

**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 21<sup>st</sup> due to the holiday. Our next meeting will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> (Sewer District) and January 16<sup>th</sup> (Water District) at 4:00 PM at the District. He also noted that the next Marijuana Workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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## **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 28, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 6**

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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2019. On Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. Last he announced that there would be a Joint Workshop with the School Committee on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> adding that anyone looking for more information can go to [www.auburn150.com](http://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](http://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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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> to review the proposal and make recommendations. They will be meeting again on Wednesday to finalize the grant program. This Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 18**

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](http://baystaterunning.com). Photos can also be seen on [mainerunningphotos.com](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 11, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 22**

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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](http://www.newelhs.org). She reported that the School Committee now has the School budget, she attended a 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 25, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 31**

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM here at Auburn Hall. They will be wrapping up soon and the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to nominate Councilor Titus to serve as mayor pro tempore in the temporary absence of Mayor Levesque. There were no other nominations. Passage 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Titus called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and led the assembly to the salute to the flag. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

**VII. Consent Items**

**II. Minutes - April 1, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

**XIV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Communication – A petition for the street discontinuance of Butler Hill Road was included in the Council packets to acknowledge receipt of the petition.

**XV. Open Session**

The following spoke on the proposed marijuana ordinance.

- John Morrison, Lewiston resident, and Auburn business owner (Port City Relief, Riverside Drive).
- Mark Barnett, 125 Granite Street, Portland business owner and a registered caregiver.
- Kyle Pepin, 41 Roy Avenue, owner of W & KP Services located at 217 Riverside Drive, also a caregiver.
- DJ Searles, 554 Washington Street.
- John Engler, 8 Cushman Place, and owner of High Sail Cannabis.
- Amanda Melknick, Portland resident and owner of Maine Cannabis Consultants.
- Jack Champlin, Bridgeton resident and business owner located at 23 Manley Road.
- Jim Katz, Arundel resident, and licensed caregiver at 23 Manley Road.
- TJ Thayer, owns property at 1400 Hotel Road (Thayer Corporation Building).

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business - None**

**VII. Reports**

**Councilor Young** – no report

**Councilor Walker** – no report



**Councilor Fournier** – reported on the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, and constituent concerns regarding the proposed 1200 seat auditorium included in the plan for the new high school. She also read an email from constituent, Ann Dumont on the  
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proposed high school who would like to see two questions (options) on the referendum ballot, not just one.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that she is also getting comments from constituents regarding the referendum on the proposed high school.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM. She reported that she has also been receiving a lot of email and correspondence on whether we have one or two options on the referendum ballot for the new high school. Friday is the Great Falls forum at the Lewiston library.

**Councilor Hayes** – reported on the suggested RFP at the Airport to see if there was an interest for a developer utilizing part of the airport property and provided information on that topic. Regarding the proposed new high school, he commented that there have been a number of meetings and the public has been invited and encouraged to attend. A comment that they are hearing is that \$15 million toward a new high school is a lot of money, but he reminded everyone that a few years ago, the city thought they may have to bear the entire cost of a new high school alone, however, we decided to hold off and fortunately made it to the top of the list for state funding for a new high school and \$15 million for a \$122 million dollar facility is another way of looking at this.

**Councilor Titus** – reported on the LATC meeting he attended, the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees meeting, and noted that the Water District Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at 4PM at the district. Last, he provided some historical information for the City going back to 2009.

**City Manager** – reported that today is kickoff for Earth Day in Auburn, he reminded everyone that the CMCC dinner is scheduled for tomorrow night at the Ramada at 5:00 PM, he provided an update on the Memorial Day Parade update, the Fire Department is initiating a Sound the Alarm Program assisting with installing with smoke alarms beginning in the New Auburn area, the FY 20 budget presentations continue, and he provided an update on the LAWPCA meeting.

**Assistant City Manager** – provided an update on the Strategic Plan meetings.

**Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – March 2019 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the Finance report for March 2019. Passage 7-0.

## **VIII. Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street noted that May 17<sup>th</sup> is Edward Little High School's yearly Community Service Day. Eleven students will be working with him picking up trash. He also

reported that Tambrands will be shutting down the plant to provide Community Service. This is something they do annual and several employees will be assisting with clean up in the City and along the river.

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- IX. Executive Sessions** - Economic Development (Auburn Industrial Park), pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C). The executive session was not needed at this time.
- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to nominate Councilor Titus to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the temporary absence of Mayor Levesque. There were no other nominations. Passage 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Titus called the meeting to order at 9:25 PM and led the assembly to the salute of the flag. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

**II. New Business**

**2. Order 45-04222019**

Approving the third non-binding advisory question to be included on the school budget validation referendum ballot as proposed by the School Department.

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

Passage 7-0.

- II. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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**IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 24, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 40**

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**III. New Business**

**3. Order 46-04242019**

Approving the new high school construction project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor (State subsidy & local share). First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

**4. Order 47-04242019**

Authorizing additional costs for the new high school construction project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor (local share). First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Walker opposed. Councilor Hayes abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

**II. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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

**III. Unfinished Business**

**1. Order 46-04242019**

Approving the new high school construction project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor (State subsidy & local share). Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

**2. Order 47-04242019**

Authorizing additional costs for the new high school construction project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor (local share). Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

**IV. New Business**

**1. Order 48-04292019**

Approving the questions for a municipal referendum election with respect to the new high school construction project and general obligation bonds therefor.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend the Supplemental Project Description under question two by changing from “a 6-8 lane track” to “from 6 to 8 lanes”.

Passage on amendment 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend question two by changing from “*up to \$1,585,418 of other School Department capital improvement funds, grants and donations*” to “*up to \$1,000,000 of other School Department capital improvement funds and \$585,418 in grants and donations*”.

Passage of amendment 6-0.

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Passage of Order 48-04292019 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**V. Executive Session** – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0, time in 6:20 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 6:40 PM.

**VI. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7: 05 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**VIII. Consent Items**

**22. Order 49-0506019\***

Confirming the date for the Special Municipal Referendum Election (new high school construction) to be held on June 11, 2019 in conjunction with the School Budget Validation Referendum Election.

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

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes**

- April 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0 .

- April 22, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 Special Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

- April 24, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Special Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

- April 29, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2019 Special Council meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 Hayes abstained (he was not present for the April 29, 2019 meeting).

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

**Proclamation and Recognition** – Central Maine Community College’s Lady Mustangs were recognized for winning their second USCAA National Title.

## **XVII. Open Session**

Dan Thayer, 1400 Hotel Road property owner commented on the draft marijuana ordinance.

Larry Morrisette, 11 Baird Street, commented on the city agenda, open session and time allotted for the public to speak.

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Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on Spring clean-up.

## **V. Unfinished Business - None**

## **VI. New Business**

### **1. Order 50-05062019**

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fees for the Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball, a non-profit organization for the 2019 season.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

### **2. Order 51-05062019**

Adopting the FFY2018 CDBG Action Plan. *Public hearing and vote.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

### **3. Order 52-05062019**

Approving TIF #24 (Gracelawn). *Public hearing and vote.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 53-05062019**  
Appointing Adam S. Boss to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young for passage of Orders 53-05062019 through 64-05062019.

Passage 7-0.

5. **Order 54-05062019**

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Appointing Alfreda Fournier to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2020.

