

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 7, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 1

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 01-01072019*

Accept and place on file the City Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018.

2. Order 02-01072019*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to remove Order 02-01072019 from the Consent Agenda to New Business. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Order 01-01072019. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes: December 17, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Health & Social Services Update – Holli Olivier, Director

Communication – Lake Auburn Water Quality Update – Sid Hazelton

IV. Open Session – Dana Staples 32 Greenwood Drive, commented on the Auburn Housing Authority workshop item and the proposed parking area.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Order 02-01072019 (which was removed from the Consent Agenda)

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Police Chief Moen answered Council questions.

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 03-01072019

Authorizing the acceptance of Mountain View Drive as a City Street.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 04-01072019

Authorizing the discontinuance of Niskayuna Street. Public hearing.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

3. Resolve 01-01072019

Reaffirming adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) resolution.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 05-01072019

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 25 Lake Street.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 06-01072019

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 160 & 164 Chicoine Avenue.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 07-01072019

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 31 Vine Street.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 08-01072019

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 23 Cleveland Avenue.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the New Year’s Eve Auburn event and the after-action meeting that was held on January 3, 2019, adding that the event was a huge success. He reminded everyone that there is no Council meeting on January 21st due to the holiday. Our next meeting will be on January 28th and he will be delivering his State of the City Address.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Athletic sub-committee that was scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled and she reminded everyone that on Thursday at 5:30 PM the MAG-ARP committee will be meeting.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the AVCOG meeting that was held on December 19th and noted that there is a grant opportunity for farmers called the Farm Energy Innovation Fund where farmers can apply and could possibly receive up to \$6,000 in grant funding.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer and Water District meetings that were held in December adding that both budgets did get approved. Their next meetings are January 15th (Sewer District) and January 16th (Water District) at 4:00 PM at the District. He also noted that the next Marijuana Workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 15th.

Councilor Fournier – reported on School Committee meeting and went over items that could impact future School Committee budgets. She noted that the Auburn Public Library Board did not meet.

Councilor Walker – reported that there is an Age Friendly Committee meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow at the Senior Center. They will be discussing bylaws for the Committee.

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Councilor Young – reported that the Appointment Committee will be meeting next week, on January 16th to review Board and Committee applications and to make their nominations.

City Manager – reported that Matt Fifield has been appointed as Deputy Fire Chief, he commented on the Strategic Planning Committee meetings (Growth and Quality sub committees). He reported that the City will be taking over ownership of St. Louis Church. He announced that there will be a parking ban beginning at 4:00 PM tomorrow through Wednesday. Last, he commented on parking in the downtown, adding that he is working with a developer to lease 13 parking spaces that they will not be using.

VIII. Open Session – Bonnie Lounsbury, West Auburn Road, commented on St. Louis Church.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 23, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 5

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Hayes had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

Resolve 02-01232019

Authorizing the use of the current Senior Citizen Center CIP funds for the demolition work at the Senior Center and to direct the City Manager to move forward with the proposed timeline of the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting, public hearing, and Council vote.

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

Public comment – the following individuals spoke in favor of the Senior Center project:

Frank Pippin, 36 West Dartmouth Street
Jan Biron, 94 Western Avenue
Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Stephen Martelli, 41 Broad Street, Apt. 2

City Staff provided a presentation of the proposed project as follows:

Peter Crichton – Overview
Zachary Lenhart – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding

Hal Barter – Construction
Marc Gosselin and Sabrina Best - Programming

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken as requested by Mayor Levesque.

- II. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

- II. Consent Items** - None

II. Minutes

- January 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- January 23, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

V. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communications** – Mayor Levesque delivered his State of the City Address
- **Presentations** – A Swearing in Ceremony was held for Deputy Chief of Police, Tim Cogle and Deputy Chief of Fire, Matt Fifield. City Clerk Sue Clements-Dallaire administered the Oath of Office.
- **Communication** – Michelle Richardson (President) and Bruce Rioux (Vice President) of the Auburn Business Development Corporation (ABDC) provided an update to the Council
- **Communication** – Karen Scammon, City Assessor and Joe St. Peter, Deputy City Assessor provided an update on the Assessing Department

VI. Open Session

Two gentlemen from Crystal Springs Healing Alternatives medical store (with locations in both Lewiston and Auburn) spoke regarding medical marijuana storefronts in Auburn.

