

## IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 9, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 1

Mayor LaBonté 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. Councilor Burns had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

### I. Consent Items

#### 1. Order 01-01092017\*

Setting the date of the Special Election for Ward 4 Council seat as June 13, 2017.

#### 2. Order 02-01092017\*

Referring the Gowell's Market Zoning Change Proposal to the Planning Board.

#### 3. Order 03-01092017\*

Appointing Jonathan LaBonte, Robert Stone, and Bettyann Sheats to serve on the NNEPRA (Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority) Project Advisory Team.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.  
Passage 5-0.

### II. Minutes

- December 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Passage 4-0-1(Councilor Pross abstained because he was not present at the December 19, 2016 meeting).

### III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Audit – Runyon Kersteen and Ouellette (Casey Leonard and Josh Kochis presented)

### IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Larry Pelletier, New Auburn resident raised concerns to the Council about cars speeding on Route 100 North.

### V. Unfinished Business

#### 1. Ordinance 09-10172016

Amending the zoning map in the area of 1863 Pownal Road. Second reading.

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

Public comment – Kim Visbaris, 42 Hershey Hill Road who represents Gary McFarland, owner of this property. Mr. McFarland has no intention of developing the property. His client would like to be able to improve the structure with no plans to add on to it. The only way to do work on it is to get permits. His client is asking that we allow him to

improve this lot and maintain it as single residence and if approved it would be placed on record with the Registry of Deeds, self imposed restrictions that prevent any further development on this lot forever to be enforced expressly by the City.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, said he would love to see this place put back to its original shape but re-zoning this single property is not the way to do it. It would open up a can of worms.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, stated that we all want to see this property fixed but it comes down to how do we do this properly. We need to look at the entire Agricultural Zone.

Motion failed 2-3 (Councilors Young, Stone, and Titus opposed).

**VI. New Business - None**

**VII. Executive Session**

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

Motion was made by Councilor and seconded by Councilor to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). Passage 5-0, time 6:33 PM (this item was taken up during the workshop).

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:02 PM.

- Discussion regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). Passage 5-0, time 7:54 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:06 PM.

**VIII. Reports**

**a. Mayor's Report**

Reported that the City Manager position has been reopened. Applications will be accepted until February 1, 2017.

**b. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Walker** – had no report but asked for clear interpretation of the Charter on the transfer of appropriations.

**Councilor Young** – reported on the Great Falls TV meeting that was held at the high school.

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**Councilor Pross** – reported that the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission is hosting a ribbon cutting at North Gate to the Spring Road 4:00 PM on January 27, 2017. On January 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM the Building Committee for ELHS will be convening. He reported on the School Committee meeting that was held last Wednesday. He added that the School Committee has expressed interest in holding a joint workshop in February with School Committee and the City Council.

**Councilor Stone** – reported that most of his off meeting time has been spent preparing for the Audit Committee Meeting. He and Councilor Titus spent time together going over the documents prior to the meeting. They received an advanced copy from the Finance Director which he found helpful. He noted that the City is in good shape, financially, however there is not enough growth in the city.

**Councilor Titus** – next week the monthly meetings of Auburn Water and Sewer Districts.

- c. **City Manager Report** – Provided an update on the Neighborhood Challenge Grant. The application is on line, and to date, we've received one application for the \$10,000 grant and other inquiries are coming in. A reminder that January 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> is the annual Winter Festival.

**IX. Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 23, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 4**

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:11 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**

**2. Order 04-01232017\***

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 Stone for passage. Passage 6-0.

## **II. Minutes**

- January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Burns abstained as he was not present at the January 9, 2017 meeting .

## **III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- CALEA Accreditation

## **IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.**

No one from the public spoke.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

## **VI. New Business**

### **3. Order 05-01232017**

Adopting the Tax Acquired Property Policy as amended.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

## **VII. Executive Session**

- Discussion regarding an economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0. Time in 7:23 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:37 PM.

- Discussion regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage. Passage 4-0-2 (Councilors Walker and Young were not in the room for the vote). Time in 7:38 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:02 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote). Time in 8:03 Council was declared out of executive session at 8:57 PM.

## VIII. Reports

- d. **Mayor's Report** – the Mayor provided an update on the status of the St. Louis Bells. He also reported on the Maine Real Estate Development Association's Annual Forecast Conference that he attended last week.

- e. **City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** – no report.