6. **Order 55-05062019**  
Appointing Sally Gagnon to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2020.
7. **Order 56-05062019**  
Appointing Diane Vincent to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2020.
8. **Order 57-05062019**  
Appointing Cynthia Larrabee to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2021.
9. **Order 58-05062019**  
Appointing Dana Morrell to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2021.
10. **Order 59-05062019**  
Appointing Mamie Ney to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2021.
11. **Order 60-05062019**  
Appointing Larry Pelletier to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2021.
12. **Order 61-05062019**  
Appointing Jan Biron to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.
13. **Order 62-05062019**  
Appointing Belinda Gerry to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.
14. **Order 63-05062019**

Appointing Leroy Walker, Sr. to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

**15. Order 64-05062019**

Appointing Frank Phippen to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** - reported that he attended the grand opening of Main Street Music in New Auburn and Side by Each Brewery and Pinky D's on Minot Avenue. He attended the Maine **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 6, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 46**

State Convention for the Daughters of the American Revolution where he presented a proclamation. He reported on the Parade to be held at 10:00 AM on May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day weekend). He noted that he will be in Washington DC Wednesday through Friday. He reported on the Federal Resource Summit and last, noted that he will be attending the Mayor's Conference on Entrepreneurship on May 20, 21, 22, 2019.

**Councilor Gerry** – no report, however she asked for clarification on CIP money and carry over when funds are not spent.

**Councilor Lasagna** – This Thursday at 6:00 PM the School Building Committee will be meeting with the marketing team that has been hired.

**Councilor Hayes** – no report

**Councilor Titus** – reported on the Sewer and Water District meetings, and the County Commissioners meeting. He visited the LA911 facility, and also had an opportunity to tour Sherwood Heights School, Auburn Middle School, and he attended the Federal Forum on investment of capital gains/opportunity zones.

**Councilor Fournier** – reported on the School Committee meeting, on the Memorial Day Parade, and the upcoming Library Auction adding that they are still accepting donations. Last, she reported that she and Councilor Walker attended the Maine Educator's Association's Retiree Convention.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the new music house in New Auburn that the Mayor reported on. On May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an egg hunt at Walton Field starting at noon. Last, he reported that tomorrow night the Age Friendly Committee Meeting is scheduled at the Senior Center.

**Councilor Young** – reported on the Knight House and Androscoggin Historical Society information provided in packet, the St. Mary's Commit to Get Fit event which he attended, and the ELHS home track meets he attended adding that photos are available for viewing at [mainerunningphoto's.com](http://mainerunningphoto's.com).

**City Manager Report** – Reported that staff are now holding regular meetings with Sid Hazelton (Auburn Water and Sewer District Superintendent). The meetings will be held on a



monthly basis in order to help with communications. He reported on the FY20 budget which is at 1.25% in terms of the tax increase. He reported on the Employee Recognition event that was held last week, the Federal Summit, and the School Building Committee that is scheduled to be held on Thursday in Council Chambers.

**Assistant City Manager** – provided an update on the Strategic Plan.

**VIII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**IX. Executive Session**

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1. Poverty abatement, pursuant to 36 MRSA Sec. 841 with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time 9:02 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:16 PM.

2. Poverty abatement, pursuant to 36 MRSA Sec. 841 with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time 9:16 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:28 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Order 65-05062019 approving an abatement in the amount of \$1,837.57 for case number 2019-002, in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2). Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hayes and Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Order 66-05062019 approving an abatement in the amount of \$2,412.99 for case number 2019-003, in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2). Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Titus opposed, and Councilor Hayes abstained).

3. Economic development (AIP – Auburn Industrial Park), pursuant to 1 MRSA, Sec 405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time 9:30 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:40 PM.

4. Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room for the vote), time 9:41 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:20 PM.

5. Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D).

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Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room for the vote), time 10:21 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:55 PM.

#### **X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

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#### **IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MAY 13, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 49**

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All City Councilors were present.

#### **VII. New Business**

1. **Order 67-05132019** – Adopting the FY20 School Budget

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

- VIII. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 20, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 50**

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, following with a moment of silence for former City Councilor, Ray Berube who passed. All Councilors were present.

**IX. Consent Items – None**

**X. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

The Mayor began the meeting with Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions.

**Communication** – Jody Durisko provided an update on the Memorial Day Parade.

**Proclamation** – Maine Arbor Week

**Communication** – The Liberty Festival Special Event/Mass Gathering Request

**III. Minutes**

May 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

May 13, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

**IV. Open Session** – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director invited the public to partake in the online auction that will take place May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on their website at [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org).

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**23. Resolve 06-05202019**

Supporting the formation of a Recycling Committee.

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

Public comment:

Sam Boss, 7 Morse Street read a letter written by Auburn resident, Camille Parish of 42 Lake Street who commented on the recycling program. Mr. Boss also noted that he supports recycling and urged council not to suspend the program.

Silver Moore-Leamon, 15 Forest Avenue spoke in support of the resolve adding that she would be interested in serving on a recycling committee.

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Chrissy Adamowicz, Sustainable Maine Outreach Coordinator for the Natural Resource Council of Maine, supports recycling and would like to see the recycling program continue.

Jan Phillips, West Shore Road, spoke in support of the resolve and if a committee is formed, she would like to see the committee charged with doing research and to think about education, marketing, and getting more people involved. She said she would like the recycling program to continue during the research of the committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by shortening the 12 month committee meeting period to 6 months with a 6 month extension option with Council approval. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Lasagna and Titus opposed).

Passage of Resolve 06-05202019 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed).

### **24. Order 68-05202019**

Adopting the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by striking \$500,000 from the annual reserve account for the Great Falls Plaza development project.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a 3-3 tie vote with Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, and Young opposed, Councilor Walker abstained, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote, voting in opposition of the proposed amendment).

Passage of Order 68-05202019 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Fournier, and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

### **25. Order 69-05202019**

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fees for the Auburn PAL Center, a non-profit organization.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**26. Order 70-05202019**

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**27. Order 71-05202019**

Authorizing marijuana businesses to operate in the City of Auburn in accordance with applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

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

Public comment – John Engler, 8 Cushman Place spoke in favor of the proposed Marijuana Ordinances.

Passage 7-0.

**28. Ordinance 03-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits for an *Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.*

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

Public hearing – Joel Pepin, a Standish resident who grew up in Auburn and has a medical marijuana processing business located at 1591 Hotel Road in Auburn, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinances.

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

**29. Ordinance 04-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-145(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. *Public hearing and first reading.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

**30. Ordinance 05-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-499(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. *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.

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

**31. Ordinance 06-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-525(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. *Public hearing and first reading.*

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.

**32. Ordinance 07-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-554 Form Base Code and Matrix. *Public hearing and first reading.*

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

Public comment – a woman in the audience who did not identify herself asked where she could find the full text of these proposed ordinances and amendments that are being discussed.

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

**33. Ordinance 08-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-578(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. *Public hearing and first reading.*

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.

**34. Ordinance 09-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-1038 - Odors. *Public hearing and first reading.*

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

## **VII. Reports**

### **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 20, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 54**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported on his planned trip to Kansas City which was cancelled due to the tornadoes they are experiencing. He also reported on Museum LA's Heritage Trail System.

**Councilor Young** – reported that it is Bates College weekend, the Knight House will open on Saturday, and last he provided an update on the ELHS girls and boys track teams.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the May Day Egg Hunt that was held at Walton School, and announced a meeting of the United New Auburn Association on Tuesday at Rolly's Diner, and there will be another meeting on Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church.

**Councilor Fournier** – reported that on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Park Avenue School they will be honoring Auburn School Department retirees, the Adult Ed and Community Ed graduation will be held at ELHS on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the ELHS graduation will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> is the School Budget Referendum and new ELHS Referendum vote, and the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Councilor Titus** – reported on his tour of Walton School last week, the County Commissioners meeting he attended last week, and noted that he will be attending the Auburn Sewer District meeting is tomorrow and on Wednesday he will attend the Water District meeting.

