

IN COUNCIL JOINT MEETING JANUARY 2, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 86

Mayor LaBonte called the joint meeting with the City Council and School Committee to order at 6:05 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Shea was absent.

I. New Business

- 1. Order 01-01022013** Approving a joint purchasing policy between the City and School Departments.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Young.

Public comments – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

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

- III. Executive Session** - Discussion of a personnel matter (the City Manager's evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) took place at the end of the workshop.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Passage 6-0, 6:35. Adjournment was immediately following the Executive Session.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte 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. Councilors LaFontaine and Shea had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

- 1. Order 02-01072013***

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry.
Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported.

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonté, no report.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea, absent.
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported.
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea, absent.
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine, absent.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young reported.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported.
- Recreation

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- Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker reported.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley reported.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on additional items.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

V. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn – Commented on numerous items; the focus of a more independent Auburn, Olympia Snow Day speakers, the length of agendas and the need for more items, the expense of using a facilitator at Saturdays Goal Setting Retreat at over \$1,000, designating \$35,000 for Athletic Fields Study that he felt could be done by staff, a documentary called Hot Coffee, Joint TIF policy, and LAEGC.

Resident of Lewiston - commented on Law Enforcement Personnel and Code of Ethics.

Andrew Wordell, owner of Wordell's Trading, 61 Mill Street – commented on numerous items; on being an Auburn business owner, on law enforcement, a stolen car found recycled at a junkyard, looking at Mom and Pop shops for economic growth, whether anyone has read the Charter of Auburn and does anyone understand it, he has enjoyed running his business for 5 years but was closing his business.

Ken Blais, Turner resident and Auburn business man – presented the City of Auburn with funds raised for the Marshall Popcorn Truck, \$875.00.

VI. Unfinished Business

- 2. Ordinance 07-12172012** Approving the amendment to the Business Licensing Ordinance regarding the adoption of applicable State of Maine Rules. Public hearing, second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

VII. New Business

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- 1. Order 03-01072013** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Auburn and the Androscoggin Historical Society for the Knight House and the Downing Shoe Shop.

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

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

VIII. Executive Session

Discussion of a personnel issue (the City Manager's evaluation) with possible action to follow, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

This item was discussed during the Council workshop and no action was taken.

Discussion regarding labor contracts with possible action to follow, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

This item was discussed during the Council workshop and no action was taken.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items - None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 5-0, 8:10 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 90

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. All Councilors were present.

The Boy Scout Troop 121 led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. Consent Items*- None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Young reported. Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on a few additional items.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2012 Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the December 2012 Monthly Report. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session

Don Malpass, Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 121 and Auburn resident, Perkins Ridge Road. He commented on the success of their Christmas tree pickup fundraiser, he thanked the community for their support and also thanked Nick Labbe from the Public Works Department for his assistance. He said they would like to do this again next year.

Andy Wordell, 61 Mill Street commented on the Rural Development Program through Community Concepts which helps local families build homes. He also reached out to the Auburn Community to volunteer to help build these homes.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

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VII. New Business

1. Resolve 01-01222013 Supporting a Passenger Transit Service linking the Municipalities of Portland, Lewiston, and Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public comment – Jeremiah Bartlett, 107 Shepley Street and City of Portland Transportation Engineer spoke in favor of the Passenger Transit Service.

Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 04-01222013** Approving the Community Development's Curb Appeal and Small Business Programs funded with Community Development Block Grant funds as recommended by the Community Development Staff.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 05-01222013** Approving the amendments to the Community Development's Spot, Residential, Good Neighbor Start-up Grant, Heating Assistance and Commercial Programs funded with Community Development Block Grant funds as recommended by the Community Development Staff.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 06-01222013** Approving to eliminate the Community Development's Energy, Historic Preservation, Lead, Neighborhood Enhancement, Down payment Assistance, and Tree Planting Programs funded with Community Development Block Grant funds as recommended by the Community Development Staff.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

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5. **Order 07-01222013** Approving the amendments to the Guidelines of the Homebuyer, Homeowner Rehabilitation, and Security Deposit Loan Programs funded with HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds as recommended by the Community Development Staff.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 08-01222013** Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 11, 2013.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Shea).

VIII. Executive Session - Discussion of a personnel issue (the City Manager's evaluation) with possible action to follow, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Passage 7-0, 7:51 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:12 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and Seconded by Councilor Young to authorize the six month salary adjustment for the City Manager, for satisfactory performance, retroactive to December 18, 2012. Order 09-01222013.

Passage 7-0.

Executive Session – Discussion regarding the Ice Arena contract, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea.

Passage 7-0, 8:14 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:19 P.M.

Executive Session - Discussion regarding labor contracts with possible action to follow, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry were out of the room), 9:19 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:28 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and Seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and MAP (Maine Association of Police) Command Unit for January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Order 10-01222013.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and Seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and MAP (Maine Association of Police) Police and Detective Unit for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Order 11-01222013.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 9:35 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 31, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 94

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Crowley had an excused absence, Councilor LaFontaine arrived during the Executive Session, and all other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session – Discussion on the Ice Arena contract, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Passage 5-0, 6:04 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 7:14 P.M.

