AM. He said he talked with City Manager regarding business license renewals and would like to see the process simplified. He said that he will be absent from Monday's meeting (3/5/2018), will be asking Councilor Young to put his name in for consideration for a vote for Mayor Pro Tem at that meeting. Representative Bruce Bickford will be attending to discuss legislative discussions regarding medical and recreational marijuana. Last, he said he will be traveling to Europe sometime in April. He will be taking a tour of WWI and WWII battlefields. He asked that residents of Auburn to let him know if anyone has a loved one that is interred in Europe and he will visit the grave site to pay his respects on their behalf and on behalf of the City.

Councilor Young – reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society will meet tomorrow night, the topic will be treasure chests and their stories. He also reported that he had orientation on the ELHS Building Committee adding that something will be said within the next 6 months. He reported that the Nomination Committee met and was unable to appoint to the Parks and Recreation Board due to a ward requirement in the ordinance. He said they are going to ask the City Council to look at possibly changing that.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee was supposed to meet tomorrow, however that has been cancelled. They will be meeting sometime in
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March instead. She reported that she will be attending the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2/28/18 where they will elect a chair person and talk about the consolidation plan overview and status of year action plan and budget. They will submit the application to HUD on May 12th for final approval.

Councilor Hayes – reported on upcoming meetings, Wednesday AVCOG will meet, and Thursday the Airport Board will meet. He said he was glad that the two cities (Lewiston and Auburn) met last Thursday and he looks forward to future meetings. He also reported on a few public observations. First, the Concord bus northbound is finding difficulties finding a good route getting to the terminal which seems to be backing up traffic. Second, extended parking in the Wal Mart parking lot.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer and Water District meetings that were held last week. The Water Department did agree to allocate \$300,000 for a study on Taylor Pond to find out if feasible to get year-round water out there. He said they signed a 3-year mowing contract and talked about working with the city to try to save money. He said that idea was not well received. He said he would like to see all departments of the city including the School Department working together to try to save money. He reported that Minot Avenue is going to be torn up with a MDOT project, as well as work on the sewer line (in the Fairview School area past Court Street).

Councilor Fournier – reported that the School Committee and Library Board have not met since she last reported. She did mention that there would be an Auburn School Community Forum called Vision 2030, on Wednesday the 7th of March in the ELHS gym. As follow up on what took place in Florida, she reached out to a couple of the school principals to ask how things were going. She also said that there have been a lot of questions regarding a student walkout and said something would be coming from school administration regarding that.

Councilor Walker – reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow night at 6PM at Rolly's Diner. Tim Hall from LA911 will be the guest speaker who will talk about Code Red. He said that people have been asking about Great Falls TV, and where can you find the Council meetings. He said channel 1302 is the new channel. He talked about the Appointment Committee and the rules and regulations of each committee.

He wants to look into that further before making any recommendations to make any changes.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Appointment Committee and thanked everyone that applied. She said they still have several openings. She commented that the committee was unable to nominate to the Parks and Recreation Board due to the ward restrictions outlined in our ordinance. She reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting tomorrow night at 5:00 PM at Hasty Armory.

Mayor Levesque - added to his report that the Edward Little High School basketball teams are going to the State Championships – both boys and girls.

City Manager – commented on the Joint Council meeting between Lewiston and Auburn adding that there was a discussion today on Sports Tourism. He also reported on the Ag

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Study and said that he appreciates the work that is being done, especially the work of Mary Sylvester and Eric Cousens. He reported that we've started working on the FY19 budget. Last, he said that he, too, will not be at the 3/5/18 Council meeting.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2018 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the January 2018 Monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street, spoke about public servitude.

Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road, spoke about tax acquired properties.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, spoke about the Library, the Riverside Drive pavement (not wide enough), the city budget, tax acquired property, the housing demand and number of houses currently on the market in Auburn, and Council constituency and the discussion regarding the Electrical Staffing item.