V. Unfinished Business

8. Public Hearing on Order 04-01072019

Authorizing the discontinuance of Niskayuna Street.

No one from the public spoke.

VI. New Business

1. Order 09-01282019

Approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement permit for SXE LLC, DBA Side by Each Brewing Co. located at 1110 Minot Avenue. Public hearing.

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

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Public hearing – Owners Ben Low and Matt Johannes Spoke. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 10-01282019

Appointing Brian Carrier as a full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Orders 10-01282019 through 15-01282019 as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of Orders 10-01282019 through 15-01282019 7-0.

3. Order 11-01282019

Appointing Stephen Martelli as a full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

4. Order 12-01282019

Appointing Paula Curtis-Everett To the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2019.

5. Order 13-01282019

Appointing Michael Thurston To the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2019.

6. Order 14-01282019

Re-appointing Dana Staples to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

7. Order 15-01282019

Appointing R. Wayne Werts as a member of the LA 911 Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

8. Order 16-01282019

Re-appointing Karen Scammon as Auburn's City Assessor with a term expiration of January 31, 2021.

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

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

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report

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Councilor Gerry – reported on a survey that has gone out for the Age Friendly Committee to help them gather information which may also help them in the future if they apply for grants and funding.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on MAG-ARP meeting last week, the School Building Committee's Public Forum that was held last Wednesday, the Chamber Dinner held last Thursday, and this week the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, and also on Thursday this week will be the final Strategic Plan sub-committee (Quality and Growth) meeting before going to the Finance/Invest committee.

Councilor Hayes – reported that Elite Airways have leased a hangar at the Auburn-Lewiston Airport.

Councilor Titus – no report. Mayor Levesque announced that Councilor Titus was absent from the Trustee meetings due to the delivery of his new granddaughter. The Mayor and Council congratulated him on becoming a grandfather.

Councilor Fournier – reported that they have not had a School Committee meeting or a Library meeting since her last report.

Councilor Walker – reported that tomorrow night at Rolly's Diner, the City Manager will be speaking and he invited people to attend.

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS School Building Committees public forum that was held last week.

City Manager – reported that the FY20 budget process is under way, the Birthday Celebration is scheduled for Feb. 22nd as part of the Sesquicentennial, currently there are 25 locations that will be serving cakes at each of those locations. More information can be found at Auburn150.com. He reported on the Winterfest. He reminded everyone that the next

Council meeting is scheduled for next Monday and he invited the council to joint workshop with the School Committee next Wednesday at 6:00 PM. He talked about possible fundraising for the new high school. He reported that LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) sent out surveys to businesses and employees to find out if employees are interested in using the transit system.

Assistant City Manager, provided an update on the Strategic Plan noting that it is moving along well, the final meeting of Quality and Growth sub-committee meeting is Thursday the 31st here at Auburn Hall at 6:00 PM where the focus will be priorities. Next the Investment sub-committee will begin their work on February 28th.

Councilor Walker thanked the Public Works Department for helping out during the Winterfest. He added that if it wasn't for their help, the event wouldn't have happened. He said it was a great effort by everyone and over 200 people showed up (at Sherwood Heights).

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

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Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the December 2018 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session - None

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes: January 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Community Little Theatre update - John Blanchette and Jennifer Groover presented.
- **Communication** - Recreation & Sport Facilities Departments Update - Marc Gosselin and Rory Mushlin presented.

IV. Open Session

Barbara Keene, North River Road commented on the possible formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road also commented on the possible formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director invited the Council and public to attend the Library’s annual indoor Farmers Market between 4:30 – 6:30 PM on February 22, 2019 adding that the Library is also one of the 150th birthday cake sites on that same date.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

An Executive Session to discuss a poverty abatement for case # 2019-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) was held during the workshop, with possible action to follow under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for Order 17-02042019 stating “Ordered, that the City Council hereby grants an abatement for 2016 in the amount of \$3,631.64 for case number 2019-001, in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, and Young opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for Order 18-02042019 stating “Ordered, that the City Council hereby grants an abatement for 2017 in the amount of \$3,507.21 for case number 2019-001, in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, and Young opposed).

Public Comment

Public comments will be heard on the proposed amendment of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan (STAR/Senior Center).