**Councilor Hayes** – reported on the Citizen of the Year Award that was presented to Peter Murphy. He also reported that there are three planes currently parked out at the airport.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the new high school building committee meeting, and anyone who would like to submit a letter to the editor on the proposed new high school can contact Adam Hanson at the School Department. She also reported that Wednesday at 5:30 PM is the first meeting of the group to develop an Ag Advisory Committee ordinance.

**Councilor Gerry** – was not in the room during reports.

**City Manager** – reported that the FY20 budget process is under way, he provided an update on Municipal Revenue Sharing, and he thanked Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell for his leadership and efforts on the Strategic Plan process.

**Assistant City Manager** – provided an update on the Strategic Plan and next steps.

**Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – April 2019 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the Finance report for April 2019. Passage 7-0.

**VIII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

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**IX. Executive Sessions** - None

**X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**XI. Consent Items**

**35. Order 72-06032019**

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 11, 2019 Election.

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

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes** - May 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

**XVIII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

**Recognition** – Spirit of America Award - Larry Pelletier and the Danville Junction Grange #65 are the recipients of the 2019 Spirit of America Award. Larry Pelletier was unable to attend tonight's meeting. His award will be presented at a later date.



**Recognition** – Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting – Jill Eastman, Finance Director and her staff were recognized for receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting again this year. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that they have received this award.

**XIX. Open Session** – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, reminded everyone of the Library’s auction fundraiser that runs through Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**XX. Unfinished Business**

1. **Ordinance 03-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits for an *Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses Ordinance*. **Second reading.**

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend page 13 under section 9 (e) by striking *“and bars”* from *“Deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and any other exterior access points, excepting windows which shall have locks and bars; and”*

Passage of amendment 7-0.

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Passage of ordinance 03-05202019 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**XXI. Ordinance 04-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-145(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. **Second reading.**

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

**XXII. Ordinance 05-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-499(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. **Second reading.**

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.

**XXIII. Ordinance 06-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-525(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. *Second reading.*

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.

**XXIV. Ordinance 07-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-554 Form Base Code and Matrix. *Second reading.*

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.

**XXV. Ordinance 08-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-578(a) Use regulations, permitted uses. *Second reading.*

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. A roll call vote was taken.

**XXVI. New Business**

**1. Order 73-06032019**

Approving the Mass Gathering Permit for the Liberty Festival to be held July 4, 2019 (rain date July 5, 2019). *Public hearing and vote.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Resolve 07-06032019**

Supporting the restructuring of the Recreation, Ingersoll Turf Facility, and Norway Savings Bank Arena.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend to include language stating that the resolve will come before Council within one year for a vote for re-approval to continue the department organization structure for the next budget cycle.

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

Passage as amended 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

**3. Order 74-06032019**

Authorizing the Finance Director to execute the issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore. Public hearing and first reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors at the second and final reading.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend by increasing the Fire Department's Apparatus Replacement (Reserve Truck, FY 21 CIP) line from \$200,000 to \$650,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Titus, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by increasing the Fire Department's Apparatus Replacement (Reserve Truck, FY 21 CIP) line from \$200,000 to \$550,000 for a new fire truck and if more is needed they can come back before the Council to request additional funds.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to cut the Norway Savings Bank Arena Portable Stage line item from \$180,000 to \$50,000.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to cut from Economic & Community Development's Great Falls Redevelopment line item from \$200,000 to \$100,000.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to cut \$10,000 from the Recreation Department's Union St Park/Chestnut Park Upgrades line item reducing it from \$60,000 to \$50,000.

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, and Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to eliminate \$33,000 from Public Work's Slope Mower line item.

Amendment failed 2-5 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, Fournier, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to eliminate \$440,000 from the Public Work's plow trucks line item.

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to remove \$67,000 for the Public Work's One Ton Truck line item.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend to increase the contingency line item from \$9,510 to \$39,510.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to take \$350,000 of the \$500,000 from Engineering's Major Drainage line item and reallocate it to be used for the Warm Storage Building project.

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Passage of amendment 7-0.

Passage of the order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

#### **4. Order 75-06032019**

Reallocation of bonds. Public hearing and first reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors at the second and final reading.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by eliminating \$15,000 from the Recreation Department's Re-branding line item.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by eliminating \$25,000 from Museum LA.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to eliminate \$25,000 from the Recreation Department's Fitness Room Equipment line item.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, Titus, and Young opposed).

Passage of the Order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**5. Resolve 08-06032019**

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2020. Public hearing and first reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 4 Councilors at the second and final reading.*

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to add \$15,000 to the Recreation Department for the purpose of rebranding.

Passage on amendment 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by instructing the City Manager to get the tax levy to a zero percent increase by using any and all revenue sharing we receive from the State, and using any and all revenue generated from debt repositioning and if we need to, by using part of the fund balance to get us to a zero percent increase.

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

Motion on the resolve as amended failed 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Young, Lasagna, and Hayes opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that there is a lot going on in the City and added that the ELHS graduation ceremony will take place this weekend.

**Councilor Young** – reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society will hold its third summit with the local historical societies. The annual meeting will be held tomorrow at the West Auburn School House. He also attended and took photos at the State (track) meet held in Lewiston.

**Councilor Walker** - no report

**Councilor Fournier** – reported that the ELHS graduation will be held on Saturday at 7:00 PM and the Adult Ed graduation will be held on Friday at 7:00 PM.

**Councilor Titus** – reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings, and tomorrow at 6:00 PM the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at Sam’s on Court Street.

**Councilor Hayes** – reported on the Airport Board meeting.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the Build Maine Conference is coming to Lewiston on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee that is working an Ag Committee Ordinance will be meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at 6:00 PM here at Auburn Hall. On Friday at 4:00 PM the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Healthy September group will be meeting at Gritty’s.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that the Age Friendly group will be meeting tomorrow at 5:30 at the Hasty Community Center. This coming Wednesday, the first Auburn Seniors will be holding their monthly meeting.

### **Council Action to Reconsider**

A motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to reconsider the amendment made on the Appropriations Resolve 08-06032019 that passed 5-2 earlier in the meeting instructing the City Manager to get the tax levy to a zero percent increase.

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

Reconsideration of the Motion made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by instructing the City Manager to get the tax levy to a zero percent increase by using any and all revenue sharing we receive from the State, and using any and all revenue

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generated from debt repositioning and if we need to, use part of the fund balance to get us to a zero percent increase.

Amendment as reconsidered failed 2-5 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, Walker, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to reconsider the vote on the first reading of the Appropriation Resolve 08-06032019 that failed 3-4 earlier.

Passage 7-0.

Reconsideration of the Motion that was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker adopting the Appropriations Resolve for fiscal year 2020 which would include the amendment to add \$15,000 to the Recreation Department for the purpose of rebranding that passed 6-1.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend by decreasing \$100,000 from the LATC operations budget.

Amendment failed 1-5-1 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, and Young opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Passage of the Appropriations Resolve, as reconsidered 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Gerry opposed).

**City Manager's Report** – reported that he would like to move the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to June 24<sup>th</sup> since a few Councilors will not be in attendance.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone the second meeting in June from June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Passage 7-0.

The City Manager went on to report that there will be discussion at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting on the July meeting schedule. He also noted that we would likely only have one meeting in August. He reported on the Memorial Day Parade, Spring Clean Up, the upcoming election on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**IX. Executive Session** - None

**X. Adjournment**

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Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 PM.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7: 01 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

**XII. Consent Items** – None

## **II. Minutes**

June 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

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

**Recognition** – Spirit of America Award – Auburn resident Larry Pelletier was presented with the 2019 Spirit of America Award.