IX. Executive Session

Executive Session - Discussion on a poverty abatement case # 2018-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0. Time: 9:06 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:44 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to grant a poverty abatement, case #2018-001 in the amount of \$1,921.96 (\$960.98 due in September 2017 and \$960.98 that will be due in March 2018). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

Executive Session - Discussion regarding Economic Development, pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0.
Time: 9:49.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:11 PM.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 4-0-3 (Councilors Gerry, Fournier, and Hayes were not in the room for the vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM.

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Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to appoint Councilor Young as Mayor Pro Tempore in the temporary absence of the Mayor. Passage 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Young led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

III. Consent Items

1. Order 23-03052018*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Business Association's "Citizen of the Year" signs.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.
Passage 7-0

II. Minutes – February 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

- X. Open Session** – Brian Carrier, 32 Constellation Drive, and Ernestine "Tina" Gilbert, 22 Colonial Way (former resident of Constellation Drive) both spoke regarding concerns to tree cutting that is happening in the buffer area of the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

3. Order 24-03052018

Authorizing the submission of a pre-proposal for the NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program (FY 2018) for the removal of the Littlefield Dam.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

4. Order 25-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property at Hackett Road, Parcel ID 159-014.

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

Public comment-no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

5. Order 26-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 10 Lucille Street, Parcel ID 201-093.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend to include that the property be held for 1 year to sell for a house to be built on it.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Young opposed).

Passage of order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

6. Order 27-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property at 73 Paul Street, Parcel ID0191-057.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend to include the property be held for 1 year to sell for a house to be built on it.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Young opposed).

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked for clarification on the amendment.

Passage of order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Passage of order as amended 5-2 (Councilors Young and Titus opposed).

7. Order 28-03052018

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Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 1 Gamage Avenue, Parcel ID 250-310.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on Council not wanting to act on the property saying this is not a new property and they are not city planners.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Young, Fournier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

8. Order 29-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 5 Gamage Avenue, Parcel ID 250-319.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one From the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Young, Fournier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

9. Order 30-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 143 Hampshire Street, Parcel ID 250-311.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Young, Fournier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

10. Order 31-03052018

Authorizing the City Manager to hire an additional full time City Electrician.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Titus to postpone this item until the next City Council meeting (3/19/2018).

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Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hayes and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules to add an item to agenda. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker on Resolve 02-03052018 supporting the Green Dot LA initiative and launch week. Councilor Fournier read the full draft resolve that was included in the workshop packet.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Councilor Young – thanked his fellow Councilors for being supportive tonight, adding that he was glad to have the opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Temoré.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the ELHS vision 2030 session will take place at Edward Little High School on Wednesday 3/7/2018. Also on Wednesday, the Lake Auburn Neighborhood meeting will take place at 6:00 PM, and the ELHS Building Committee will meet on 3/20/18 here at Auburn Hall.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the AVCOG meeting he attended last week, and he commented on the tree cutting around the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Young – added to his report congratulating the ELHS girls and boys basketball teams for winning the State Championship games and was glad to see the girls getting due recognition.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the school Superintendent presented the school budget to the School Committee last week which came in at an overall increase of 2.6%. She also reiterated one of the Council goals of meeting with the School Committee as often as they can and to have a good working relationship between the City Council and the School Committee. Last, she reported on the School Departments Community Forum on Vision 2030 to be held at Edward Little High School on 3/7/18 from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Post cards were sent out regarding the forum.

Councilor Walker – asked for clarification from staff on tree cutting. Staff will check into this further. Councilor Walker reported that on 3/17/18 the United New Auburn

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Association along with Walton and Sherwood Heights Schools will be holding a chili and chowder challenge from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at Walton School.

Councilor Gerry – reported that tomorrow night the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting at Hasty Armory at 5:00 P.M. and it is open to anyone that is interested in attending. She also had questions on tree cutting and on the school budget.

Assistant City Manager – echoed the comments regarding the success of Edward Little High School basketball teams winning the State Championship games. She thanked the Police and Fire departments for escorting and greeting the teams. She discussed the work that is being done on the budget. She also reported on a small group meeting that was held to discuss Sports Tourism, adding that more information will follow. She also thanked Liz Allen for all of her work on the Auburn Connections and encouraged people to read them.