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the STAR program.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that there is no meeting on February 18th due to the holiday. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2019. On Monday, February 11th there will be a meeting of the Mayor’s Action Group on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP). He invited the public to attend a birthday celebration here at Auburn Hall on Friday, February 22nd at 10:00 AM. Last he announced that there would be a Joint Workshop with the School Committee on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Gerry – no report.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the Strategic Planning Committee’s Steering Committee will be meeting on February 12, 2019 at 8:00 AM and tomorrow at 5:30 PM the School Building Committee will be meeting.

Councilor Hayes – no report.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow at 3:30 PM the Marijuana Work Group will be meeting in the Community Room, also tomorrow at 6:00 PM Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at Sam’s on Court Street. The Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting on 2/19/19 and the Water District Board of Trustees will meet on 2/20/19, both at 4:00 PM at the District Office. He also stated that he would like the Council to have a workshop sooner rather than later to discuss concerns about the budget.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the last United New Auburn Association’s meeting that was held at Rolly’s. She noted that Senator Ned Claxton presented Rolly’s owner, Ken Blais with a State of Maine Award for his continued service as a responsible citizen and for all the work he does for the community. She thanked Liz Allen for the job she is doing in regards to Public Relations. She also thanked the owners of Lost Valley for all they do for the community. Last, she thanked the Mayor for his aggressive work fund raising for various events of the City.

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Councilor Walker – reported that tomorrow night at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center at Pettengill Park where they are hoping to finalize the bylaws of the group. He also talked about the United New Auburn Association’s last meeting that was held at Rolly’s Diner and he shared some concerns residents have regarding the budget, and the Agricultural zone.

Councilor Young – stated that he is looking forward to watching ELHS at the KVAC track meet coming up this weekend.

Councilor Hayes commented on big ticket items that we are looking at and asked where is the money coming from? He mentioned the Water Treatment Facility and asked who bonds for that? Where are we going with Sports Tourism?

The Mayor stated that he respects the comments and feels the conversation should be continued in a workshop after the meeting adjourns.

Maine Biz Magazine just released their 2018 list of Hottest Real Estate Markets in the State of Maine and of the top ten, Auburn was #2 overall.

City Manager – reported on the upcoming 150th Birthday Celebration scheduled for February 22nd adding that anyone looking for more information can go to www.auburn150.com. He reported that it is time for Spirit of America nominations once again, more information can be found on www.auburnmaine.gov. He announced that a Joint Workshop between the City Council and School Committee will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, and the School Building Committee will meet tomorrow at 5:30 PM. He reported that the FY20 budget process is underway and he will be meeting with department heads this month to go over departmental budgets.

Assistant City Manager – provided an update on Strategic Plan process.

- VIII. Open Session** – Barbara Keene, North River Road commented on the Mayor’s State of the City Address and commented on the Main Street Maine program which she thought would be perfect fit for Auburn.
- IX. Executive Session** - None
- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7: 00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. Councilor Titus had to leave the meeting at 8:30 PM.

III. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

V. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Proclamation - Proclaiming March 9th as Mary's Race Day for Mary's Firemen's Race for a Cure
- Proclamation – Proclaiming March 2019 as DeMolay Month
- Proclamation – National Children's Dental Health Month
- Communications – 2020 Census - Betsy Enright presented
- Communications – Information Technology (IT) Department Update - Paul Fraser, Director presented
- Update on the New Edward Little High School – Katy Grondin, Superintendent presented

VI. **Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street encouraged residents to attend the School Committee meetings. He noted that he was unable to attend the last meeting and there seemed to be an issue with the microphones so he encouraged staff to check microphones before the meetings to be sure they are working properly.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented on the Public Works Department plowing his road.

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 04-01072019**

Authorizing the discontinuance of Niskayuna Street. Second reading and final vote.

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

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Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VI. **New Business**

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to suspend the rules and take item #9, Order 26-02252019 out of order moving it to the first item under new business. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Order 26-02252019

Referring the proposed Agricultural Ordinance to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry.

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

Public comment - Kelly Walker, Sopers Mill Road, Shelly Kruszewski, Auburn resident and Executive Director of the Androscoggin Land Trust, and Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road all spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

1. Order 19-02252019

Approving the sale (by sealed bid) of tax acquired property (77 Gill Street).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 20-02252019

Approving the sale (by sealed bid) of tax acquired property (120 Cook Street).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 21-02252019

Approving the sale (by sealed bid) of tax acquired property (Garfield Road PID #245-011-001).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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Passage 6-0.