**Councilor Pross** – reminded residents that on January 27, 2017 at 4:00 PM the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection will be holding a ribbon cutting at the North Gate of the Whitman Spring Road to highlight some trail enhancements they've been working on. He added that later at Lost Valley there will be sledding and a bon fire, it is a kid friendly event and he invited the public to attend the event.

**Councilor Stone** – reported that the LA Passenger Rail Study Committee has been formed and will be meeting next Monday for the first time under the direction of Patricia Quinn, Executive Director of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Committee.

**Councilor Titus** – reported on the Water and Sewerage District meetings that were held last week.

**Councilor Walker** – reported that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday to talk about what they would like to do with the St. Louis bells. He noted that he attended the Water District meeting and commented on the rate increase that will be going into effect.

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**Councilor Burns** – reported that the ELHS Building Committee will be held tomorrow night at 6PM (if the weather holds out). The meeting is open to the public. He also wanted to remind residents that the City of Auburn has several openings on various boards and committees. Applications are being accepted until 1/27/17.

- f. **City Manager Report** – provided a quick update on city owned properties. He is recommending that staff complete the downtown district properties and present at the 2/6/17 meeting. The bids for a city attorney just closed, they will be awarding it to the Malloy Firm. Council confirmation will be on the consent agenda 2/6/2017. He also handed out a draft budget schedule. He added that he will be looking into bringing in additional support while we go through the budget process so we can also keep other projects moving forward. He also provided a reminder to residents on the Winter Festival that is coming up this weekend.

**g. Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – December 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the December 2016 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

**IX. Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road petition on water rate increase.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. Passage 6-0, time 9:25 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 7**

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

**1. Order 06-02062017\***

Confirming the award for Legal Services to the Malloy Firm.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus.

The vote was 3-3 (Councilors Pross, Stone and Walker opposed).

Councilor Walker asked that we move this from the consent agenda and on to new business to discuss in executive session. There were no objections and the item was moved to new business.

**II. Minutes**

- January 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Passage 6-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Former City Councilor, Ernestine Gilbert, was recognized for her service to the community.

- V. Open Session** – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Ed Desgrosseilliers, 121 Hatch Road expressed his concerns about a potential code violation in his neighborhood.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road and 240 Hatch Road, said he understands Ed's frustration and said he would like to know where constituents of the City go for help when there is an issue. He stated that we should not worry about the money when it comes to hiring the next City Manager. Hire a manager that can manage and take care of the residents of the City no matter what we have to pay. He also complimented city staff member, Mark Stambach, who worked with him on a project recently and did a fantastic job.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Order 88-11212016**

Accepting Cascades Drive as a city street.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to take this item off the table (was postponed at a previous meeting). Passage 6-0.

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

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Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0.

**VI. New Business**

**2. Order 07-02062017**

Approving the request for a Liquor License (Class III & IV Vinous and Malt) for Mac's Downeast Seafood, located at 894 Minot Avenue.

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

Public hearing – Dan Herrick, Hatch Road complimented the owners of this establishment.

Passage 6-0.

**3. Ordinance 01-02062017**

Adopting the Sex Offender Residency Restrictions based on the State of Maine Guidelines. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing- no one from the public spoke.

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

- 2. Order 06-02062017\*** (this item was moved from the consent agenda to new business)  
Confirming the award for Legal Services to the Malloy Firm.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) – discussion of a personnel matter. Time 7:30 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:00 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to postpone this item until the next scheduled meeting. Passage 6-0.

- VII. Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

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No one from the public spoke.

### **VII. Executive Session**

- Executive Session regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 6-0, time 8:01 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:34 PM.

### **VIII. Reports**

- h. Mayor's Report** – responded to the comments made during the open session noting that it is not the job of the Council to manage staff. The City Manager's office is where residents should go with concerns. He commented on getting positive feedback on the Winter Festival adding that it was a success. He noted that the first meeting of the advisory committee for the passenger rail service plan was held adding that it was a very productive meeting. He also mentioned that the Council will soon have to discuss how they wish to handle the Joint Charter Commission activities and what they would like the process to be when it comes to public hearings and setting the voting date.



**i. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** – no report

**Councilor Pross** - reminded residents that on Wednesday night, there is a School Committee meeting, and Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM there is a ribbon cutting for Taco Bell.