II. New Business

4. Order 12-01312013 Approving the design and updated budget for the double sheet Ice Arena.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public comment –

Dan D'Autueil, Maine Gladiators, questioned the Ice Arena budget that was provided.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn, commented on the delay in getting the Ice Arena budget information, and he had questions and comments about the budget.

Claire Barclay, 62 Winter Street, Auburn, hockey parent since 1980 and was on the Board for Auburn Youth Hockey. She commented on Ingersoll Arena and how it has supported itself and feels dual sheet Ice Arena will also support itself.

Andy Titus, Lamplighter Circle, Auburn had questions on the Ice Arena Budget.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn questioned the estimated ice time difference from the original presentation.

City Manager Deschene addressed all of the questions.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item to the 2/4/2013 Council meeting as Unfinished Business. Passage 6-0.

IX. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0, 7:45 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 95

Mayor LaBonte 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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported.

Committee Reports

Councilor Crowley submitted a written report and reported on additional items that were not included in her written report, Councilor Walker submitted a written report, and Councilor Hayes reported on the Airport Board.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on an additional item.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Portrait presentation – Former Mayor John Jenkins
- Swear in and Badge pinning ceremony – Auburn Police Department
 - Patrol Officer Thomas J. Ellis
 - Patrol Officer Mitchel Morse
 - Patrol Officer John Chamberlain

Mayor LaBonté also recognized Officer Scott Laliberte who is being deployed to Afghanistan and presented Mrs. Laliberte with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Auburn Police Department.

- Proclamation – George E. Roy. Mr. Roy was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The presentation will be postponed until the February 19, 2013 Council meeting.

V. Open Session

- Renee Cote, Dawes Avenue, Auburn spoke regarding the U.S. Constitutional Amendment on Campaign Finance. Ms. Cote submitted her written remarks to be included in the record of this meeting.
- Bob Stone, 12 Harrison Circle, Auburn spoke on the U.S. Constitutional Amendment on Campaign Finance.

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- John Turner, 46 Rubellite Lane, Auburn and the recipient of a key to both Lewiston and Auburn spoke regarding the U.S. Constitutional Amendment on Campaign Finance and the importance of corporate businesses in Auburn.

VI. Unfinished Business

3. Order 12-01312013 Approving the design and updated budget for the double sheet Ice Arena.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). Passage 7-0, 7:36 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:14 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and Seconded by Councilor Walker to approve Order 12-01312013.

Public Hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn commented that he did not understand comments made by Councilor Hayes regarding the management budget and wanted an explanation. He commented on the roads being horrible, taxes are horrible and everyone sees the Ice Arena as a money loser. We are in need of a new school and will also need a new fire station. He commented that everything but the budget on this has changed. He asked why we have not heard from LAEGC if this is an Economic Development tool. He asked for answers.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and Seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order by deleting “and updated budget” and changing the word “approves” to “accepts”.

Passage of the amendment 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

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

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Open Session – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn apologized about earlier comments made because he didn't understand what the vote was about. He also commented that he was still waiting for answers on the athletic fields, the cost of the facilitator at the meeting held a few weeks ago, he would like to know the answers to the questions the Finance Director provided to Councilor Crowley. He also asked where he could get budget information on LAEGC, ABDC, Railroad Commission, and the Airport. He would also like to know how the Chamber of Commerce is integrated.

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X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – Councilor Crowley would like to talk about Councilors being able to speak on various items during meetings now that reports are being submitted in writing.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:30 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 98

Mayor LaBonte 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 LaFontaine had an excused absence and all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

5. **Order 13-02192013*** Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Leon Payne).
6. **Order 14-02192013*** Approving the Goal Setting Review notes.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley to remove item 2 (Order 14-02192013) from the consent calendar and adding it to New Business.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve consent item 1 (Order 13-02192013*). Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the corrected minutes of the January 31, 2013 Special Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley and Walker submitted written reports.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on a few additional items.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the January 2013 Monthly Report. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – George E. Roy
- Recognition – Captain Chip Keene of the Auburn Fire Department and recipient of the 2013 American Red Cross Blood Services Real Heroes Award.
- Recognition – Auburn Fire Department-1st Place winners of the American Lung Association's 2013 Fight for Air Stair Climb in Boston.

V. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn commented on the request for a Police Department vehicle and asked why we were requesting a lighter, ashtray, and cruise control and why were we asking for a two wheel drive instead of a four wheel drive vehicle. He commented on the way the RFP's are written, and on the Police vehicle we have in Virginia that will be for approximately 3 months.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

- 7. Order 14-02192013** Approving the Goal Setting Review notes (removed from consent calendar).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the notes and place them on file for future reference. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Session - None

IX. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

Councilor Crowley announced that the Auburn Fire Department would be offering free blood pressure checks February 21st from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at any of the three Fire Stations and on February 28th from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Auburn Library. In addition to these dates and times, citizens are always welcome to stop by one of the Fire Stations to have their blood pressure checked if needed.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0, 7:31 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor LaBonte 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.

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

Committee Reports-Councilors Crowley and Young submitted written reports.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley and Walker submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on a few additional items.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

VI. Unfinished Business -None

VII. New Business

1. Order 15-03042013 Approving the consolidation to one voting place (Auburn Hall) for the June 11, 2013 School Budget Election. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1, (Councilor Walker).