4. Order 22-02252019

Approving the sale (by sealed bid) of tax acquired property (Hackett Road PID #135-010).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 23-02252019

Appointing Bryan Bachelder as the Local Sealer of Weights and Measures with a term expiration of December 31, 2019.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

6. Order 24-02252019

Amending the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan (STAR Program & Senior Center Renovations). Public hearing.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

7. Ordinance 01-02252019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec. 60-145 (b)(17) Special Exception Use Regulations. First reading.

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

Public hearing – Jan Phillips and Barbara Mitchell, West Shore Road and both are representatives of the Taylor Pond Association. Ms. Phillips spoke adding that she hopes as we move forward in the future if there are any other proposals, for light industrial usages in particular, in the water shed that the concerns and considerations will be up front and fully vetted and addressed. The Taylor Pond Association will continue to watch and monitor the watershed.

Failed first reading 5-1 (Councilor Gerry in favor). A roll call vote was taken.

8. Order 25-02252019

Approving the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque reported on the 150th birthday celebration event that took place on February 22, 2019, on upcoming Sesquicentennial events, the formation of a Mayor's ad hoc committee on water quality, and last about the upcoming slalom ski race coming up at Lost Valley.

Councilor Young – congratulated the ELHS girls on winning the Class A Alpine skiing championship. He also reported that he attended a few of the cake sites for the birthday celebration, as well as the indoor farmers market at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Walker – commented on the birthday celebration noting that he also attended a few of the cake sites. He also reported that tomorrow, the United New Auburn Association meeting is scheduled at Rolly’s Diner at 6:00 PM. Fire Chief Bob Chase will be the guest speaker. Last, the Neighborhood Watch group will meet at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on Thursday night at 6:30 PM.

Councilor Fournier – reported that she also visited a few of the cake sites and commented that Auburn has two very nice bed and breakfasts. One is the Munroe Inn on Pleasant Street and the other is located at 11 Forest Avenue.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended a Lion’s Hockey tournament a week or so ago and while dining at Gritty’s he saw the Kora Temple bag pipers and suggested that we reach out to them for the upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the CDBG Finance Committee met on Tuesday the 19th to review the proposal and make recommendations. They will be meeting again on Wednesday to finalize the grant program. This Thursday the 28th at 6:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Invest Strategic Planning Sub-committee. She commented on the Sesquicentennial events and said she would like us to do something to honor our native American history.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the committees she serves on have been working on their budgets. She also noted that she has had to miss a few meetings due to scheduling conflicts with other committee meetings over lapping.

City Manager – reported that the ATRC and the city have prepared an RFP for a walkability study that will be reviewed by the Complete Streets Committee on February 27th. The FY20 budget process is well underway in terms of meeting with Department Directors to go over Department budgets. A draft budget will be presented to the Council sometime in March. He noted that the Strategic Planning process is moving along well. He commented on the

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birthday celebration event adding that it was a success. He addressed comments made during the meeting about plowing, adding that Public Works Director, Dan Goyette, will be looking into it to gather facts and will report back. Last, he noted that they are looking into changing the time of the Joint City Council/School Committee meeting to be held this week.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2019 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the January 2019 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session

Bill Sylvester, 1128 Riverside Drive said he was disappointed in the strategic plan as far as forestry is concerned and we should realize the value and benefits of forestry in Auburn.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on “misstatements” that are made and that no one is being held accountable. He also noted that he has been waiting for information from the Public Works Department on the cost for one mile of road to be maintained in a year.

IX. Executive Session - None

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

IV. Consent Items

9. Order 27-03042019*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Business Association (Citizen of the Year).

10. Order 28-03042019*

Setting the time to open the polls at 7:00 AM for the April 23, 2019 Special Municipal Election for the Ward 4 School Committee seat.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - February 25, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

VII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Jill Eastman, Finance Director provided an update on the Finance Department.
- Recognition and Proclamation – Mayor Levesque read a proclamation and presented Ms. Jane Norris with a Key to the City

- Katie Grondin provided the City Council and public with an update on the new high school

VIII. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on sidewalks and maintenance of sidewalks.

Mary Sylvester, 208 Maple Hill Road commented on fundraising efforts for the new high school.