- VIII. Open Session** – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the discussions that took place regarding the Sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Properties agenda items. He said that it should have been handled during the workshop that was held last week adding that the City Council should take advantage of Council workshop time and ask questions then. He also commented that he hopes the City can purchase copies of Roberts Rules for everyone to read so that we can avoid the mayhem that they had here tonight.

Brian Carrier commented on the remarks that were made by Councilor Hayes about the growth and cutting at the airport.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time in 8:40 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:52 PM.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Along with students from the Edward Little High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

- IV. Consent Items** – None

- II. Minutes** – March 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

- XI. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Recognition** – Edward Little High School Boys and Girls Basketball State Champions

- XII. Open Session** – The following individuals spoke regarding concerns they have with Proficiency Based Learning:

Laura Garcia, 20 Skillings Corner Road
Barbara Howaniec, 134 Nottingham Road
Michelle Scott and her son, Quinn, 50 Lake Street
Mike Martel, Beaver Road
Pam Hart, 106 Lake Street
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Jesse Bell, a Lewiston resident with children that attend Auburn Schools.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, complimented the Auburn Police Department for their response and follow up after some vehicle break-ins during the last winter storm. He also expressed some concerns he has with the Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee.

Renee Simonitis, Oak Street commented on the Green Dot LA resolve that was voted on at the last meeting. She provided a copy of her comments to be placed on file with the City Clerk.

V. Unfinished Business

11. Order 31-03052018

Authorizing the City Manager to hire an additional full time City Electrician.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to table this item indefinitely. Motion failed 3- 4 (Councilors Young, Hayes, Lasagna, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

VI. New Business

12. Resolve 03-03192018

Supporting Central Maine Power Company's New England Clean Energy Connect Project.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – thanked Councilor Young for filling in during his absence at the last City Council meeting. He talked about his experience riding in one of the Public Services trucks during the last snow storm and he encouraged the Councilors to take some time and schedule a ride along in one of the trucks. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Economic and Marketing Committee meeting to be held on April 2nd at 7AM here at Auburn Hall in the Community Room, he also mentioned recent articles on the Auburn Lewiston Airport, and on or around March 27/28th a Canadian Royal Air Force presence will be at the Auburn Lewiston Airport. He noted that he testified in support of a proposed amendment to the Municipal Consolidation rules, and last, the City Council Retreat that was planned for last week has been rescheduled to April 9th and will be held at the Martindale Country Club. It is open to the public however there will not be public comment.

Councilor Young – Maine Spring Ring concert is to be held at the Auburn Middle School at 4:30 PM on Saturday, April 7th. It is sponsored by the Handbell Ringers of America Region I, where there will be more than 150 ringers from across the State. He also asked that the notes and memos provided by Laura Garcia who spoke during open

session regarding concerns with Proficiency Based Learning be posted to the website as part of the record.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that tomorrow at 5:30 PM the School Building sub-committees will be meeting and then at 6:30 PM, the School Building Committee will be meeting here at Auburn Hall, and on Friday she will be participating in a ride along with Auburn Police Department.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the article in Sunday's newspaper on the Airport and articles in Discover Maine.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow March 20th at 4:00 PM the Sewer District Trustees will meet, and at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 21st the Water District Trustees will meet. Tomorrow, there will be another meeting with the Fire Department regarding overtime. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the Community Room, on April 3rd, the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at Sam's on Court Street.

Councilor Fournier – handed out a draft of the proposed school calendar. She also reported that there is an initiative underway with the Auburn and Lewiston School Departments, and MSAD 52 and RSU 16 on an interlocal agreement for a regional service center. She also mentioned that the Library Board of Trustees wanted to remind everyone about the on-line auction that is coming up for the Auburn Public Library. For more, you can visit their website at www.32auctions.com/APL2018. The auction will run from May 30th – June 8th.

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Councilor Walker – reported that the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on March 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association meeting will be Tuesday, March 27th. Doug Greene will be the guest speaker and will discuss the New Auburn Village plan. He reported on the Walton School Chili and Chowder contest, and last he reported that there will be a Bean Supper at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on Saturday March 24th to help to raise money to heat their building. This will be from 4:30-6:00 PM.