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Open Session – John Chandler, Whitney Street, Auburn and member of the American Lung Association spoke in favor of the proposed Tobacco Ordinance.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – Councilor Shea would like some discussion at a future workshop on Council having staggered terms.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 7:35 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte 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 Young had an excused absence and all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine to remove Order 18-03182013 from the consent agenda and added under New Business.

- 8. Order 16-03182013*** Appointing of Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2014.
- 9. Order 17-03182013*** Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Travis St. Pierre).
- 10. Order 18-02192013*** Appointing Board and Committee Members as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve minutes of the March 4, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on a few additional items.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – The Central Maine Community College Women's Basketball Team

V. Open Session

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Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street, Auburn spoke regarding the Water District Appointment.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

11. **Order 18-02192013** Appointing Board and Committee Members as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item to the April 1, 2013 meeting. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

12. **Ordinance 01-03182013** Approving the proposed zoning map amendment in the Blanchard Road area (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the zoning map for the seven lots in the area of Blanchard Road from Low Density Country Residential (LDCR) to Low Density Rural Residential (LDRR) and specifically excluding the farm pursuant to Chapter 60, Article XVII, Division 2 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn.

Public Comment:

Robert Gagnon, 160 Stone Road, Auburn.

Ray Ouellette, 511 Merrow Road, Auburn (stated that he is also a landowner in the Blanchard Road area).

William Saucier, 145 Blanchard Road, Auburn (stated that he was the initiator of the petition).

Luis Feliciano, Blanchard Road, Auburn.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn spoke on the emergency vehicle, the police car that has been in Virginia, bringing things forward/proposals, why we are spending \$35,000 on recreation inventory, minutes to meetings should all be on line, and how the City needs to work on the 3rd objective of Citizen Engagement.

City Manager Deschene addressed most of his questions and comments and will follow up on what has not been addressed.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion regarding a legal matter for negotiations on an economic development issue, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

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Motion by Councilor LaFontaine seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, 7:55 P.M.

The Mayor declare Council out of executive session at 8:25 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn. Passage 6-0, 8:30 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 1, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 105

Mayor LaBonte 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. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence, all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

13. **Order 19-04012013*** Accepting the 2013 City Work Plan.
14. **Order 20-04012013*** Appointing Steve Lunt to the Railroad Committee with a term expiration of 4/1/2013.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Shea to postpone the approval of the minutes until the City Clerk is able to research a question (regarding Ordinance 01-03182013, the proposed zoning map amendment in the Blanchard Road area). Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor presented the City Council with a gift from Fire Chief Roma (a challenge coin). Mayor LaBonté also provided the Council with a few memo's, one being a letter from the Museum L/A with a request for \$42,500 for the next 3 fiscal years, and one regarding a letter received from Councilor Crowley from the LAEGC (Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council).

Committee Reports-Councilors Crowley and Young Hayes reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and also mentioned a slight change to the condemnation noted on his report.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Donate Life Month
- State Budget Presentation by Senator John Cleveland
- Maine French Heritage Language Program in Auburn - Doris Bonneau of the Franco American Heritage Center

- V. **Open Session** – Eric Brackey, New Gloucester and is participating in the Y-Not Scavenger Hunt for the Young Professionals of Lewiston and Auburn (YPLA).

VI. Unfinished Business

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1. Ordinance 01-03182013

Approving the proposed zoning map amendment in the Blanchard Road area (public hearing, second and final reading).

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve what was read into the record and adopted at the 3/18/2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend that motion to include the areas listed in the ordinance;

96 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-016

120 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-017

Blanchard Road lot, Parcel ID 345-002

170 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-018

48 Hathaway Road, Parcel ID 345-032-001

145 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-023

117 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-024

2527 Turner Road, Parcel ID 345-025

Councilor Shea commented that earlier in the process of this zoning change the Council talked about Options A & B and some thought they were voting on Option A, which is not what was read in the motion, hence the amendment tonight.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke

Passage of the amendment 6-0.

Passage of the motion as amended 6-0.

2. Order 18-03182013

Appointing Board and Committee Members as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

This item was taken out of order at the end of New Business.

VII. New Business

3. Public Hearing – Community Development Program, FY2014.

- Sofia Carson, also a student at Walton Elementary School commented on the Walton School playground being broken and old.
- Diana Carson, Sofia's mom spoke about the playground at Walton and would like the City to use some of the funds designated to the curb appeal project to be used to fund the Walton School playground.

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- Jane Morrison, 46 Lake Street, Auburn and also the Executive Director of Safe Voices commented on the reduction of funds given to Safe Voices. Initially when the program started the city gave \$11,000, then it went down to \$8,000 and now it is at \$3,000. They provide \$94,000 in services to Auburn and some of the smaller towns are more generous. She said she would like to see the amount increased.