**Communication** – Bob Clark and Mara Moody provided Council with an update on the Boys & Girls Club in Auburn.

- V. Open Session** – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director thanked everyone that participated in the on-line auction fundraiser. She also reported that the Summer Reading Program is underway. Last, she noted that when the Library received their grant from the American Library Association a program that reached out to reluctant readers, the Boys & Girls Club stepped up to join them to get that going.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

### **6. Order 74-06032019**

Authorizing the Finance Director to execute the issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore. Second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

### **7. Order 75-06032019**

Reallocation of bonds. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

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### **8. Resolve 08-06032019**

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2020. Second reading.

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



Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by reducing the tax levy for FY 20 by \$300,000 using additional State Revenue Sharing and adding the remaining balance of State Revenue Sharing to the Fund Balance for FY 21.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding \$10,000 to the Mayor and Council Budget earmarked towards ending food insecurity during the month of September 2019 (Healthy Auburn Month) as directed by the Chair or designee of the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee approval plan by Council.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 08-06032019 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

## **VII. New Business**

### **36. Order 76-06242019**

Authorizing the Use of Other Funds to fund a portion of the FY 19-20 CIP.

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

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

### **37. Order 77-06242019**

Adopting the purpose, composition, terms, and outcomes of a Recycling Ad-hoc Committee.

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

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

## **VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that there is a lot going on in the City, he appreciated the Council action taken tonight, he commented on the Business to Business Trade Show, and the raising of the Bells of St. Louis. He also announced the July meeting dates (July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> of 2019).

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**Councilor Young** – reported that he is back from Albuquerque, NM where he attended the Senior Games, along with 15,000 other seniors over 50. He won a bronze medal in a relay race with 3 others and he also placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 5k race walk.

**Councilor Walker** – invited everyone to attend the Raising of the Bells on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Anniversary Park for the kick-off where they are hoping to raise money and sell bricks. At 6:00 PM there will be a ceremony with guest speakers.

**Councilor Fournier** – noted that Mamie Ney already provided an update on the Auburn Public Library Auction (during open session), and she added that the School Committee will be meeting every other week with the sole purpose of discussing new hires.

**Councilor Titus** – reported that he met with the Audit Committee and the audit process has begun. He attended the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group meeting, he attended the County budget caucus meeting noting that he volunteered to serve on the budget committee again, along with Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell. Last, he reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings that he attended.

**Councilor Hayes** – reported on the AVCOG Executive Committee meeting that he attended last week, and also reported on activity at the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that a few weeks ago, Rick Whiting led a tour of historical buildings in Auburn which she attended stating that it was very interesting, and she hopes he continues to do that. Last week the school building committee met to celebrate the passage of the two questions on the new high school building. They will be setting up committees as they move forward (on Sports/Athletics, Fundraising, connecting the high school to the community, and one other committee). They will meet next on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that she attended the Business Trade Show that was held at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. She also commented on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee and the five-year plan.

**Assistant City Manager** – reported that the City Manager was disappointed that he was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The City Manager will be away for that meeting as well. He reported on the LAWPCA Pilot Program and also wanted to follow up on comments that were made at the last meeting regarding students being turned away for Summer Camp. He said staff has pulled reports and information and he provided Council with his findings and wanted to clarify that there have not been any students that have been turned away. He also reported on the State Strategic Planning adding that he will be attending that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – May 2019 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the Finance report for May 2019. Passage 7-0.

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**VIII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

**IX. Executive Sessions** - Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 8:13 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 8:16 PM.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 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.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- XIII. Consent Items** - All items with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**9. Order 78-07012019\***

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Shawn D. St. Hilaire and Sean G. Dyer as Constables with firearms for the Auburn Police Department and David O'Connell, Fire Inspector without a firearm for the Auburn Fire Department.

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

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes** - June 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

**XXVII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Proclamation** – Mayor Levesque read a proclamation declaring the month of July as Parks & Recreation Month

**XXVIII. Open Session** – Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road spoke regarding comments made by public officials, and he read an email regarding the FY20 budget.

**XXIX. Unfinished Business** - None

**XXX. New Business**

1. **Order 79-07012019**

Adoption of the Citizen’s Participation Plan for 2020-2024.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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1. **Order 80-07012019**

Authorizing the issuance of Bonds for the Norway Savings Bank Arena. 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 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Order 81-07012019**

Appointing Katie Boss as a full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2020 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss appointments (orders 81-07012019 through 84-07012019), pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405 (6)(A) – personnel matter.

Passage 7-0, time 7:14 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:51 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of Order 81-07012019.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to table to a date certain. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

Passage of Order 81-07012019 4-3 (Councilors Fournier, Gerry, and Walker opposed).

3. **Order 82-07012019**

Appointing Mathieu Duvall as a full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 01/01/2020 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

4. **Order 83-07012019**

Appointing John St. Peter to the Auburn Housing Authority as nominated by the Appointment Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2023.

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

Public comment – Rick Whiting, Auburn Housing Authority stated that while he was not in opposition of the nominee, he is concerned about having two tenant commissioners from the same building. He stated that he finds the appointment process bureaucratic. He noted that appointing this person would result in 4 out of 7 board members being from the same ward. He would like to see this appointment tabled for a month or two.

Arthur Wing, Grandview Avenue and a Commissioner and Chair of the Auburn Housing Authority stated that he also has concerns with having two commissioners from one development.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, Walker, and Fournier opposed).

5. **Order 84-07012019**

Re-appointing Leonard Kimble as a full member of the Ethics Panel with a term expiration of 1/1/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

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

6. **Resolve 09-07012019**

Supporting the formation of a Charter Review Ad-hoc Committee.

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, questioned the legality of a Charter Review Ad-hoc Committee.

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

## **VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – he asked if one of the Councilor’s would be interested in going to Washington D.C. in his place to attend a meeting at the White House on July 16, 2019 and if so, to please let him know. He provided an update on upcoming Council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, we are bypassing our first council meeting in August, and will meet next on August 19<sup>th</sup>. In September, due to the Holiday on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> and again on September 16<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to remind everyone about the Classic Chevy National Convention scheduled for Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that the First Auburn Seniors will not meeting this Wednesday due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Their next meeting is in two weeks.

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**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that she has been working with Sabrina Best and Chris Mumau on the Walk the Ward activity coming up in September as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. September is Wellness month in Auburn and this event is an opportunity for Councilors to walk in their ward and talk to constituents.

**Councilor Hayes** – said that to follow up on the upcoming car show he was reminded that we are a hub or a gateway for a lot of opportunities.

**Councilor Titus** - no report

**Councilor Fournier** - no report

**Councilor Walker** - thanked everyone that helped with the Bell Towner fundraising event. He said there was a great turnout. The Bell Tower Committee will be meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Auburn Hall, and the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Hasty building.

**Councilor Young** – no report

**Assistant City Manager** – reported that on July 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM there will be a blood drive (The Battle of the Badges) at the Hilton Garden Inn. It is the Fire Department vs. the Police Department. He also reminded everyone that Auburn has a Fireworks ordinance and fireworks are not allowed, with the exception of the fireworks show that is scheduled.

**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, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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## **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 15, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 72**

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **XIV. Consent Items – None**

#### **II. Minutes – July 1, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

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

- **Recognition** – The Auburn Suburban Girls Little League team was recognized for winning the 12 and under Babe Ruth State title. Mayor Levesque read a proclamation.
- **Presentation & Discussion** – Eric Cousens and Zachary Lenhart presented proposed plans for the Library Avenue design.

#### **XXXII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

#### **XXXIII. Unfinished Business**

##### **38. Order 80-07012019**

Authorizing the issuance of Bonds for the Norway Savings Bank Arena. Second reading.  
*Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors.*

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

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked if we were treating this as an enterprise fund.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken

## **XXXIV. New Business**

### **1. Order 85-07152019**

Authorizing the cancellation of the first regular City Council meeting of August (August 5, 2019).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

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### **2. Order 86-07152016**

Casting votes for members of the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Titus to vote for Leroy Walker and Larry Pelletier to represent District 5.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to vote for Andy Titus and Phil Crowell to represent District 6.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

### **3. Ordinance 10-07152019**

Amending the sign ordinance for Official business directory signs. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

## **VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported on the Chevy car show and thanked staff for their work putting together this event. He also read a statement regarding a post card notification that was sent out from Bates College to Auburn residents that own or live in the agricultural resource protection zone.

**Councilor Young** – reported that the Corporate Track State meet will take place in Scarborough on Saturday, the second triple crown race (the Emily Fletcher 5K) will be held



on Sunday, and the State USATF will be held on Sunday as well in Lewiston. He will be attending two of them.

**Councilor Walker** – reported that the Bell Tower Committee will meet tomorrow at 4:00 PM at Auburn Hall in room 204, the Age Friendly Committee meets tomorrow at 5:30 at the Hasty Community Center, and last, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sixth Street Congregational Church from 4:30 – 6:00 PM to raise money to help the United New Auburn Association to put on various programs such as the Halloween and Christmas events.

**Councilor Fournier** – reported on the last School Committee meeting and the high school graduation rate which has fallen since last year.

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**Councilor Titus** – he reported that a few people have been asking about swimming areas in Auburn and he would like to hear from staff on options, possibly at a Council workshop. The Auburn Sewer District meeting will be held next week on Tuesday and the Water District meeting will be held on Wednesday, both at 4:00 PM at the District. He also read a statement from the Superintendent of the Auburn Water & Sewer District regarding the recent water main breaks.

**Councilor Hayes** – reported on the airport parking area project, the Constellation is being moved out of the terminal and will be making its way to Germany in September.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the School Building Committee will be meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, she attended the Planning Board meeting the previous week where the issue of the Bates research project came up.

**Councilor Gerry** – commented on an incident that came up during the open session during the previous Council meeting. She also reported that the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting on Wednesday and membership dues are due this month.

**City Manager** – reported on the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive between the Fire and Police Departments, National Night Out will take place on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, the Farmer's Market has been taking place on Wednesdays from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM and Concert's in the Park have been taking place on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Festival Plaza. He is also looking for direction from the Council on whether or not there is interest in being involved in the recycling legislation.

#### **VIII. Open Session**

Adam Lee, Western Prom commented on the statement read by the Mayor during reports.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road also commented on the statement read by the Mayor.

Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road provided an update on the Farmer's Market that takes place on Wednesday nights, and she also commented on a letter she received via email from the State Tax office on land use taxes adding that she would forward that to the Council again.

Bill Sylvester, 1128 Riverside Drive commented on the Strategic Plan and how we might fit Ag forestry in that. He also commented on natural resources which he said doesn't include agriculture at all.

**IX. Executive Session**

**A. Contract negotiations (Fire), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D).**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:48 PM.

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**B. Contract negotiations (MSEA), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D).**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room), time 8:48 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:20 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager, Peter Crichton called the meeting to order at 7:23 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items**

**4. Order 85-08192019**

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of William H. Soper as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

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

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes – July 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

Mac Richardson, Superintendent & Travis Peaslee, Assistant Superintendent of the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) provided Council with an update.

Jennifer Williams, Director of the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) presented the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**IV. Open Session:**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – inquired about the status of his recommendation on residents being required to use trash receptacles for all trash.

Adam Lee, Western Prom – provided clarification on comments made during the Strategic Plan presentation.

Marie Herrick, 470 Hatch Road - thanked Councilor Gerry for her letter to the editor in the Twin City Times and she commented on the three-minute rule during open session.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**1. Ordinance 10-07152019**

Amending the sign ordinance for Official business directory signs. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

**5. Ordinance 09-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-1038 - Odors. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote taken.

## **VI. New Business**

### **6. Ordinance 11-08192019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-201(a)(1) Use Regulations, Permitted uses. 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 7-0. A roll call vote taken.

### **7. Ordinance 12-08192019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-229(a)(1) Use Regulations, Permitted uses. 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 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

### **8. Order 86-08192019**

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with MSEA-SEIU.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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### **9. Order 87-08192019**

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFFA Local 797.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

### **10. Order 88-08192019**

Confirming the additional parking at the 48 Hampshire Street location.

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

Public comment:

Adam Lee, Western Prom asked for clarification regarding the lease of these parking spaces.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library would like the spaces to be used as Library staff spaces.

Passage 7-0.

**11. Order 89-08192019**

Appointing Celia McGuckian to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2023 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Orders 89-08192019 through 99-08192019.

Passage 7-0.

**12. Order 90-08192019**

Appointing Ron Spofford to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**13. Order 91-08192019**

Appointing Leroy Walker to the Cable TV Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**14. Order 92-08192019**

Appointing Jane Costlow to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 06/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**15. Order 93-08192019**

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Appointing Michelle Melaragno to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 06/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**16. Order 94-08192019**

Appointing Daniel Carroll to the Planning Board as a full member with a term expiration of 01/01/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**17. Order 95-08192019**

Appointing Kyle Pepin to the Planning Board as Associate member with a term expiration of 01/01/2020 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**18. Order 96-08192019**

Appointing Sharon Benoit to the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee for a six-month term (which may be extended to 12 months) as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**19. Order 97-08192019**

Appointing Ralph Harder to the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee for a six-month term (which may be extended to 12 months) as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**20. Order 98-08192019**

Appointing Camille Parrish to the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee for a six-month term (which may be extended to 12 months) as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**21. Order 99-08192019**

Appointing Silver Moore-Leamon to the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee for a six-month term (which may be extended to 12 months) as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 8/12/2019.

**22. Order 100-08192019**

Accepting the transfer of \$1,175.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-4372 Shan Thompson).

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

Passage 7-0.

**23. Order 101-08192019**

Accepting the transfer of \$1,213.75 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1753 Rasheem Johnson).

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

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Reports**

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**Councilor Young** – reported that the Knight house opened last Saturday and will open again on the 31st.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the Balloon Festival noting that the Age Friendly Group volunteered many hours assisting, and next Tuesday, Sabrina Best will be speaking at the United New Auburn Association meeting at Rolly’s Diner at 6:00 PM.

**Councilor Fournier** – reported that she was unable to attend the last school committee meeting.

**Councilor Titus** – reported that he attended the Sewer District and Water District meetings on July 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>, and he provided an update. Their next meetings are scheduled for tomorrow (Sewer District) and Wednesday (Water District) of this week. He also read an update provided by Sid Hazelton on the Alum treatment to Lake Auburn. Last, he noted that he attended the Police Department’s National Night Out event adding that he was impressed with the event and the turnout.

**Councilor Hayes** – no report, however he noted that he has received some feedback from the downtown community who would like to have better communication and participation with the city when planning special events.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported on Healthy Auburn in September and the Walking the Ward event. She handed out information to Councilors and encouraged their participation. She also reported on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting, the High School Building Committee meeting adding that the school department is looking for members to serve on the sub-committees for the new high school, and last, she reported that she attended the Ag Ordinance Committee last Tuesday.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported on the Police Department’s National Night Out, and that on Wednesday, the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting. Last, she commented on the open session at the 7/15/2019 meeting and whether or not the minutes should reflect the discussion in full detail.

**City Manager** – he thanked staff for their participation with the Balloon Festival and National Night out, he reported that the Senior Center renovations are moving forward, and he reported that he and the Assistant City Manager, Phil Crowell attended the Maine Town, City and County Manager Association conference and he provided a report on that.

**Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – June and July 2019 Monthly Finance Reports.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the June and July 2019 Finance Reports. Passage 7-0.

**VIII. Open Session** – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked when the City Manager would be addressing the ag survey.

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**IX. Executive Session** - None

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 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. He also asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Thomas Kendall, Chair of the Auburn School Committee member adding that he will be sorely missed.

All Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**XV. Consent Items**

**10. Order 102-09092019\***

Setting the time for opening the polls for the November 5, 2019 Election to be at 7:00 A.M.

**11. Order 103-09092019\***

Designating City Manager, Peter Crichton as the official voting delegate to the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting to be held on October 2, 2019.

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

**XVI. Minutes – August 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

**XXXV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Recognition – Maple Way Dental. Mayor Levesque wanted to recognize Dr. Calvin Kenley and Carl Shaline from Maple Way Dental Care (formerly Center Street Dental) for their ongoing support and contributions to the community. They were presented with a key to the City along with 150<sup>th</sup> commemorative coins (City of Auburn, Auburn Police Department, and Auburn Fire Department).
- Auburn Business Association Update – Darcie Beaudin, President of the Auburn Business Association provided an update on the Association and what they've done and what they are doing in Auburn.

**XXXVI. Open Session**

Rhyanna Larose, 164 Bennett Avenue brought up some safety concerns on Allain Street in Auburn.

**XXXVII. Unfinished Business**



**24. Ordinance 09-05202019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-1038 - Odors. Second reading.

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

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Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

**25. Ordinance 11-08192019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-201(a)(1) Use Regulations, Permitted uses. Second reading.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

**26. Ordinance 12-08192019**

Adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 60, Section 60-229(a)(1) Use Regulations, Permitted uses. Second reading.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

**XXXVIII. New Business**

**1. Order 104-09092019**

Referring the Zoning Map Amendment (965 Minot Avenue) to the Planning Board.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Order 105-09092019**

Accepting the Strategic Plan Report.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

3. **Order 106-09092019**

Appointing Jonathan LaBontè to the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company with a three-year term of April 2019 - April 2022.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 107-09092019**

Approving the Liquor License application for Pierrette's C'est Si Bon Café LLC, DBA Pierrette's C'est si Bon Café, a new business, located at 550 Center Street. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

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

**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – thanked Councilor Titus for acting as Mayor Pro-tem at the last meeting during his temporary absence. He reported on upcoming events that are planned in Auburn. September is Healthy Auburn month, the annual Brews and Blues Festival will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, Alumni weekend (Welcome Home weekend for ELHS alumni) is scheduled for the first weekend in November, and also that weekend is the dedication of the Age Friendly Center, the unveiling of the St. Louis bell tower, and the planning for the New Year's Eve Auburn event begins tomorrow.

**Councilor Young** – reported on the Lake Auburn Half Marathon and 5K that was held last weekend.

**Councilor Walker** - no report

**Councilor Fournier** – reported that she did the Walk the Ward event in her ward on Saturday and nobody attended. They are recruiting a staff member at the Auburn Public Library, and she provided an update on the School Committee meeting that was held last week. She also announced there will be a public Celebration of Life to remember Tom Kendall this coming Sunday at 2:00 PM at the ELHS gym. The family will hold a private service at another time.

**Councilor Titus** – reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings and reported that the Androscoggin County Budget Committee will meet on the September 11th to start budget deliberations.

**Councilor Hayes** – provided information on the High Street Congregation food pantry operation noting that it is actually more than just the distribution of food. They provide book bags for immigrants who are learning English. They work closely with Androscoggin Home Health who deliver boxes of food to people that cannot make it to the pantry. They also have

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a good relationship with Hannaford Supermarket. He invited people to volunteer, adding that he will take names of anyone who is interested in volunteering.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that she attended the West Auburn Neighborhood Watch meeting. She commented on Jody Durisko’s leaving adding that she will be missed. She commented on Healthy Auburn Month, the Walk the Ward event, and in terms of the New Year’s Eve event, she would like to see the fireworks go off at 10:00 PM instead of at midnight.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee will meet this Wednesday at 12:30 PM at AVCOG and on the 18<sup>th</sup> the First Auburn Seniors are meeting and having a pizza party.

**City Manager’s Report** – reported that we just had our 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive employee barbeque, he wanted to recognize Jody Durisko, adding that he is sorry to see her leave, but he is happy for her as she pursues her dreams as the new HR Director in Brunswick. He commented on the Bates College survey process, and last, he wanted to mention that a remembrance ceremony will be taking place at the Central Fire station along with a blood drive beginning at 8:00 AM on 9/11/2019.

**VIII. Open Session** – Brian Carrier, 32 Constellation Drive, stated that he appreciated the efforts made by the Airport Board in attempting to move the plane which was discussed at the last Airport Board meeting.

**IX. Executive Session** - None

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7: 09 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **XVII. Consent Items**

**12. Order 108-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

**13. Order 109-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

**14. Order 110-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.

**15. Order 111-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington Street N.

**16. Order 112-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller Co., a Division of Schnitzer NE located at 78 & 80 Hotel Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to remove Orders 108-09162019 through 113-09162019 from the consent agenda and add to new business.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

### **XVIII. Minutes – September 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

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

Attorney Michael Malloy went over the policy regarding the acquisition and disposition of city-owned property.

**XL. 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*.

Kathy Shaw, owner of Valley View Farm and Four Season's Market in Auburn provided an update on the Farmer's Market, commented on the MAG-ARP ad hoc committee that she served on, and in closing, she expressed that when someone is making a point, statement, or a suggestion, speakers deserve to make an entire statement without interruption.

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Chris Carson, 110 Jacques Road, commented on the Agricultural & Natural Resource discussion.

Michelle Melaragno, Trapp Road also commented on the Agricultural & Natural Resource discussion and the two Ag zone ad hoc committees and proposed recommendations. She also stated that the location of the podium for public comment was a bit isolating and she would like to see us return to using the table for public comment.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, commented on the Agricultural & Natural Resource discussion and the Bates College survey.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the Agricultural Study and the Agricultural & Natural Resource discussion adding that we should be focusing on the downtown area, not the ag zone.

**XLI. Unfinished Business - None**

**XLII. New Business**

**Consent items that were moved from the consent agenda.**

**1. Order 108-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**2. Order 109-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 110-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.

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

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Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 111-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington Street N.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone to the next regular meeting (October 7, 2019).

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

5. **Order 112-09162019\***

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller Co., a Division of Schnitzer NE located at 78 & 80 Hotel Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. **Hearing on the appeal of the denial of a business license for Relief Clinic (Owner Evelyne Leavitt) pursuant to section 14-39 of our Code of Ordinances.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Attorney Brian Condon (representing Relief Clinic LLC.), Eric Cousens, Phil Crowell, Attorney Mary Costigan (representing city staff), and Attorney Michael Malloy (representing the City Council).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to uphold the decision of the City Clerk denying Relief Clinic LLC (owner Evelyne Levitt) application for a Marijuana Business License at 23 Cross Street.

Passage 7-0, a roll call vote was taken.

**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he spoke at the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, he attended the Dempsey Challenge donation breakfast at Mac’s Grill, reminded everyone that the Dempsey Challenge will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Blue’s & Brew’s festival will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**Councilor Young** – reported that the new ELHS Building Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

**Councilor Walker** – announced that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, 9/24/19, at Rolly’s. City Manager Peter Crichton will be speaking. On 9/26/2019, the Neighborhood Watch Group will meet at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church. He also provided an update on the St. Louis bells and fundraising. There will be a Bell Tower event on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 AM. Fundraising is somewhere around \$50,000 to date.

**Councilor Fournier** – announced that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow at 7:30 AM. and next Thursday will be the annual meeting between 5:30 and 7:00 PM at the Library. The School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday. They are looking into finding a someone to fill the vacant Ward 3 School Committee seat and discussing the process for doing that. On Tuesday, Sept. 24th the Senior Maine Summit will be held from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Augusta Civic Center. She also noted that she has been meeting with the AARP group once a month at E. Claire’s located in the Bates building.

**Councilor Titus** – thanked Councilor Fournier for her work on the School Committee, he reported that the first meeting of Androscoggin Budget Committee was held last week, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, the Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at 4:00 PM and on Wednesday at 4:00 PM the Water District Board of Trustees will be meeting, and last Friday he attended the Audit Committee meeting.

**Councilor Hayes** – no report

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the Court Street group met on Friday (she was unable to attend), and their next advisory meeting is in early to mid October followed by the public meeting sometime at the end of October/middle of November.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that the First Auburn Seniors meet this Wednesday at the Hasty Center and she reported on the Age Friendly surveys.

**City Manager’s Report** – provided an update on the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee (there are still two vacancies and we still need a City Councilor). He provided a Strategic Plan update. He announced that we now have a Wellness Advisor for the City, Nicole Oberlander, from the YMCA. He announced that the Homecoming Celebration is coming up November 1st – 3rd. The St. Louis Bell Tower unveiling is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11AM, the Senior Center grand opening will take place that same day at 1:00 PM, the Alumni Event will be held at Lost Valley from 5:00 – 11:00 PM, Sunday is Family Fun day at ELHS. Last, he commented on the Celebration of Life event for Tom Kendall, adding that the City was fortunate to have someone like him.

**Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – August 2019

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept and place on file the August 2019 Finance Reports. Passage 7-0.

**VIII. Open Session** – Brian Carrier, 32 Constellation Drive commented on the Mayor’s Ag and Natural Resource Ad-hoc Committee and wanted to clarify that the Planning Board was never asked to vote up or down on it. They were only asked their opinion on items addressed.

**IX. Executive Session** – Personnel Matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time in 8:45 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:39 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**XIX. Consent Items** - None

**II. Minutes** – September 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

**XLIII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

Make a Wish Presentation – A \$94,000 check was presented to the Make-A-Wish foundation. The Mayor thanked Jimbo Marston (Uncle Andy’s Digest), Mac’s Grill and others for their efforts with the Summer Block Party fundraiser event.

**XLIV. Open Session**

Peter Rubens, Chair of Grow LA River Working Group provided the Council with an update on the many things they are working on.

Larry (Laurier) Morrisette, talked about government corruption.



## **XLV. Unfinished Business**

### **1. Order 111-09162019**

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone this item until the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Don St. Germain, owner of Morris Auto Parts spoke.

## **XLVI. New Business**

### **5. Order 114-10072019**

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$100 business license fee for Saint Dominic Academy's Annual Holiday Festival.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

### **6. Resolve 10-10072019**

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Supporting the Feeding Auburn Initiative Microgrants Program.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

## **VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – ran a TV ad for Alumni weekend (Come Home, Auburn – ELHS Alumni Weekend 2019) scheduled for November 1, 2, 3, 2019 to wind up the sesquicentennial celebration. The ad should run within the next week and a half. For more information, people can visit the website at [www.auburn150.com](http://www.auburn150.com).

**Councilor Young** – no report

**Councilor Walker** – reported that November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM there will be a Bell Tower presentation in the new Anniversary Park. Also, on that same date at 1:00 PM, there will be a ribbon cutting at the new Senior Center.

**Councilor Fournier** – provided Council and the public with an update on the recent School Committee meeting and she handed out to Councilors a comparison chart which compares Auburn with 23 other schools and measures various items (MEA scores, enrollment, economically disadvantaged students, reading proficiency, math proficiency, absences, per pupil spending, and more).

**Councilor Titus** – provided Council and the public with an update on the County Budget Committee meeting, and the Auburn Water and Sewer District meetings.

**Councilor Hayes** – commented on a newspaper article that was in the paper a few weeks ago in respect to federal money that has come into the airport, adding that activity will begin around the end of the month.

**Councilor Lasagna** – announced that absentee voting has begun, and the ELHS Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> here at Auburn Hall. The sub-committees will meet at 530 and the Building Committee meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

**Councilor Gerry** – reported that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) will meet this Wednesday at 12:30 PM at AVCOG. On Wednesday, there will be a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting at Auburn Hall at 6:30 PM. The First Auburn Seniors will be meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**City Manager** – reported that the Strategic Plan Report will be presented on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM. He welcomed Kelsey Earle who has joined the City

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Manager's Office as Executive Assistant. He commented on the CSO item and noted that all departments are busy and he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their support.

**Councilor Titus** added that there is a candidate forum scheduled to be held at the Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

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

Council continued the workshop discussion on the Ag Zone.

### **IX. Executive Session** – Personnel matter (City Manager's review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 9:00 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:30 PM.

### **X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

## **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 94**

Mayor Levesque 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.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**XX. Consent Items** - None

**II. Minutes** – October 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

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

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Proclamation** – Mayor Levesque declared November 1, 2019 as Extra Mile Day in Auburn and he recognized Jenna Rae Brown (Manager of Gritty's), Cynthia Peters (retired Edward Little High School Teacher), and Melissa Slattery (BJ's Wholesale Club) for their contributions
- **Presentation** – Bates College Agriculture & Natural Resources Survey (Francis Eanes, Ph.D. Visiting Assistant Professor Environmental Studies Department Bates College)

**IV. Open Session**

Adam Lee, Western Prom commented on Dr. Eanes presentation on the Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Michelle Melaragno, Trapp Road also commented on Dr. Eanes Agriculture and Natural Resources presentation and the workshop discussion.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the Ag zone discussion.

Larry Morrisette commented on the constitution, rules and laws.

Marie Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented on a campaign letter that she and her husband received.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road thanked the Public Works Department for filling a pothole on his street before winter hit. He also commented on his previous campaigns adding that he is discouraged today with things that are going on.

V. **Unfinished Business** - None

VI. **New Business**

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Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend rules and take item #14, Order 126-10212019 out of order.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Order 126-10212019 - Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the land transfers required to complete the previously approved New Auburn Village Center Revitalization Project.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

**1. Ordinance 13-10212019**

Amending Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-23 of the General Assistance Ordinance Annual Adjustment of Maximum Benefits, Appendices A, B, C and H, effective 10/01/2019 to 9/30/2020. 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 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**2. Order 115-10212019**

Re-appointing Arthur Wing to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2024 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 116-10212019**

Re-appointing Nikki Chabot to the CDBG Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**4. Order 117-10212019**

Re-appointing Ann Parker to the CDBG Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**5. Order 118-10212019**

Re-appointing Paula Curtis-Everett to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**6. Order 119-10212019**

Re-appointing Tim Cogle to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**7. Order 120-10212019**

Re-appointing Michael Thurston to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**8. Order 121-10212019**

Appointing Dennis Connolly, Sr. to the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee for a six-month term (which may be extended to 12 months) as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

**9. Order 122-10212019**

Appointing Rebecca Lloyd to the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee for a six-month term (which may be extended to 12 months) as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 7-0.

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**10. Order 123-10212019**

Re-appointing Michael Mathieu to the Zoning Board of Appeals as full member with a term expiration of 10/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

Passage 6-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Young abstained).

**11. Order 124-10212019**

Appointing Cindy Russo to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an associate member with a term expiration of 10/01/2022 as nominated by the Appointment Committee on 10/15/2019.

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

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

**12. Order 125-10212019**

Appointing Kelsey Earle to serve on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) for a three-year term.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until the November 4, 2019 regular Council meeting. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

**13. Ordinance 14-10212019**

Adopting the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment (965 Minot Avenue). First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

**14. Order 126-10212019**

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the land transfers required to complete the previously approved New Auburn Village Center Revitalization Project.

This item was taken out of order as the first item under new business.

**15. Order 127-10212019**

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$100 business license fee for Edward Little High School Music Association's Craft and Vendor Fair.

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

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Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**16. Order 128-10212019**

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the sales/purchase agreement for Norway Savings Bank Arena (NSBA).

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

No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – noted that a lot happening: Museum in the Streets, the second New Year's Eve Auburn event planning is underway, Alumni Weekend scheduled for November 1, 2, and 3, 2019, the dedication of the new Senior Center, the unveiling of the St. Louis Bell Tower in Anniversary Park, the upcoming election scheduled for November 5, 2019 and he added that, October 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for absentee voting.

The Mayor had to excuse himself from the meeting.

Assistant Manager Crowell asked for nominations for a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier seconded by Councilor Lasagna to nominate Councilor Titus. There were no other nominations. Passage 7-0.

**Councilor Gerry** - no report

**Councilor Lasagna** - no report

**Councilor Hayes** - no report, but he commented on the timer used on the screen- noting that he has never noticed this before. He commented that it should be done for school committee as well as others. His second comment was that he is concerned with the use of social media.

**Councilor Titus** – reported that he was unable to attend the Sewer District meeting, and he also missed the County Budget meeting because he attended the filtration presentation by the Auburn Water District instead. He commented that he would like this Council to look at the 5-year CIP before budget discussions begin. He also commented testing the water quality at Taylor pond. Councilor Hayes noted that they have a Pond Association and they report that in their Annual Report.

**Councilor Fournier** – provided a School Committee meeting update.

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**Councilor Walker** – reported that he will be attending a meeting tomorrow with Maine Waste and Energy (their monthly meeting), he commented on recycling and provided some dates and events to note: October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Age Friendly group will be meeting at 5:30 PM at the Hasty Community Center, the New Auburn Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> the Halloween event will be held in New Auburn, the United New Auburn Association will meet at Rolly's Diner on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM the Bell Tower will be unveiled at Anniversary Park in New Auburn, and last, the United New Auburn Association has invited the At Large City Council candidates to attend at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sixth Street Congregational Church for a meet and greet and will have an opportunity to answer a few questions. He later added that he attended the Auburn Fire Departments open house and encouraged people to check out their new ambulance noting that it was something to see.

**Councilor Young** – reported that he missed the last ELHS Building Committee meeting, and the sub-committee meeting for Athletics. He attended KVAC Cross Country Conference in Augusta, and he attended the Flannel 5K event.

**Assistant City Manager** – reported that the City Manager was attending a conference. He commented on the Annual Auburn Fire Department's Open House that was held this past weekend, he announced that on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM is Fright Festival at the Auburn Recreation Department, the Art Walk will also be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Strategic Planning Landing will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton.

### **September Finance Report-Jill Eastman**

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept and place on file the September 2019 Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

**VIII. Open Session** – Adam Lee, Western Prom had questions regarding the present composition of the Ethics Committee.

**IX. Executive Session** –None



## **X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. All were in favor, 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. All Councilors were present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **XXI. Consent Items**

1. **Order 129-11042019\***  
Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the November 5, 2019 Election.
2. **Order 130-11042019\***  
Accepting the transfer of \$1,540.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1525 Kamau Thompson).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

#### **XXII. Minutes – October 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

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

- Zachary Lenhert provided a review of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and took comments
- A Mass Gathering Application (for the New Year's Eve Auburn Event) was presented to the Council as a formal communication as outlined in our Mass Gathering ordinance. The public hearing and Council vote will take place at the November 18, 2019 meeting.

#### **VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.**

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**1. Order 111-09162019**

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

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

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

**2. Ordinance 14-10212019**

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Adopting the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment (965 Minot Avenue). Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**3. Ordinance 13-10212019**

Amending Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-23 of the General Assistance Ordinance Annual Adjustment of Maximum Benefits, Appendices A, B, C and H, effective 10/01/2019 to 9/30/2020. Second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**4. Order 125-10212019**

Appointing Kelsey Earle to serve on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) for a three-year term.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone this item indefinitely.

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Young, Titus, and Hayes opposed).

**X. New Business**

**1. Order 131-11042019**

Approving the liquor license and special amusement permit for Firehouse Grill. Public hearing.

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

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

2. **Order 132-11042019**  
Confirming the Mayor's appointment of James Pross as a regular voting member of the Ethics Committee for a three-year term.  
  
Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.  
  
Public comment - no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.
3. **Order 133-11042019**  
Confirming the Mayor's appointment of Leonard Kimble as a regular voting member of the Ethics Committee for a one-year term.

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- Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.  
  
Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.
4. **Order 134-11042019**  
Confirming the Mayor's appointment of Jared Doyle as an alternate member of the Ethics Committee for a three-year term.  
  
Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young for passage.  
  
Public comment - no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

#### **XI. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – reported on the Alumni event, the ELHS vs. Lewiston High football game, the dedication of Museum in the Streets, the postponement of the raising of the Bells of St. Louis, the Alumni Reunion that was held on Saturday at Lost Valley, and last, he reminded everyone that tomorrow, November 5<sup>th</sup> was election day and he encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

**Councilor Gerry** commented on the LATC appointment being postponed indefinitely. She reported that the Age Friendly group was not going to be meeting tomorrow due to the Election. She reported on the open house and ribbon cutting that was held last Saturday at the new Senior Community Center, the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting on Wednesday, and the Age Friendly group is having their second Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day at noon time. She added that this is a free event.

**Councilor Lasagna** reported on the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee meeting that was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, adding that they will be meeting every other week at 7:30 AM. She commented on the Strategic Plan meeting, and last she noted that Holly Ewing from Bates College was part of a group that received a grant to study the algae in Lake Auburn.

**Councilor Hayes** – reported on the Airport's kick off after receiving Federal funding for improvements at the Airport.

**Councilor Titus** – had a few questions; one regarding the Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center and the other was regarding the grant to study Lake Auburn. He also reported on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee public hearing and meeting.

**Councilor Fournier** – thanked the County Budget Committee for their work. She also provided an update on what is transpiring with the School Committee and the status of the Superintendent’s evaluation adding that the process will continue through Dec. 31, 2019.

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**Councilor Walker** – thanked everyone that attended the new Senior Community Center’s open house. He reported that the Age Friendly Committee will meet there on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. He also reported on the Thanksgiving dinner they have scheduled, and last he added that they will also be putting on a New Years party this year during the day on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

**Councilor Young** – reported that he attended the ELHS vs. Lewiston High football game and that he took a lot of photos while there. He also reported that he attended the pancake breakfast. Last, he congratulated the two ELHS girls that went to the State meet - Peyton Bell and Lil Vincent.

**City Manager Crichton** – reported on the homecoming event, the street-light project, which he said was almost complete, and the Strategic Plan landing that was held at the Hilton.

**Assistant City Manager Crowell** - provided an update on the Senior Center programming.

**VIII. Open Session** – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on an article in the Sun Journal by Bonnie Waschuck on trick or treaters and how it has evolved over the years and he commented on the New Auburn Association’s Trunk or Treat event in New Auburn.

**IX. Executive Session** – None

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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