Councilor Gerry – reported that tomorrow at the Hasty Community Center, the Age Friendly Community meeting will be held. She also commented on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) conversation regarding the Recreation Scholarship funding.

City Manager Report – thanked Denise Clavette for stepping in at the last Council meeting during his absence. He mentioned that a joint workshop with School Committee and the City Council will be held next Monday (March 26th) to discuss the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for both the School and City. He reported that Fire Chief Geoff Low has submitted his resignation. He has accepted a position as Fire Chief in the Town of Orono. He also provided an update on a situation that came up regarding the tree

harvest at the Airport, concerns regarding the business licensing renewal process, and the Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2018 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept and place on file the February 2018 Monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

- VIII. Open Session** – Renee Simonitis, apologized for speaking out of turn, and asked that Councilors not vote for things in the same meeting.
- IX. Executive Session** - Discussion regarding Economic Development, pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C). **This executive session was not needed.**
- X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:53PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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, and a moment of silence to remember Mr. Phil Isaacson who recently passed. All Councilors were present.

- V. Consent Items**
- 2. Order 32-04022018***
Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 12, 2018.
- 3. Order 33-04022018***
Approving the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the June 12, 2018 Election.
- 4. Order 34-04022018***
Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue Elementary School's Annual Spring Fest.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.

- II. Minutes** – March 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

XIII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Proclamation** – The Mayor read the proclamation and declared April as Fair Housing Month in Auburn

XIV. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the condition of our streets and sidewalks.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Joint Workshop that was held with the School Committee and a joint resolve he is working on with the School Committee Chair to encourage and set forth ideas to consolidate services and support between the City and School Department that could save taxpayer dollars. He reported on a recent visit to the Auburn Lewiston Airport and had the opportunity to meet with the Royal Canadian Air Force visitors. He also commented on the Auburn Connections newsletter which can be

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found on the City’s website. He encouraged the Council to reach out to their constituents letting them know about the newsletter.

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS has a track meet at Farmington on Friday the 13th of April.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she attended the School Committee meeting last week where they presented the school budget.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday at 5:30 P.M. and next Wednesday, April 11th is the AVCOG General Assembly meeting.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Auburn Sewer and Water District meetings were held last week. Topics were the road construction that will be taking place on Minot Avenue beginning on the Court Street side, the demolition of the 17 S. Goff Street building, the sub-committee that is looking at employee benefits and health insurance, and the Taylor Pond engineering study regarding the feasibility of getting year-round water at Taylor Pond. He also reported that the Peace Bridge construction should be starting soon, the EMS/Fire Department meetings regarding overtime have wrapped up and a report on the results should be coming soon. He noted that he is on sub-committee regarding adult use marijuana. They will be meeting tomorrow. The Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch meeting will also be held tomorrow at Sam’s off Court Street, and

last, the next Water and Sewer District meetings are scheduled for the 17th and 18th of April.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the School Committee meeting and the concerns regarding Proficiency Based Learning.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Peace Bridge work started today. He encouraged drivers to be careful, drive slow and pay attention when driving in that area.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she attended the School Committee’s budget meeting. She encouraged parents to contact their school committee member with any budget concerns. Tomorrow there will be an Age Friendly Community meeting at the Hasty Community Center at 5:00 PM, and the First Auburn Seniors are meeting this Wednesday at the usual time and after the meeting a Beano game will be held.

City Manager Report - The City Manager presented his FY19 Preliminary Draft Budget to the City Council and public.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

A. Economic Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C).

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time in 7:42 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:12 PM.

B. Economic Development pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time in 8:13 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:39 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

A. Order 35-04102018

Approving a Special Municipal Referendum Election to be held on June 12, 2018 and to approve the ballot language as recommended by the Auburn School Department.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Superintendent Katy Grondin provided information and answered Council questions.

Passage 6-0.

B. Resolve 06-04102018

Supporting a collaborative effort to achieve cost savings and (or) improved services.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

II. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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