- Dr. Erica Lovett Fournier, whose son is a student at Walton Elementary School. She also commented about the Walton playground and would like to see a safe place for kids to play. She also spoke about pediatric obesity and the need to help kids to be active. She said she also agrees with taking some of the funding from the Curb Appeal budget to help fund the Walton playground.
- Betsy Sawyer Manter, the Executive Director of Seniors Plus requested resources for the meals on wheels program. There are 39 people in Auburn getting meals, 16 are on a waiting list. She appreciates the funding.
- Melissa Metivier, South Witham Road, Auburn and President of the PTO at Walton. She submitted pictures of the Walton playground to the Clerk. She would like to see the city help to fund the Walton playground as well commenting that there were 320 kids at the school that this impacts.
- Joe Fournier, 68 Gill Street, Auburn also supports the Walton playground commenting that every year there is less and less here in Auburn to offer people. He would like us to move money around to help fund the Walton playground and thought we might be able to take from the Curb Appeal program funds.
- Craig Philips, Tedford Housing commented that the city funding has helped provide affordable housing for 6 adults that were homeless.
- Sharon Philbrick Bergeron, Finance Director of Head Start asked that the Public Service Budget be restored to last years.

4. Order 21-04012013

Approving the Charitable Organization Event Support Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry for discussion purposes only and seconded by Councilor Shea.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item to a future meeting. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Shea opposed).

5. Ordinance 02-04012013

Approving the ordinance to reincorporate four ordinances that were omitted during the re-codification of the City's Code of Ordinances adopted on February 22, 2011.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry.
Public comment – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 6-0.

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6. Ordinance 03-04012013

Approving the ordinance correcting section numbers in ordinances adopted during the pendency of the re-codification of the City's Code of Ordinances adopted on February 22, 2011.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Young.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone to a later date. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Shea opposed).

7. Order 18-03182013

Appointing Board and Committee Members as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Young.

Motion by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the Water District Board nominations for further reconsideration.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke, passage of the order as amended 6-0.

VIII. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules and add an executive session on a personnel matter. Passage 5-1, (Councilor Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 5-1 (Councilor Shea opposed), 9:29 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:42 P.M.

Discussion regarding an economic development real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). This executive session was moved to a future meeting.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

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X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items - None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Shea was not present for this vote), 9:46 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte 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 and followed by a moment of silence in honor of the former Chief of Police, Richard Small who recently passed and the Boston Marathon victims. Councilor Hayes had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

2. Order 22-04162013*

Approving a temporary sign for Park Avenue School May Fair Event.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve minutes of the March 18, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve minutes of the April 1, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and reported on a few additional items.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – March 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

- Larry Pelletier, New Auburn, commented that the City departments (Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Department) were working hard cleaning up the city by street cleaning, replacing benches and all sorts of things. He commented that the reverse side of that was after those efforts are done, someone may come along behind them and litters or damages city property, or marks city property with graffiti, and he asked if we can put some teeth in the ordinances we currently have or what can be done to curb those types of actions. He also asked if we will have the river clean up we had last year, and also a
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community clean up day

which took place a few years ago, and is this something we could do on an annual basis to raise awareness in the community that we want the city to be clean?

- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn spoke about the budget and the fund balance contributions going into FY13-14 of 1.3 million to help lower taxes and said he also heard that emergency funds or the fund balance would be used to help with the shortfall. He said he also understood that the new ice arena would include an infusion of a million or so dollars from the fund balance and he does not see how this is adding up with these large numbers. He said he was not sure when the new school will be proposed to council, and he is in favor of new school but doesn't know what will have to be paid in taxes to achieve it. He asked what is necessary to get our accreditation - what do we need to do? Is it a \$10 million dollar wing that would accomplish that which could be added on at a later date as opposed to \$60 million for new school needed all at once.

VI. Unfinished Business

8. Ordinance 02-04012013

Approving the ordinance to reincorporate four ordinances that were omitted during the re-codification of the City's Code of Ordinances adopted on February 22, 2011 (second and final reading).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

9. Ordinance 03-04012013

Approving the ordinance correcting section numbers in ordinances adopted during the pendency of the re-codification of the City's Code of Ordinances adopted on February 22, 2011 (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0.

10. Order 21-04012013

Approving the Charitable Organization Event Support Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

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Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item to a future date to discuss during a workshop. Passage to postpone, 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

VII. New Business

1. Order 23-04162013

Authorizing the Finance Director to enter into a loan agreement through the State School Revolving Renovation Fund Loan (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Motion failed 4-2, (Councilors Gerry and Crowley opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Shea to reconsider. Passage 5-1, (Councilor LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item until the next meeting. Passage 5-1, (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. Ordinance 04-04162013

Approving the City Council and School Committee Compensation Ordinance (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by striking line number 3 in section 2.25 under Salaries of the Mayor and Council and to re-number. Passage 6-0.

Public comment – Francois Bussiere, 9 Winter Street, Auburn and a School Committee member – does this ordinance changing also change the charter? He said he thought it would be “double dipping” and it should also be applicable to other Mayor appointments if applicable to this seat.

Passage as amended, 6-0.

3. Order 24-04162013

Approving a temporary sign for Auburn Business Association “Citizen of the Year”.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea.

Public comment – Peter Murphy from the Auburn Business Association. He said they moved the location of this year’s banquet because they needed a larger venue. He said they would be back at Lost Valley next year.

Passage 5-1, (Councilor Walker opposed).

4. Order 25-04162013

Approving the Complete Streets Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Public Comment-Larry Pelletier regarding asked if there were still plans to narrow cedar Street to the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 26-04162013

Appointing members to the Water District Board.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker were opposed).