**Councilor Stone** – reported that he attended the free lunch at the new Taco Bell adding that it is a nice facility, and nice staff working. He reported on the passenger rail advisory group that met last week. He also commented that he has been working with a constituent on odors that are coming from a marijuana growing facility next to his home.

**Councilor Titus** - no report

**Councilor Walker** - no report

**Councilor Burns** – reported on the ELHS Building Committee meeting.

- j. City Manager Report** – reported that the first roundtable discussion took place last week. There was great discussion and staff received a lot of positive

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feedback. February 14<sup>th</sup> there will be another roundtable discussion which will be focused on residential and multi unit properties. He also commented on the good work by staff on the Winter Festival. He also reminded everyone about the Jam the Gym event to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. Adjourned at 9:18 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 11**

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**I. Unfinished Business**

**1. Order 06-02062017**

Confirming the award for Legal Services to the Malloy Firm.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0.

**II. Executive Session**

- A. Executive Session regarding a personnel matter (Norway Savings Bank General Manager search), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 6-0. Time in 5:37 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:24 PM.

- B. Executive Session regarding a personnel matter (City Manager search), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 6-0. Time in 6:24 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

**III. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, time adjourned, 7:30 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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 Stone had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- 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.

## **II. Minutes**

- February 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- February 13, 2017 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular Council meeting. Passage 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the February 13, 2017 special Council meeting minutes. Passage 5-0.

## **IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Presentation of Auburn Police Department Challenge Coin to Mr. Chris Hitchcock
- Biography of Edward Little written by Douglas I. Hodgkin

## **IV. Open Session** – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street wanted to share some information regarding the MDOT meeting he attended regarding the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

### **4. Ordinance 01-02062017**

Adopting the Sex Offender Residency Restrictions based on the State of Maine Guidelines. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

## **VI. New Business**

### **5. Order 07-02272017**

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Accepting the resignation of Assistant City Manager Denis D'Auteuil, with his last day being Friday, March 24, 2017.

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

Passage 5-0.

### **6. Order 08-02272017**

Appointing John Bubier as Acting City Manager.

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

Passage 5-0.

**7. Order 09-02272017**

Authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement with MSEA Local 1989.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**8. Order 10-02272017**

Re-appointing Bettyann Sheats to the Airport Board (term expiration of 01/01/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**9. Order 11-02272017**

Appointing Linda Wooten to the Auburn-Lewiston Advisory Cable TV Committee (term expiration to be determined by the committee as outlined in their bylaws) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**10. Order 12-02272017**

Appointing Dana Bonenfant to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee (term expiration of 10/01/2017) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**11. Order 13-02272017**

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Appointing James Ayotte to the Ethics Committee (term expiration of 01/01/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**12. Order 14-02272017**

Appointing Suzanne Roy to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (term expiration 10/01/2018) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**13. Order 15-02272017**

Appointing the following members to the Planning Board as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Full member, re-appointments: Nathan Hamlyn, Marc Tardif, Mia Poliquin Pross, Sam Scogin (term expirations 01/01/2020) and Associate members Christopher Lewis and Dustin Boutin (term expirations 01/01/2020).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Pross abstained).

**14. Order 16-02272017**

Re-appointing Raymond Fortier to the Auburn Sewer District with a term expiration of 03/01/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**15. Order 17-02272017**

Appointing Joel Simons to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiration of 10/01/2019 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**16. Order 18-02272017**

Appointing members to the Auburn Water District as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Robert Cavanagh and Mary Sylvester (term expirations of 03/01/2021), and Dan Bilodeau (term expiration of 03/01/2018).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

**17. Order 19-02272017**

Appointing a member to the Auburn Housing Authority (term expiration of 10/01/2021).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until March 6, 2017 meeting. Passage 5-0.

**18. Resolve 01-02272017**

Calling upon the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commissioners to adopt a meeting schedule and locations convenient to the general public, specifically to a time after 5 pm and to rotate meeting locations between Lewiston City Hall and Auburn City Hall.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to postpone indefinitely. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Burns opposed).

**VII. Executive Session**

- Executive Session regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)  
This item was taken up during the workshop.
- Executive Session regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. 5-0. Time 7:31 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:53 PM.

**VIII. Reports**

**k. Mayor's Report** – reported on the Lions Tournament hosted at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, the Jam the Gym fundraiser for the PAL Center, the ELHS boys basketball game against Portland, and Aroma Joe's opening. He also reported that Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. The theme for the presentation is the Androscoggin River.