V. Unfinished Business

11. Ordinance 01-02252019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec. 60-145 (b)(17) Special Exception Use Regulations. Second reading.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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Failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Young, Lasagna, and Hayes opposed, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote and voted no). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

12. Order 29-03042019

Authorizing the purchase of the used pro-deck floor for the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

13. Order 30-03042019

Approving the Mill and Main Street Intersection Design as recommended by staff.

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

Public comment – David Das, 104 Fourth Street, and member of the Complete Streets Committee spoke against this item.

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

14. Order 31-03042019

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property (by sealed bid) for Court Street and Beck Avenue.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

15. Ordinance 02-03042019

Adopting the Age Friendly Community Committee Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

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16. Resolve 03-03042019

Supporting the formation of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Water Quality.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item until the March 18, 2019 regular City Council meeting.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that Lewiston/Auburn and LA Arts received a \$75,000 match art grant for pieces of gateway art. He was asked to appoint 3 people and they are Shawn Rice (Fine Arts Dept. Edward Little High School), Bill Lowe (Curator of Arts at Bates College), and Sabrina Best (City of Auburn staff representative).

Councilor Young – reported on the New England track meet that was held in Boston. The meet was streamed on youtube and for anyone that would like to watch, they can do so by going to on baystaterunning.com. Photos can also be seen on mainerunningphotos.com.

Councilor Walker – reported that Walton School and Sherwood Heights School along with the United New Auburn Association will be holding their Chowder and Chili contest on Saturday, March 16th from 4:00-6:00 PM at Walton School.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the last school committee meeting where they discussed the School Department budget, their budget drivers, teaching positions, and more. She also reported that the Auburn Public Library’s Auction Committee planning and fundraising efforts are underway.

Mayor Levesque - wanted to add to his report that he will be speaking tomorrow at the Auburn Business Associations monthly meeting at Gippers at 5:30 PM and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the next Airport Board meeting is scheduled one month from Thursday. He also noted that he would like us to invite representatives from AVCOG (Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments) to come before the Council to address programs they have regarding farm and forestry business and issues.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that tomorrow morning at 8:00 AM there is a Strategic Planning Advisory Committee meeting. Tuesday at 5:30 PM the Edward Little High School Building Committee will meet, and on Wednesday at 6:00 PM she will be attending the West Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group meeting. She will be speaking to the group about the Strategic Plan, the Mayor’s Ag Committee, and the new high school project.

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Councilor Gerry – reported that there is an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Auburn Senior Center. She said they are looking for applicants to join the committee.

City Manager – reported that the 150th Anniversary activities are continuing with a Memorial Day parade coming up. They are looking for participants. We are moving ahead with FY20 budget. He added that he would be happy to invite Sid Hazelton to attend a meeting if Council is agreeable. He commented on the Strategic Plan and he deferred to Assistant City Manager, Phil Crowell, to comment.

Assistant City Manager – he reported that the Strategic Plan Committee will be meeting tomorrow and will be working on prioritization. The Investment sub-committee had their first meeting last week, their next meeting will be on March 14th at 6:00 PM.

VIII. Open Session

Mary Sylvester, 208 Maple Hill Road, stated that she is also a Council appointed member of the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees and she said she was surprised to hear the comments made earlier regarding communication problems between the City and the Water District.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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

I. New Business

1. Resolve 03-03112019

That the Auburn City Council hereby supports the proposed Concept Design for the New Edward Little High School Project, with a total project value of approximately \$125,113,837, of which the State will contribute approximately \$109,335,693 (87.29%), the local will fund \$15,778,144 (12.71%) with up to \$15,000,000 in Local Bonds and \$1,000,000 in school capital improvement funds.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council hereby supports the proposed Concept Design for the New Edward Little High School Project, with a total project value of approximately **\$125,797,769**, of which the State will contribute approximately \$109,335,693 (**86.91%**), the local will fund **\$16,462,076 (13.09%)** with up to \$15,000,000 in Local Bonds, \$1,000,000 in school capital improvement funds, **and additional funds through fundraising and grants for the \$683,932, which is the second turf field.**

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by adding the following language:

That the City Council understands an organized local fundraising campaign would reduce the amount of increase in taxes needed to support bonding for the new ELHS project. That City Staff and the School Department will create this organization or committee. The goal for this organization or committee is to raise 3 to 5 million dollars to be applied to the local bond before the final bond is sold.

Motion to amend failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Walker, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by adding the following language:

That the City Council expects there to be greater and more effective collaboration efforts between City staff and the School Department. The Goal of this ongoing collaboration is to

reduce construction cost of the new ELHS, and then after that, general operational costs going forward in both the City and School Department. This savings will be applied directly through lower budgets, to help offset increased costs due to the new high school.

Motion to amend failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Walker, and Young opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young to amend by adding the following language:

That City Staff and Auburn School Department will create and sign a memorandum of understanding that will directly address community opportunities for the new high school. To include, but not limited to, availability of athletic fields, and community spaces within the building. This understanding will detail how to maximize use and revenue of these areas, and how best to manage them.

Passage of amendment 5-2 (Councilors Lasagna and Hayes opposed).

Public comment:

Elliot Epstein, 8 Cushman Place commented on the 1,200 seat auditorium that is proposed and he suggested the Council considers scaling it back to approximately 600 seats if it isn't too late to do so.

Dr. Bausman, Briarcliff Knoll, also a member of the School Building Committee and Chair of the Performing Arts sub-committee. He stated that there was a lot of discussion around this and the 1,200 seat auditorium is based on the student body population.

Wendy Brown, 92 Fern Street commented on Councilor Walker's article that appeared in the guest column in the Sun Journal and she supports having the athletic fields all in the same location and she also there is a need for the two gyms adding that the two gyms are a necessity, not a luxury.

Passage of Resolve 03-03112019 as amended 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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

V. Consent Items

17. Order 32-03182019*

Accepting the transfer of \$211.90 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-3838 Jonae Singleton).

18. Order 33-03182019*

Accepting the transfer of one Glock 19 9mm handgun forfeiture to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1751 Wac Maiwan).

19. Order 34-03182019*

Accepting the recommendation of the Tax Collector to grant an abatement of back taxes, interest, and costs on 226 Turner Street in the amount of \$5,040.24 on the basis of 36 M.R.S. Sec. 841 (3).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to remove Order 34-03182019 from the consent agenda and place under New Business. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the other two consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- March 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- March 11, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Auburn Water District Update (Sid Hazelton, Superintendent provided the update)
- Communications – Economic and Community Development Department Update (Eric Cousens, Deputy Director provided an update)

X. Open Session

Dan Thayer, Auburn business owner, commented on the proposed marijuana ordinance.

Ernestine Gilbert, 20 Colonial Way, spoke in support of the Senior Center.

Wayne Souza, Auburn resident, commented on people driving around the City adding that part of the reason for that was because there is a lot of boredom and not much to do around here. He said that a Community Center would be a good thing for this area. He said that he has a lot of good ideas that he would like to share.

Jan Biron, 94 Western Avenue, commented on the Senior Center and said that she would like to see the audio/visual equipment included in the Senior Center project. She also provided clarification on Senior Center programming.

Nancy Roy, Colonial Way, commented on the Senior Center and the lack of cooking facilities there.

Tizz Crowley, 35 University Street, commented on the Senior Center and spoke in support of Jan Biron's position on the audio/visual equipment. She said that she likes the idea of a kitchen noting that a kitchen isn't needed for every group.

Grady Burns, 400 Court Street, commented on the proposed Hotel Road project adding that he feels that there is a breakdown of communication between City Staff and the Complete Streets Committee and added that he was disturbed that it appears that the Complete Streets Committee has not been consulted or kept in the loop on this project.

Kathy Shaw commented on the Walton and Sherwood Heights Schools Chili & Chowder Challenge noting that it was a great event and she thanked all that were involved.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, apologized to Public Works Director, Dan Goyette for comments made at a previous meeting about not responding to an email, when in fact he had responded to the email.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-03042019

Adopting the Age Friendly Community Committee Ordinance. Second reading.

A motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

2. Resolve 03-03042019

Supporting the formation of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Water Quality.

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

Public comment:

Jason Pawlina, 2 Belleflower Drive spoke in support of the resolve.

Holly Ewing, resident of Greene, Maine (employed by Bates College and has worked on the Lake as a researcher since 2008) commented on the Lake's phosphorus levels stating that it is paramount that watershed protection be at the top of the list even if a filtration plant is built in order to limit phosphorus levels in the lake.

Evan Cyr, 435 West Auburn Road, spoke in support of the resolve.

Camille Parish, 42 Lake Street, expressed some concerns that she has about the committee (goals and process of membership were mentioned).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the resolve by striking the second to the last bullet note that states:

“Undertake an economic analysis to evaluate the cost/benefit of a water filtration plant including the level of development that might be supported and the cost of additional municipal services to support such development and the extent to which new tax revenues would offset these costs”.

Passage of amendment 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 1, 2019.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Titus, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

The motion for Resolve 03-03042019 as amended failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, Hayes, and Young opposed).

XI. New Business

Order 34-03182019

Accepting the recommendation of the Tax Collector to grant an abatement of back taxes, interest, and costs on 226 Turner Street in the amount of \$5,040.24 on the basis of 36 M.R.S. Sec. 841 (3).

This item was removed from the consent agenda and moved to new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage with the amended amount (replacing the dollar amount from \$5,040.24 to \$7,694.30).

Passage as amended 7-0.

1. Order 35-03182019

Appointing Nickolaus Charneski to the Citizen's Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6-30-2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 36-03182019

Re-appointing Johnna Flood to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

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

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 37-03182019

Re-appointing Jordan Tate to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

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

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 38-03182019

Appointing Jared Doyle to the Ethics Committee as a full member with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

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

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 39-03182019

Appointing Katie Boss to the Planning Board as an Associate member with a term expiration of 1/1/2020.

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

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 40-03182019

Appointing John Engler to the Planning Board as an Associate member with a term expiration of 1/1/2020.

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

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 41-03182019

Re-appointing Robert Cavanagh to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2023.

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

Passage 7-0.

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8. Order 42-03182019

Appointing Charles Sheehan to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2023.

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

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 43-03182019

Appointing Jason Pawlina to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2023.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 406(6)(A).

Passage 7-0. Time 8:50 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:57 PM.

Passage of Order 43-03182019 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Chili & Chowder Challenge, his trip to Washington DC, and he reported that he will be attending a breakfast hosted by Seniors Plus at the Hilton where Senator Collins will be a guest and will be presented with the Ikaria Award.

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Advisory Board meeting that was held last week, and he reported on the meeting where they held the straw poll vote on the new high school where out of 200 people, 11 people were against it and everyone else was in favor.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Fournier – reported on the straw poll vote on the new high school, the fundraising effort, and she encouraged citizens to provide feedback to the school department. She noted that there is a new website for the new high school project at www.newelhs.org. She reported that the School Committee now has the School budget, she attended a 6th grade science fair at Fairview School, the School Task Force group will resume their meetings beginning on March 26, 2019, and she reported on the Auburn Public Library's auction adding that they are looking for donations, and the next APL meeting will be held at 7:30 AM tomorrow morning.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Auburn Sewer District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 PM at the District and the Auburn Water District will meet at 4:00 PM on Wednesday this

week. He thanked the members of the Marijuana Committee and Assistant City Manager Crowell for the work that has been done. He thanked the members of the Age Friendly Committee on their work
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and would like to see more detail on the Senior Center project. Last, he reported that on March 8th and 9th of this year was the Maine McDonald All-Star and Maine Association of Basketball All-Star banquet and games was held in Bangor where the Joshua Titus Spirit of the Gam award was presented to George Kempstra a student that was heavily involved in varsity basketball at Edward Little High School. He was also on the unified basketball team and did a great job there.

Councilor Hayes – reported that 3 Councilors toured the science projects at Fairview School.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that AMS (Auburn Middle School) was having a roundtable discussion on substance abuse disorder. She will provide details at a later meeting.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the Age Friendly Committee is meeting tomorrow at 5:30 at the Senior Center.

City Manager – reported on a meeting he attended with HUD officials and others on CDBG funding, he provided an update on the FY 20 budget process and he announced that a Special Council meeting is scheduled for March 25th where there will be a preliminary draft budget presentation and he and the Superintendent of Schools will be presenting their Capital Improvement Plans, and budget schedules will be handed out at that meeting. He provided a brief update on municipal revenue sharing, the upcoming employee recognition event, and he gave recognition to the Assistant City Manager, Phil Crowell for the work he has done on various projects since becoming Assistant City Manager.

Assistant City Manager – reported that the Strategic Plan Investment Sub-committee had a great second meeting, where they broke into groups and did a prioritization exercise adding that it has been a good process and there has been great participation from the community. The Strategic Plan Committee will be meeting again on 3/28/2019.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2019 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the February 2019 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

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

IX. Executive Session – Discussion on legal rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

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

Passage 7-0, time 9:20 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:38 PM.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Young arrived a few minutes late. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Resolve 04-03252019

Authorizing the City Manager to provide the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee a zero percent interest rate loan not to exceed \$187,500 from the City's General Fund.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for the vote).

- II. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

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

VI. Consent Items

20. Order 44-04012019*

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 11, 2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- March 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- March 25, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

XII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – The Edward Little High School Girls Ski Team 2019 Class A Alpine Skiing State Champions. The Mayor read a proclamation.
- Communication – Maine Waste to Energy Update (John King, Executive Director and Paul Landry, President of the Board of Directors)
- Communication – City Manager’s Office Update (City Manager, Peter Crichton)

XIII. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, commented on trash and litter in the City.

Laurier B. Morrisette, Bearce Street, spoke on Child Abuse Awareness month.

Mary Sylvester, 208 Maple Hill Road commented on the Capital Improvement Plan workshop presentation and the Strategic Plan.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. 2019 FFY CDBG/HOME Budget – Public Comment

No one from the public spoke.

21. Resolve 05-04012019

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Granting permission to the Auburn Water District to issue its bonds in the amount of up to \$400,000 to finance the Alum treatment for Lake Auburn.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend the Resolve by adding the following language:

The Council understands that a prior, obligatory agreement by the AWD superintendent and the City of Lewiston Water Department agreed to a 50/50 split funding formula for the Alum treatment to take place this fall. The current agreement calls for a 50/50 split for capital projects, however this treatment which is a maintenance issue which their agreement calls for a funding percentage to be based on respective water use.

The Council understands that a plan will be in place to assure that going forward ALL expenses, capital investment as well as maintenance for the Lake Auburn water supply, will be split with the City of Lewiston, at a percentage that the trustees may agree is proportional to water usage.

Passage of amendment 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Resolve 05-04012019 as amended 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – Announced the date that the next regular council meeting will be held is on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 due to the April 15th Patriot’s Day holiday. The Mayor will not be attendance, and he asked that Councilor Titus act as Mayor Pro Tem during his absence. He reported that he attended a breakfast celebration for Senator Collins hosted by Senior’s Plus a few weeks ago, and as part of this, we’ve received publications that are available in the City Manager’s office for anyone that would like a copy. Later that day, he had lunch with HUD Secretary Ben Carson, and they discussed opportunity zones. He also provided an update on his position on local option sales tax.

Councilor Young – reported on the recent passing of Rebecca Webber.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Fournier – no report

Councilor Titus – provided an update on the Water and Sewer District meetings. He also reported that he had a good visit at Washburn School. The Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting tomorrow at Sam’s on Court Street. Last, he wanted to thank the Mayor and City Manager for their work fighting for the cause of Auburn’s Revenue Share funding.

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Councilor Hayes – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting this Thursday night.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that on April 9th at 7:00 PM the high school building committee will be meeting.

Councilor Gerry – reported that there is an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center which is next to the Hasty Community Center. She commented

on the workshop discussion on recreation programs, and why she has been wearing a hat during the meetings.

City Manager – reported that he will be presenting the proposed FY20 operating budget next Monday. We will also be discussing the Farmer’s Market during the workshop that same night. He also reported on the Ag/Forestry working group who will be meeting in the near future.

Assistant City Manager – provided an update on the Strategic Plan. The Invest Subcommittee met last Thursday and will meet again on April 11th at 6:00 PM here at Auburn Hall. They will be wrapping up soon and the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on April 23rd at 8:00 AM.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Sessions:

Legal consultation on rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(E).

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

Passage 7-0, time 8:42 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 8:45 PM.

Economic Development (Intermodal Facility), pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C).

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

Passage 4-0 (Councilors Gerry, Titus, and Hayes were not in the room for the vote), time 8:46 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 9:03 PM.

Legal consultation on rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(E).

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

Passage 4-0 (Councilors Titus, Hayes, and Gerry were not in the room for the vote), time 9:04 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 9:12 PM.

Economic Development (Auburn Industrial Park), pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C).

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

Passage 5-0 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes were not in the room for the vote), time 9:13 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 9:23 PM.

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X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

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