VIII. Open Session

- Larry Pelletier, Second Street, Auburn – in follow up on what he spoke about earlier, there will be some great improvements on the park at the old Edward Little High School and all the more reason to enforce any ordinances.
- Roland Miller, Economic Development Director introduced Allen Menoian, the new addition to the economic development staff.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion regarding a legal matter for negotiations on an economic development issue, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, 8:20 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:40 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor Shea – staggered terms for Councilors
- Councilor Crowley- during the joint meeting with Lewiston, would like to get some tasks done in particular economic development and merging the two city's

XI. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 6-0, 8:45 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte 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*

3. Order 27-05062013*

Authorizing Safe Voices to place temporary signs for its 2013 Walk to End Domestic Violence.

4. Order 28-05062013*

Setting the time to open the polls for the June 11, 2013 School Budget Validation Referendum Election for 7:00 A.M.

5. Order 29-05062013*

Appointing Howard Kroll to the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2015.

6. Order 30-05062013*

Confirming Police Chief, Phil Crowell's appointments of Nicholas J. Kyllonen and Krista M. Lee as Constables with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry, passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2013 City Council meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained because he was not present at that meeting).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor announced that there will be a press release going out soon for an event to be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 3:30 P.M. hosted in the parking lot of Happy Days Diner. There will be a small event commemorating the 88th anniversary of the great New Auburn fire in an effort to raise awareness on fire prevention efforts. This is something that they've been working on over the past few weeks and in light of the events that have happened in Lewiston it is still an opportunity to raise awareness and to show support for Lewiston.

Committee Reports-Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

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City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report which also included staff reports which will be included on a monthly basis. He also reported on the Oak Hill Cemetery entrances that are going to be repaired.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session

- Hillary Dow, 126 Whitney Street, Auburn spoke in support of L/A Arts.
- Jodd Bowles, 239 Lake Street, Auburn spoke in support of keeping the Resource Officers in the school system.
- William Cox, 22 Vine Street, Auburn spoke in support of L/A Arts.
- Bill Horton, 401 Turner Street, Auburn and also the Ward 1 School Committee member who thanked Councilors Gerry and Crowley for attending the PTO meeting at Washburn School which included staff, parents, and school administration. It was a good sharing of information.
- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn spoke regarding inflation rate compared to property taxes and people cannot afford to live in the city with a 9-10% tax increase and he urged Council to look at ways to cut while looking at the budget and what we can do to be more efficient.

- Al Lepine, Riverside Drive, Auburn. He lives by Oak Hill Cemetery and commented on the crypt next to his property that is falling down and is a safety hazard but there appears to be no money to tear it down. He would like something done about this building.

VI. Unfinished Business

11. Ordinance 03-04012013

Approving the ordinance correcting section numbers in ordinances adopted during the pendency of the re-codification of the City's Code of Ordinances adopted on February 22, 2011 (second and final reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 23-04162013

Authorizing the Finance Director to enter into a loan agreement through the State School Revolving Renovation Fund Loan (public hearing and first reading).

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Ordinance 04-04162013

Approving the City Council and School Committee Compensation Ordinance (Second and final reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the motion by striking the language under sec. 2-382 (2) and replacing with "The Mayor and or his/her designee is a full member of the School committee and therefore is entitled to compensation as any other member".

Public comment on the amendment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of the amendment 6-1 (Councilor LaFontaine).

Passage of the order as amended, 7-0.

VII. New Business

1. Order 31-05062013

Approving the Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) waste handling agreement change.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 32-05062013

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Auburn-Lewiston Consortium Mutual Co-operation Agreement to extend the consortium between the City of Auburn and City of Lewiston under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for a three-year period.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 33-05062013

Authorize the use of overlay in the amount of \$228,055 and Emergency Reserve, that otherwise would pass to undesignated general fund balance, in the amount of \$300,000 to reduce the tax commitment shortfall.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to a later date to be determined. Passage 7-0.

4. Order 34-05062013

Amend Order 95-11192012 to add language to authorize the City Manager to sign all documents and agreements on behalf of the City of Auburn in regards to the construction of a transit station in downtown Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Public comment:

- Kevin Morrisette, 223 Lisbon Street, Lewiston and the treasurer of Grow L/A spoke in support of the transit station.
- Hillary Dow, 126 Whitney Street, Auburn spoke in support of the transit station.

Passage 7-0.

5. Resolve 02-05062013

Expressing Support for the Initiative to Evaluate and Improve the Joint Economic Development Efforts of the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea.

Public comment:

- Al Lepine, Riverside Drive, Auburn – wondered how Council could approve a plan without knowing what it is going to do and without knowing what they are committing to.
- Hillary Dow, 126 Whitney Street, Auburn, stated that it is her understanding that what they are agreeing to is having a set structure of accountability. Said she thinks it is important that to have extremely

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knowledgeable and influential business leaders from the community be part of the conversation on the direction of economic development in Lewiston and Auburn.

- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn spoke about economic development and what was brought up earlier in the workshop regarding an increased cost for police protection in the retail zone which is considered economic development and would end up costing more than what was expected. He said it would be nice to have public hearing on what public thinks economic development is and what the goals are and what the public thinks should happen to get there. He said he does not think it means increased taxes.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Shea to amend the resolve by striking from the FY14 draft budget the Growth Council funding discussion.

Motion on the amendment failed, 2-4-1 (Councilors Shea, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed and Councilor Crowley abstaining).