**l. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** – reported on the ELHS track team and the upcoming Androscoggin Historical Society meeting.

**Councilor Pross** – reported on the Recreation Departments Father Daughter Dance and the upcoming Edward Little High School Building Committee meeting, and the next Lake Auburn Neighborhood Watch Association meeting.

**Councilor Titus** - reported on the Sunderland Drive and Western Avenue Neighborhood meetings, and the Auburn Water and Sewer meetings.

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**Councilor Walker** – invited people to attend the next United New Auburn Association meeting scheduled February 28th at Rolly's Diner at 6pm. He also reported on the Neighborhood Watch meeting, winter maintenance, speeding, and the crosswalk by the YMCA, and a meeting that was held regarding the possible consolidation of Lewiston and Auburn.

**Councilor Burns** reported on the Citizen Advisory Committee and the upcoming ELHS Building Committee meeting.

**m. City Manager Report** – reported that the MDOT will be installing rumble strips from the New Gloucester town line to Kittyhawk, and he complimented Public Services and Facilities staff for their work over the last month with all of the storms and he also thanked the public for being patient.

**n. Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – January 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded Pross by Councilor to accept and place on file the January 2017 Monthly finance report. 5-0

**IX. Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor, time adjourned 8:18 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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 Stone had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

**19. Order 20-03062017\***

Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue School's April Festival.

**20. Order 21-03062017\***

Accept and place on file the City Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 5-0.

**II. Minutes**

- February 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- IV. Open Session** – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library invited community members to a showing of a documentary called “Screenagers” on March 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM. It is about how technology is affecting our youth.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Order 19-02272017**

Appointing a member to the Auburn Housing Authority (term expiration of 10/01/2021).  
*Council may enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).*

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Jonathan Labonte to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A). The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Assistant City Manager, Denis D’Auteuil invited Attorney Mike Malloy to provide an update to the Council regarding a potential conflict of interest under HUD regulations with three of the four applicants.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item to a date uncertain. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Burns opposed).

**VI. New Business**

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**2. Ordinance 02-03062017**

Adopting the Complete Streets Committee Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street looking for clarification on the meaning of the term “complete streets”.

Councilor Walker recommended adding City Manager where City Administrator is referenced (example: City Administrator/City Manager) before the second reading in order to align with Auburn’s form of Government as well as Lewiston’s.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 03-03062017**

Adopting the Complete Streets Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on sidewalks and is hoping this group can address sidewalk issues.



Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Order 22-03062017**

Authorizing the reallocation of unspent proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$42,000 to be used for the renovation of the Parks Garage for a Senior Center. First Reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

**5. Order 23-03062017**

Consolidating to one polling place for the June 13, 2017 Election. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-4 (Councilors Pross, Titus, Walker, and Burns opposed).

**VII. Executive Session**

- Executive Session regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to enter into executive session. Passage 5-0. Time 8:04 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:46 PM.

**VIII. Reports**

**a. Mayor's Report:**

- St. Dom's women's hockey team won the Class A championship
- The Central Maine Community College women's basketball team won the national championship (the first woman's basketball team in Maine to do so) and he thanked the MDOT, State Police, Sheriff's staff, and city staff for quickly pulling together a strong "welcoming back" to them.
- He reported that the Café at the Auburn Public Library is now closed and he is working with library board members on how to utilize that space moving forward
- This Thursday is the Chamber Breakfast where there will be a three part presentation on the Androscoggin River (The Past, Present, and Future)
- He noted that he will be traveling to the National League of Cities early next week
- He will be in North Adams, Massachusetts at the end of next week at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art where Auburn artist Tonya Hollander has opened an exhibit

**b. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** – no report

**Councilor Pross** -no report

**Councilor Titus**

- He would like to see a Spring clean up this year

**Councilor Walker**

- He noted that he would also like to see a Spring clean up and he would like to see some changes made (rather than doing it all at once, break it up possibly by ward).

**Councilor Burns** - no report

**c. City Manager Report**

- i. noted that there is money in the budget for Spring clean up this year.

**IX. Open session** – Adam Lee, Garden Circle commented on the Auburn Housing Authority item that was postponed. He said that he feels that we should use our Boards and Committees as an opportunity to expand rather than contract the number of individuals in the City that have a role in our government adding that applicant Jen Kimble is a highly qualified candidate for that board.

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**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor. Adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 13, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 21**

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to elect Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Stone absent).

Mayor Pro Tempore Young called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

**I. New Business**

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract appointing Peter J. Crichton as City Manager, effective April 10, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage. Passage 5-0.

### **III. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, all were in favor. Adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

### **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 20, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 22**

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

#### **21. Order 25-03202017\***

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

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0.

### **II. Minutes**

- March 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns for to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Stone abstained because he was not present for that meeting).

- March 13, 2017 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Stone abstained because he was not present for that meeting).

### **V. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Welcome and Introduction of Peter Crichton the New City Manager of Auburn
- Recognition - St. Dom's Women's Hockey Team (State Championship winners)

### **IV. Open Session**

Chief Phil Crowell, and President of the Auburn PAL (Police Activities League) Association noted that he is in the process of submitting an application for the Neighborhood Challenge Program for the Chestnut Street area.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**6. Ordinance 02-03062017**

Adopting the Complete Streets Committee Ordinance. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

**7. Ordinance 03-03062017**

Adopting the Complete Streets Ordinance. Second reading.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend section 5, Exceptions by replacing City Administrator with City Manager.

Passage of amendment 6-0.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of the Ordinance as amended 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Order 22-03062017**

Authorizing the reallocation of unspent proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$42,000 to be used for the renovation of the Parks Garage for a Senior Center. Public hearing and Second Reading. *Requires an affirmative vote of 5 for passage.*

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

Public hearing – Belinda Gerry, 143 Mill St, thanked Council for supporting seniors in Auburn and she talked about the proposed senior center.

Passage 6-0.

**VI. New Business**

**9. Order 26-03202017**

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fee for the New Auburn Little League, a non-profit organization (Sherwood Heights and Pulsifer Park) for the 2017 season.

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

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Pross opposed).

**10. Order 27-03202017**

Adopting the City Property Sale Policy.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to add quarterly reporting to section 3.5 Recommendations.

Passage of the amendment 6-0.

Passage as the Order as amended 6-0.

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**11. Order 28-03202017**

Amending the City of Auburn 2010 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the properties located at 121 Hampshire Street (PID # 250-316) and 127 Hampshire Street (PID # 250-315) from High Density Neighborhood Conservation (HDNC).

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

Public comment – Jim McPhee and Sophia Nolan, both spoke in favor of passage of the Order. A petition with patron signatures supporting the project was presented and will be placed on file.

Passage 6-0.

**12. Ordinance 04-03202017**

Adopting the proposed future land use and zone map amendments for 121 and 127 Hampshire Street. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

**VII. Executive Session** – regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) with possible action to follow (this item was moved from the workshop to the meeting agenda).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 6-0. Time in 7:50 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:31 PM. No action was taken.

**VIII. Reports**

**d. Mayor's Report** – reported on attending the National League of Cities, a meeting he attended last week with a consulting firm out of Connecticut that is working with

Museum LA, his visit to North Adams, MA. At The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art where Auburn resident Tanja Hollander opened her Art exhibit, and next week he will be meeting with Larry Wold from TD Bank.

**e. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** – no report

**Councilor Pross** – reported that a Resolve to establish a committee to look at alternative polling places may be coming forward. Although there have been no incidents of violence or other issues, the School Committee has raised some safety concerns of having polling places in the schools.

**Councilor Stone** – no report

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**Councilor Titus** – no report

**Councilor Walker** – reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association will meet next Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Rolly's Diner, with Doug Greene attending as the guest speaker, and COLAC (Coalition Opposed to the Lewiston Auburn Consolidation) will be meeting on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 7:00 PM.

**Councilor Burns** – reported that the next meeting of the Edward Little Building Committee will be meeting tomorrow at Auburn Hall at 6 PM.

**f. City Manager Report** – John Bubier, Acting City Manager reported that he has been spending a lot of time working on the budget and touring the city buildings. He had an opportunity to meet with Alan Brigham of the EDA (Economic Development Association) of the Department of Commerce to discuss Sports Tourism and other opportunities including transportation.

**g. Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – February 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the February 2017 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 5-0-1 Councilor Walker was not present for this vote.

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

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Pross to adjourn, all in favor (Councilor Walker not present at time of vote), time adjourned 8:58 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 3, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 26**

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**22. Order 29-04032017\***

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 13, 2017.

**23. Order 30-04032017\***

Approving the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the June 13, 2017 Election.

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

Passage 6-0.

**II. Minutes**

- March 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

**V. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

**VI. Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) discussion and including facilities maintenance in the CIP.

Earl Bickford (New Auburn resident), and his daughter Audrey Tripp (40 Merrow Road) spoke. They reported on a recent incident where they received written approval by staff in the Economic and Community Development office that they would be allowed to keep Nigerian Dwarf Goats at their home (single family dwelling with less than one acre of land) and after purchasing them, they were told by the Animal Control Officer that they could not keep the goats due to a local ordinance that is in place and were given seven days to remove the animals. Mr. Bickford requested first, that this order to remove the goats be held until the matter is looked into and the ordinance is reviewed. Second, he asked the City Council to review and consider amending the local animal ordinance (to treat certain animals currently looked at as livestock as pets). Third, if Council decides not to amend the ordinance, accept responsibility and make this right by making an exception and allowing his daughter to keep the goats since it was a mistake of the City when they were given the written approval by staff.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**13. Order 28-03202017**

Amending the City of Auburn 2010 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the properties located at 121 Hampshire Street (PID # 250-316) and 127 Hampshire Street

(PID # 250-315) from High Density Neighborhood Conservation (HDNC). Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – Kenneth Estes, abutting neighbor to this property who spoke in opposition.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

**14. Ordinance 04-03202017**

Adopting the proposed future land use and zone map amendments for 121 and 127 Hampshire Street. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

**VI. New Business**

**15. Ordinance 05-04032017**

Amending text for the Adaptive Reuse of a Structure of Community Significance in Chapter 60 of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Public hearing and 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

**16. Order 31-04032017**

Directing City staff to consult with the Planning Board and develop recommendations to increase the flexibility of the uses allowed in the Agricultural and Resource Protection District regarding schools and equipment sales associated with and complimentary to a recreational use.

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

Passage 6-0.

**VII. Executive Session - None**

**VIII. Reports**

- h. Mayor's Report** – reported that we hosted the official launch of the 40<sup>th</sup> year for Safe Voices, LA Arts hosted an event at Rancourt Shoe which he attended, they've started a new series called A Place for Makers, highlighting creative businesses that



manufacture things here in Lewiston and Auburn. He and the Library Board of Directors met with representatives from Edward Little High School, the PAL Center, and the Franklin-Merrill Hill Culinary Programs to talk about opportunities for the vacant café at the Library and possibly turning this into a student run enterprise (similar to the Green Ladle in Lewiston). He met with Dick Trafton (President of the L/A Railroad Board) along with State Representative Golden, to talk about the trail opportunities along the Lewiston-Auburn railroad line and trail rights along the 13 mile line that connects the mill district in Lewiston to Lisbon. This Thursday at Callahan Hall there will be a Community Forum from 10AM–11:30AM. The US Ambassador to Somalia will be here. There will be a City Council workshop held on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM to discuss roles, responsibilities and expectations, followed by broad budget goals and objectives. Peter Crichton, the new City Manager will be here.

**i. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** - ELHS will hold their first home track meet a week from Friday.

**Councilor Pross** - May 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a neighborhood cleanup effort for Ward 1 residents in the Lake Auburn area. He also asked if Councilors have any input on forming a committee on examining polling locations to please forward to him any ideas they may have.

**Councilor Stone** – reported that there was a lot of activity on Park Avenue today with the construction project.

**Councilor Titus** – reported on the next Sunderland Drive neighborhood meeting to be held tomorrow at Sam's on Court Street, and the Sewer and Water Trustee meetings that were held last week. He said he has been getting a lot of comments, calls and emails regarding the medical marijuana grow facilities and he would like to move forward with looking into licensing these facilities. He also reminded residents that the School Department will be having a public hearing on their budget on Wednesday.

**Councilor Walker** – asked if something could be put together for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City which is right around the corner.

**Councilor Burns** - no report.

- j. City Manager Report** – reported that he has had a busy couple of weeks with several meetings on the budget, sports tourism, Community Little Theatre (regarding the natural gas issue), the Lost Valley Project, as well as a few meetings with the new City Manager, Peter Crichton. He also talked about some of the marijuana issues, both medical and recreational.

**IX. Open Session** – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the public hearing on agenda item number 3 under new business “amending text for the Adaptive Reuse of a structure of Community Significance in Chapter 60 of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance”.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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.

**17. Order 32-04242017\***

Appointing City Manager Peter Crichton as an alternate member of the Maine Municipal Association’s Legislative Policy Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0.

**II. Minutes**

- April 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve and place on file the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

**VI. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Central Maine Community College - 2017 USCAA National Champions

**IV. Open Session – Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Jane Skelton, owner of a camp on Taylor Pond, would like to see a year round water system in that area.

Mary Davis, owner of a cottage on Taylor Pond, would also like to see a year round water system in that area.

Peg Bauer, Lisbon Falls resident and owner of a camp on Taylor Pond, would also like to have city water installed in the Taylor Pond area.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 05-04032017**

Amending text for the Adaptive Reuse of a Structure of Community Significance in Chapter 60 of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Second reading.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

## **VI. New Business**

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#### **18. Public hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget.**

Auburn Chief of Police, Phil Crowell commented on the “Work with ME” project, funded out of the CDBG budget. They are in their second year and have seen great results with this project.

Charis, Auburn Community Gardens Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Auburn Community Garden team adding that they support the budget and are requesting funds for a second garden on Newbury Street.

Melonie LaMore Gagnon, Director of Shelter Services at Safe Voices thanked the City Council for their previous support and asked for their support again this year.

Ann Parker, Auburn resident and 12 year member of the CDBG Loan Committee spoke favorably of the CDBG program thanking Council for their past support and asked for their continued support in the future.

Sharon Philbrook Bergeron, 23 Dexter Avenue thanked the Council for their continued support of Promise Early Education Center.

#### **19. Order 33-04242017**

Approving the Special Amusement Permit for MVL, Inc., DBA Tio Juan’s Margaritas Mexican Restaurant. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

## **VII. Reports**

- k. Mayor’s Report** – commented on the new series being offered by LA Arts called A Place for Makers. This Wednesday they will hold their next event at Thomas Moser in the Industrial Air Park. Details can be found by going to [laarts.org](http://laarts.org). Along with the City Manager, he hosted a conversation regarding tourism

opportunities in this area, particularly sports tourism. He attended a meeting last week at the Franco Center with Lewiston's Mayor Bob MacDonald on Francophone and Francophile Cities Network which provide networking and tourism opportunities for French speaking cities. There will be a networking meeting this coming July in Quebec City.

**l. City Councilors' Reports**

**Councilor Young** - no report

**Councilor Pross** – reminded residents that the Ward 1 clean up in the Lake Auburn area will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the bulky waste cleanup starts the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> and more information can be found on the City's website. He

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also wanted everyone to be aware of the second annual Boats and Brews River Race that will take place on the Androscoggin River.

**Councilor Stone** – reported on the MMA's Legislative Policy Committee meeting that he attended along with City Manager, Peter Crichton.

**Councilor Titus** – reported that the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group met on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their next meeting is to be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He also reported on the City Sewer and Water District meetings that he attended.

**Councilor Walker** - reported that he attended the Auburn Lewiston E911 meeting and the MMWAC (Mid Maine Waste Action Corp.) meeting. He reminded residents that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday night at Rolly's at 6PM, the Neighborhood Watch Group is meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on Thursday night at 6:30 PM, and he invited to residents to attend a meeting on Wednesday at the Sixth Street Congregational Church from Noon to 1:00 PM where a press release will be held regarding the potential merger of the two cities (Lewiston and Auburn).

**Councilor Burns** – reported that on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Gina Melaragno and Betty Ann Sheats will host a Town Hall open forum at St. Michaels Church at 5:30 PM.

**m. City Manager Report** – commented that the reception and response by the Mayor, Council, Department Directors and staff has been wonderful and everyone has made him feel very welcome adding that he is pleased to be here. He has also had an opportunity to meet with several Department Directors and the School Superintendent.

**n. Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – March 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Pross and seconded by Stone to accept and place on file the March 2017 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

**VIII. Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Terry Daily, 1054 North River Road commented on the poor condition of the North River Road. He provided a packet of information and pictures.

**IX. Executive Session**

*Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)*

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 6-0 time 8:32 PM.

The Mayor declared the City Council out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

*Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Council's rights and obligations with E911, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)*

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session for consultation with legal counsel regarding the Council's rights and obligations with E911, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Passage 4-0-2 (Councilors Stone and Titus were not present for the vote). Time in 9:16 PM.

The Mayor declared the City Council out of executive session at 9:39 PM.

**X. Adjournment** – motion by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk