

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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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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. 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