Passage of the resolve, 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VIII. Open Session

- Jane Thibodeau, 256 Beech Hill Road, Auburn spoke in support of the School Budget and would like to see what cuts can be made on the City side and moved over to the education side.
- Michele Bretton, 1841 Hotel Road spoke in support of the School Budget.
- Mike Ouellette, West Auburn Road spoke in opposition of the School Budget feels we should be using our minds, consolidate cities and spending money wisely.
- Arlene Bowles, 239 Lake Street spoke in support of the school budget and about the importance of a good education system.
- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle said he feels the Auburn School system is fantastic and it is the people that make it so, not the brick and mortar. He said it scares him to hear people say we need to sink more money into the school system. He said he is aware there are challenges but it doesn't mean throwing out big increases every year.
- Laurie Tannenbaum, 36 Lake Street, Auburn and School Committee member. Agrees Auburn has a great educational system, great teachers who do great things with the kids but they are functioning on a minimal budget. She also talked about EPS (Essential Programs and Services) that went into place in 2005.

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry

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to enter into executive session regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). Passage 7-0, 8:29 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:43 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items - None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. Passage 7-0. 8:44 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the joint meeting with the City Council and School Committee 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, Bonnie Hayes from the School Committee was absent, all other School Committee members were present.

I. Consent Items – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.

7. Resolve 03-05132013*

Opposing provisions included in the State budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry.
Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Crowley was out of the room during this vote).

II. New Business

1. Public Hearing - School and City Capital Improvement Project's (CIP's).

Mike Ouellette, Auburn resident – spoke regarding the upcoming budget for school, and the new high school that is being discussed, and the potential mill rate increase and he said if taxes go up it may force him to have to move. He said he loves his home, he works hard and wants to keep it but this would force him to leave. He believes we can do better than this stating the big emphasis should be in pre-k. He said he feels that consolidating the high school will save money.

Pat, librarian at one of the schools talked about accreditation and feels the High School may lose their accreditation in 2015 and stated that the probation will not last forever. She talked about a funding committee which is a subset of the building committee and there are plans to address the current debt service, partnerships, grants, fundraising and going to the legislature to talk about freezing the list so they stay at #16. When the school came in at #44 the round before this, legislature funded 20 schools, now they are funding only 5. She said there is concern statewide about the process of funding schools. There is legislation that needs to be done however it may not be on time.

Jodd Bowles, 239 Lake Street, he spoke that there has never been enough money to go to the schools ever since he's been around. He said it has gotten to a point that the high school is in horrendous condition. Schools have been neglected for so long, if we lose the accreditation, no one will want to come here. He commented that we have to figure out a way to balance this.

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle said he would like to see a system in place to monitor and maintain buildings, he sees years of things not being taken care of and he does not like to see items bonded if they do not need to be. He commented that if there are any capital improvements, to look through them to make sure we are not bonding a paint job.

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Bill, Park Avnue, Auburn commented that the City needs to plan for its future. He asked what does Auburn have? A tax increase is about equal to 2 dinners at Longhorn. Their parking lot is full and people seem to afford that. He also commented that the condition of the building you work in effects performance and the same can be said about students. He also encouraged Council to think about the impact this will have now and in the future of the city.

Arlene Bowles 239 Lake Street, said she was concerned about lack of communication on collaboration, there seems to be a divide between council and school committee, and she keeps hearing that those things are not being done when they are. She said in her opinion we need to do something with these schools. The school system seems to be struggling to provide play areas and curriculum that one would expect. She also commented that something needs to be in place so maintenance is part of the budget.

2. Order 35-05132013

Adopting the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Bond Projects.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to move the two CIP orders to next week's meeting (May 20, 2013).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

3. Order 36-05132013

Adopting the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP2) Other Funding Projects.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 7:30 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor LaBonte 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*

8. Order 37-05202013*

Approving temporary signs for Great Falls Model Rail Road Club (GFMRRRC).

9. Order 38-05202013*

Approving the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

10. Order 39-05202013*

Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary for the property conveyance to and from R&K Properties, LLC (Rolly's Diner).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes.
Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve minutes of the May 6, 2013 Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve minutes of the May 13, 2013 Special Council Meeting (Joint City Council and School Committee). Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted a written report and also noted that there is going to be a Memorial Day service at Oak Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at noon.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation - Click It or Ticket
- Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week

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- Proclamation - National Public Works week

- Proclamation – Mike Cohen, Auburn Public Works Department Employee
- Auburn Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team

V. Open Session

- Joe Mailey, Webster Street, Auburn, spoke about abandoned buildings in his neighborhood. He also commented that if a new high school is built, he hopes it is not built with education in mind and not aesthetics. He would like to see one that is built to last.

VI. Unfinished Business

14. Order 23-04162013

Authorizing the Finance Director to enter into a loan agreement through the State School Revolving Renovation Fund Loan (second and final reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

15. Order 35-05132013

Adopting the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Bond Projects.

16. Order 36-05132013

Adopting the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP2) Other Funding Projects.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and Seconded by Councilor Crowley to table the two CIP items (Orders 35-05132013 and 36-05132013) later in the meeting, after the public hearing but before the budget discussion.

Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

17. Public Hearing - School and City Budgets for Fiscal Year 2014.

- Diana Carson and Eric Carson of 110 Jacques Road, Auburn spoke in support of the school budget and the I-Pad Program.
- Jason Rudlan, Lewiston resident and Edward Little High School graduate talked about education, private schools and charter schools vs. public schools and stated
- that he would like to leave the school budget up to the School Committee and the

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voters.

- Levi Gervais, 46 Fourth Street, Auburn spoke in support of the school budget, and would like the underfunding to stop and get education back on track.
- Jaime Thibodeau, Beech Hill Road, Auburn spoke in favor of the school budget, and stated that she does not feel that education should be shorted, she thanked those who attended the listening sessions and she said she would like to see a way to cut from the city side of the budget by looking at little things like cell phones, leaving vehicles parked rather than taking them home, and by discontinuing dry cleaning.
- Chuck Levine, 86 Orchard Street, said he was not asking to support the school budget but would like the school committee members to be recognized for their work on this and would like to see this budget on the ballot.
- Brian Dimitri, 8 Fern Street, Auburn supports the school budget and agreed with the previous speaker; leave it up to the voters.
- Denise Burke of Poland, Maine and part of Washburn Pride along with her sister, niece, grand niece and friend who grew up in New Auburn commented that she grew up in a community that allowed them to be friends since 1963, her sister was the first class to graduate from the New Edward Little High School. She said she graduated from ELHS 37 years ago. She is asking Auburn residents to meet the June 11 deadline and vote in support of the school so her grandniece can be a proud ELHS graduate of 2026.
- Ms. Hussein, 34 Harvest Hill Lane commented that she supports the school budget. She is a parent and also provides services to refugee kids and said there are limited resources and there is a need for dedicated staff so refugee children can get the best education they can.
- Melissa Metivier, 860 South Witham Road, Auburn supports the budget as it stands and hopes to leave it up to the voters.
- Guri Ali, 11 Granite Street said he came to this country in 2005, lived in Lewiston for 6 months and was hired as an Ed Tech. He commented that Lewiston is connected to providing cultural services in schools. He said in Auburn, 1% of refugee children make it to college because no one is connecting parents to the schools. He wanted to request support for the school budget especially cultural issues.
- Mauri Dufour, 114 Sunderland Drive, Auburn is in support of the school budget and is willing to pay more in taxes to know kids will be getting a better education and continue to receive the same programs they now have.
- Mike Dunn, 453 Riverside Drive and an Auburn educator for over 28 years supports the school budget, would like to see Auburn be the best they can be, and he and his colleagues would like to see the school budget pass.
- Cynthia Jalbert, 11 Shepley Street, said she grew up in Auburn then moved away for a while but decided to come back because of the school system. She said now she is a little disappointed about that. She said although the school budget is not perfect she would like to see it go before the voters.
- Stacy Fournier, Cherry Vale Circle spoke in support of the school budget stating

- she was an ELHS graduate and she moved back to Maine from Massachusetts to raise her kids here and she would like the budget to go to the voters.
- Jeff Whitman, 15 Parkwood Drive, Auburn spoke in support of the school budget and the I-Pad program. He would like the people to decide and said he would be willing to pay more to keep education at a higher level.
 - Sharon Wood, 237 West Auburn Road, said she chose to move to Auburn several years ago because of the school system and because she knew the education system would play a key role in the sale of her home. She also commented that education was not one of the goals/priorities named by Council. She asked that they support the school committee and move the budget along.
 - Chris Carson, 110 Jacques Road, Auburn supports the budget and would like it to go to the voters.
 - Stephanie Merritt, Fern Street, and also a teacher in Auburn said she has lived in Auburn for 3 ½ years and was advised by several people not to move here because of high taxes. She said she would like to leave the school budget up to the voters.
 - Tony Harrington, 52 Western Prom, supports the City Managers Municipal Budget as proposed.
 - Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue, former Councilor and School Committee Member said City Manager Deschene did a nice job on the budget presentations and held the city side accountable to the 1.7%. He questioned how can we allow a section of the city to grow disproportionately compared to the other side. He said the State has increased the subsidy to the school but it still isn't enough and they are going to the tax payers to ask for more. He said the property owners in Auburn will stand united to keep the school department at the 1.7% which Council was able to do on the City side.
 - Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, said we need to prioritize education but cannot do it on the back of the taxpayers and he finds the problem is where the money is being spent. It is not how much we are spending but how we are spending it. He commented on how we need to maintain our buildings and include maintenance in the budget.
 - Vicki Ward, Jackson Hill Road, Auburn said she is concerned about the budget and a substantial tax increase it will cause. This will be a hardship and people will not be able to afford to live here. She would like Council to look at the budget and be critical on where money is being spent. She also commented that whether you are for or against the school budget, know that your vote matters.
 - Resident, South Maine Street, Auburn commented that it was nice hearing both sides of the issue. She went on the say this is a difficult time because of the economy, people are unemployed or afraid they will lose their jobs. She likes to have well educated children but if we continue to increase everything, when will it stop. She thought maybe more trips to the Library would help with education.
 - Tanya Vanasse, 148 Summer Street commented that in keeping with the mandate of the 1.7% of the budget, 38% of the tax money goes toward education and the remaining 62% goes toward the city side so 1.7% of the School budget is not equal to that of the City budget and the school will continue to fall behind. She

- said that something has to change the pattern we are going in. She said she was going to email her city representative with the remainder of her comments.
- Walt Reed, 173 Third Street said he was not sure if he was for or against the school budget and said that people should do more research. He commented on the ornate street lights in Auburn and the continued maintenance on them. He said when doing beautification, we need to maintain beautification and think beyond the initial investment but also the ongoing costs.
 - Joe Mailey, Webster Street said he was neither for nor against at this time and needs to find out more information. He said it was the responsibility of every councilor and the mayor and manager to fight the State of Maine for those state funds that belong here. He said he thinks the school system should start having neighborhood educational programs with the citizens of auburn so when the budget comes up, the citizens understand.
 - Robin Fleck, English language Coordinator wanted to clarify something that was said earlier. She said of students in the English language learning program who has completed 3 or more years, 90% of them have gone on to post secondary education. Some have been offered scholarships out of state and some refugee families are timid about sending their children that far away without knowing anyone.
 - Alfreda Fournier, Davis Avenue, Auburn said she comes from a small mill town (Jay-Livermore area) and they are having a hard time and are struggling. One of her friends who builds homes said that in all the homes he built in the last 10 years, he has not sold one in Auburn. She commented that we have to be realistic and if we do not take care of issues it will be difficult to recoup what we've lost in a previous budget. She went on to say we need to attract people here. Some folks think that because the public is not visible in attendance at meetings that they do not care, but they do. She sometimes cannot make it to the meetings but watches on TV. She wanted to commend the Council and school Committee for the attending the listening sessions. She said it speaks volumes regarding communication and helps to dispel rumors that are not accurate.

Items that were tabled under unfinished business (Orders 35-05132013 and 36-05132013).

18. Order 35-05132013

Adopting the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Bond Projects.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea.

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend (amendment A) by;

Removing all items with a useful life of less than 10 years, removing all routine maintenance items from the CIP and move under Operations, remove all vehicle purchases in both the CIP and Operational budget for a 1 year period, to reinstate a policy where all vehicles that are not in use be

garaged in Auburn, and not to approve the CIP until the enterprise accounts for Ingersoll Arena and the new Dual Sheet Arena are included in the overall budget for the public to view.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone the entire motion, including amendment A until the June 3rd meeting.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

19. Order 36-05132013

Adopting the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP2) Other Funding Projects.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to amend (amendment A) to remove the Pettengill Playground items and Festival Plaza Canopy replacement for at least 1 year.

Motion by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this along with amendment A until the June 3rd meeting. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Young and Gerry opposed).

20. Order 40-05202013

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine,

Motion by Councilor Crowley to change the words “adopts and approves” to “accepts” – the Mayor called this motion out of order as the language is appropriate as to State law.

Passage of the original motion, 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed).

21. Resolve 03-05202013

Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion by Councilor Shea and Seconded by Councilor LaFontaine.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend (amendment A) that the City Manager shall propose and have established by the Auburn City Council a contract with LAEGC for services to be provided to the City of Auburn for economic development to occur within 5 months of the fiscal year with the consequence being the elimination of funding. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Young opposed and Councilor Hayes abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend (amendment B) to reduce the municipal side of the budget by 1.7 million dollars, to apply a 1.7% expenditure increase to all municipal departments and to allocate \$18,000 for LA Arts to be used in support of programming in Auburn. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Shea, Young, LaFontaine, and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend (amendment C) to direct staff to align all work planning and policies of the city and partnering agencies (including LATC, AVCOG, and ATRC) to ensure that any plans for passenger rail involves locating in Auburn's downtown as a priority over any previous or alternative locations. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend (amendment D) with respects the PAL Center (pursuant to section 8.4 of the City Charter article 8 subsection A) that the detailed goals and expenditures with respect to the PAL center as a program of the City of Auburn. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Lafontaine to amend (amendment E) that the municipal beach not be opened to public swimming until there is one full month of clean water tests. Passage 7-0.

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend (amendment F) that in lieu of providing cell phones and smart phones under a city contract that employees be offered \$25 per month stipend.

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone the debate on this amendment and the full budget Resolve to the June 3, 2013 meeting. Passage 7-0

22. Order 41-05202013

Acceptance of Weaver Street.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

VIII. Open Session

- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle spoke regarding the Emergency Management Service and transporting of patients and suggested that before having a study done, look at the research that has been done in the past. A lot of the work has already been done. He said he did not think it was a good idea.

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- Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue, said because of the school referendum last year he feels the city owes the other side fair publication and notification as to what the date, where it is and what it is.
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, said he agreed with the comments from Mr. Potvin and commented that the Cumberland/Falmouth area posts signs and also asks people to bring food for a food pantry. He also thanked Deputy Chief Moen who stopped someone who was weaving in and out of traffic. He also thanked the Council for doing their job in getting into the “nitty gritty” of the budget.

IX. Executive Session

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor LaFontaine – create a 1 paragraph message on voting, a neutral statement for people to post on Facebook and be consistent with the message.
- Councilor Gerry- suggested making up signs to post for the election.
- Councilor Crowley – suggested asking businesses in engaging in getting out the vote.
- Councilor Gerry – workshop on the budget.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn.
Passage 7-0, 9:55 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk