

Mayor LaBonte 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 arrived at 5:10, all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – Motion by Councilor Young seconded by Councilor Walker, moved to approve the consent items: Minutes of December 5, 2011 and December 27, 2011 Council Meetings.

Passage, 6-0 (Councilor Hayes was not present for this vote)

II. Reports

Mayor’s Report

Committee Reports

- **Robert Hayes: Planning Bd, Water, Library, and Railroad –no report**
- **David Young: School Committee, Cable TV Adv Board-report given**
- **Belinda Gerry: LA Transit, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing-no report**

Don Gerrish, Acting City Manager

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – Motion by Councilor LaFontaine, seconded by Councilor Young to approve the November 2011 Finance Report. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Crowley abstained) .

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

IV. Open Session

Francois Bussiere (School Committee Member), 9 Winter Street, Auburn
School Committee attendance for the January 30th joint workshop between the City Council and the School Committee.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VIII. Open Session - no public comment

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor Shea – Inviting community groups to speak during workshops
- Councilor Walker – Discussion regarding road maintenance during the last storm

X. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Councilor LaFontaine, seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

Minutes of January 3, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker, for passage of the consent items.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Shea to add the word “none” after the listing for Councilor Hayes; add the word “none” after the listing for Councilor Young; add the word “none” after the listing for Councilor Gerry; add topic item next to speakers name under the open session; add “no reports” under the second open session, and add the title and signature of the Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the word “none” after his listing. Passage 7-0 to amend the amendment.

Passage of the amendment, as amended, 7-0.

Passage of amended minutes 7-0.

II. Reports

Mayor’s Report – Reported

Committee Reports

- **Robert Hayes: Planning Bd, Water, Library, and Railroad** –Reported
- **David Young: School Committee, Cable TV Adv Board**-Reported
- **Belinda Gerry: LA Transit, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing**-Reported
- **Joshua Shea: L-A Economic Growth Council**-Reported

Don Gerrish, Acting City Manager

- **Winter road response** – Denis D’Auteuil, Deputy Director of Public Works reported on the December 21st ice storm response.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

On January 23, 2012 there will be a Community Engagement Event hosted by the School Committee at ELHS from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. with featured speaker, Bea McGarvey, author of the book Inevitable. The public is invited to attend.

IV. Open Session

The following people addressed the Council:

Larry Pelletier-129 Second Street, Auburn
Tim Doughty-75 Cherry Vale Circle

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Item 1-01092012 Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-Administration, Article III-Officers and Employees, Division 4-City Clerk, Section 2-180-Duties, Item #6 and in Article V-Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 2-Registration Voter Appeals Board, Section 2-406-Membership: chair. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to pass the first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to another meeting. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session - no public comment

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

Mayor LaBonte – Scheduled a workshop on January 23, 2012 at 7:45 to discuss goals

Councilor Shea – Inviting community groups to speak during workshops

Councilor Walker – Discussion regarding road maintenance during the last storm

X. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:45 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 17, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 4

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Sergeant Steve Gosselin led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All City Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – None

III. Reports

Mayor's Report - Reported

Committee Reports

- **Robert Hayes: Planning Bd, Water, Library, and Railroad - Reported**
- **David Young: School Committee, Cable TV Adv Board - Reported**
- **Belinda Gerry: LA Transit, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing - Reported**
- **Joshua Shea: LAEGC - Reported**

Councilor Reports

- **Tizz Crowley - Reported**
- **Mary LaFontaine – No Report**
- **Leroy Walker - Reported**

Interim City Manager (Phil Crowell)

- Upcoming Workshop dates – January 23 Workshop at 7:45 P.M., January 26 Public Comment on the hiring of a City Manager 7:00 P.M., January 30, Joint School Committee/City Council Workshop 5:30 P.M.
- Open Session feedback can be found on the City's website under 2012 Agendas, then under Open Session Questions and Responses in order to ensure the information goes back to the public. Not all questions are answered at the meetings because the information is not always readily available. If it is a question regarding an ordinance, the ordinance section has been added to the response as well as any staff clarification. This may not be the way we continue the follow up. We are still working on the method.
- Meeting Minutes-are on action items only

Acting City Clerk (Sue Clements-Dallaire) – Dog licensing renewal reminder.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – A Motion was made by Councilor Gerry, seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the December 2011 Finance Report. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Crowley abstained).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Swear-In and Badge Pinning Ceremony of the Auburn Police Department new hires and recent officer promotions. The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Jonathan LaBonte and badges were presented by Chief of Police Phil Crowell.

V. Open Session

The following people addressed the Council:

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Daniel Herrick (address not provided)
Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road
Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-01172012 Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-Administration, Article III-Officers and Employees, Division 4-City Clerk, Section 2-180-Duties, Item #6 and in Article V-Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 2-Registration Voter Appeals Board, Section 2-406-Membership: chair. First reading. This item was postponed on 01/09/2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage of the first reading. Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

2. Order 01-01172012 Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.

3. Resolve 01-01172012 Supporting the proposed Lewiston-Auburn Public Health Committee (LAPHC) By-Law Amendments and Member Nominations for Service.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the resolve adding "and approves" after the word "supports." Passage 7-0.

Passage, as amended, 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

Dan Herrick, address not provided

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

Discussion on the use of the podium during open session
Contract with Time Warner
Scheduling meetings during working hours
Inventory of contracts within the City
Give consideration to appointing Parks men as Park Rangers
Update from IT department

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X. ADJOURNMENT-Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn the meeting. Passage 7-0, 8:43 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All City Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes of January 9, 2012 and January 17, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to approve the January 9, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the January 17, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Joint Agency Approval and Mayor Appointments

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte - none
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Arts/Culture/Recreation
 - LA Arts – Councilor LaFontaine - item removed
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine - none
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported

Councilor Reports

- Belinda Gerry reported
- Tizz Crowley reported
- Robert Hayes reported
- Mary LaFontaine reported
- David Young reported
- Leroy Walker reported
- Joshua Shea reported

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish

- Mayor and Council Budget funding
- Items to be discussed at the February 8th workshop

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

The following people addressed the Council:

Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road
Charles Morrison, 46 Lake Street

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-01172012 Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-Administration, Article III-Officers and Employees, Division 4-City Clerk, Section 2-180-Duties, Item #6 and in Article V-Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 2-Registration Voter Appeals Board, Section 2-406-Membership: chair. Second reading. This item was postponed on 01/09/2012, and the first reading was on 1/17/2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Young for passage of the second reading. Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

2. Order 02-02062012 Authorizing Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish to reallocate unused bond money to purchase a new pumper and spare truck for the Fire Department.

The following people addressed this item:

Joe Gray
Tim Doughty

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

3. Order 02-02062012 Confirming Mayor LaBonte's committee appointment nominations.

Motions was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C), to discuss a real estate matter. Passage 7-0, 8:45 P.M.

The Mayor declared the Executive Session over at 9:40 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

Councilor Gerry would like to hold a Public Hearing regarding the park in New Auburn, next to Rolly's.

XI. Adjournment

Motions was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Passage 7-0, 9:43 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEB. 21, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 10

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

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes of February 6, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the February 6, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte reported
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported

Councilor Reports

- Mary LaFontaine reported
- Tizz Crowley reported
- Leroy Walker reported
- Belinda Gerry reported

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Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish – Reported

Finance Director, Jill Eastman - Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the January 2012 Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

Charles Morrison, President of the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce, presented Chief Phil Crowell, Jr. with the 2012 Public Service Leadership Award.

V. **Open Session**

The following people addressed the Council:

Larry Morrissette, PO Box 3036, Auburn
Steve Martelli, Auburn
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

VI. **Unfinished Business - None**

VII. **New Business**

1. Order 04-02212012 Approving a new Liquor License application for GPG, LLC, DBA: Mac's Grill, 1052 Minot Avenue, Food Service Establishment – Class A Restaurant with Liquor.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 05-02212012 Approving a property abatement for tax years 2009 and 2010 for Map 57 Lot 52-1 in the amount of \$2700 of assessed value for each year.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.

3. Order 06-02212012 Appointing the Registration Appeals Board Members.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 7-0.

4. Order 07-02212012 Authorizing the Mayor to correspond with Maine State Housing Authority concerning the time frame placed on projects to receive Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

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Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 7-0.

5. Order 08-02212012 Approving a Joint Agency Budget Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage of the order with changes. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Young and Walker).

6. Order 09-02212012 Appointing the second City Councilor to the Joint Agency Budget Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Young and Walker).

7. Executive Session Discussion about a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) with possible Council action.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, 8:40 P.M.

The Mayor declared the Executive Session over at 9:05 P.M.

8. Order 10-02212012 Authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute an Option Agreement for the acquisition of land and buildings at 1 Minot Avenue, known as the former Auburn Police Department building (PID: 240-272).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Hayes abstaining).

VIII. Open Session

Larry Morrisette, PO Box 3036, Auburn

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor Shea would like to discuss the City's Massage Therapist Ordinance. He also commented that the Chamber's Regional Image Committee was taking off with their Imaging Campaign and he expressed that he feels the City Council should be involved and updated on this and would like to invite the Committee to a Council Workshop.
- Councilor Gerry would like to discuss the naming of the Park by Rolly's Diner in New Auburn.

X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn the meeting. Passage 7-0, 9:20 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAR. 5, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 14

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. The Girl Scout Troup #1143 of Auburn led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. All City Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes of February 21, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the February 21, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported

Committee Reports

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

Councilor Reports

- Tizz Crowley reported
- Leroy Walker reported

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAR. 5, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 15

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish – Reported

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

The following people addressed the Council:

Linda Twitchell, Lewiston
Steve Martelli, 371 Main Street, Auburn
Hillary Dow, 126 Whitney Street, Auburn
Calvin Rinck, Turner
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, Auburn
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Ordinance 02-03052012 Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 24 Section 24-8 “Definitions” regarding Food Service License Classifications. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage of the first reading. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes).

2. Order 11-03052012 Authorizing the L & A Transit Committee District to apply for Federal Funds for a bus wash.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Executive Session - Discussion about a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). No action to be taken at this meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, 8:25 P.M.

The Mayor declared the Executive Session over at 9:40 P.M.

VIII. Open Session – No public comment

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

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X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn the meeting. Passage 7-0, 9:45 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 19, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 17

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. The Girl Scouts Troop #2013 of Auburn led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Hayes was absent.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes of March 5, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the March 5, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report

- Proclamation Presentation to the Girl Scouts of America, celebrating their 100th Anniversary

Committee Reports

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

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Councilor Reports

- Tizz Crowley reported
- Leroy Walker reported
- Joshua Shea reported

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish

- Manager Search update
- FY 2012/2013 City Budget Presentation
- Update on County Dispatch Consolidation – Chief Crowell

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the February 2012 Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session – No public comment.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

1. Ordinance 02-03052012 - Approving the Code of Ordinances Chapter 24 Section 24-8 “Definitions” regarding Food Service License Classifications. Second Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry).

2. Order 12-03192012 – Approving a Special Amusement Permit Application for MVL, Inc., DBA, Tio Juan’s Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant located at 180 Center Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 6-0.

3. Order 13-03192012 - Approving funds for Spring Clean up.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young for passage. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry).

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4. Resolve 02-03192012 - Supporting the concept of The Lewiston-Auburn Bike-Ped committee.

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

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 14-03192012 - Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Thomas J. Ellis as a Constable with Firearms for the Auburn Police Department.

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

Passage 6-0.

6. Order 15-03192012 - Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Erik Rider, Gary Alan Hutchinson, and Janice Lare as a Constable without Firearms for the Auburn Police Department.

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

Passage 6-0.

7. Order 16-03192012 - Appointing Board & Committee Members.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, Auburn

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor Gerry would like to discuss lighting at Sherwood Heights School during Elections.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn the meeting. Passage 6-0, 9:05 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 2, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 20

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Hayes was absent.

I. Consent Items

None

II. Minutes of March 19, 2012 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the March 19, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report - reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte reported
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes (absent), Mayor LaBonte reported on the Railroad
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry, no report
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea. Councilor Young reported
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker reported
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker reported

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Councilor Reports

- Mary LaFontaine reported
- Tizz Crowley reported
- Joshua Shea reported

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish

- Manager Search update
- TANF/General Assistance issues
- Shrine Circus temporary signs

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. New Business

1. Order 17-04022012 – Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election and the June Primary Election.

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

2. Order 18-04022012 – Appointing Election Clerks for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014.

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

3. Order 19-04022012 – County Dispatch Consolidation.

A corrected document, Resolve 04-04022012, was distributed to Council prior to the meeting.

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Motion was made by Councilor Shea seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage of the resolve. Passage 6-0.

4. Resolve 03-04022012 – Supporting the submission of the application for the 2012 Business Friendly Community Certification Program.

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

- VIII. Open Session** – The Mayor invited the public to speak during Open Session prior to entering into Executive Session. No public comment.

Executive Session - Discussion about Labor Contracts, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). No action to be taken at this meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, 8:05 P.M.

The Mayor declared the Executive Session over at 9:00 P.M.

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor Gerry would like to discuss forming the New Auburn Master Plan Committee.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn the meeting. Passage 6-0, 9:05 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 5, 2012 VOL 33 PAGE 23

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

I. New Business

1. **Order 20-04052012** - Adopting the 2011 Androscoggin County Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.
Passage 6-1 (Crowley)

2. **Order 21-04052012** - Authorizing the Kora Shrine Circus Committee to place temporary signs for its 2012 circus.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.
Passage 7-0.

II. Open Session

No public comment.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn the meeting. Passage 7-0, 5:45 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Rita Beaudry, APD Executive Assistant

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 17, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 24

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Councilors Hayes and Young had excused absences.

I. Consent Items

None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Shea to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting and the April 5, 2012 Special City Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report, reported

- May 26 Memorial Day Parade

Committee Reports

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

City Councilors' Reports

- Councilor Shea
- Councilor LaFontaine
- Councilor Crowley

Interim City Manager's Report, reported

- Update on the search for a City Manager
- City Council schedule

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Finance Director, Jill Eastman – March 2012 Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept the report. Passage 5-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, New Auburn
Jason Levesque, 264 Beech Hill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

- 1. Order 22-04172012** – Setting the date of May 8, 2012 for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held at Auburn Hall and the time for opening the polls.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the special meeting on April 23, 2012. Passage 5-0.

- 2. Order 23-04172012** – Adopting the Community Development 2012 Action Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item. (Note: Item will appear on next regular meeting agenda for action or postponement to date certain.) Passage 5-0.

- 3. Order 24-04172012** – Authorizing Safe Voices to place temporary signs for its 2012 Walk to End Domestic Violence.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Lafontaine for passage. Passage 5-0.

VIII. Open Session

No public comment

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A), for discussion of personnel issues and, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C), for the discussion of the acquisition of real or personal property. Passage 4-1 (Gerry), 7:52 P.M.

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The Mayor declared Executive Session over at 10:35 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

Councilor Gerry would like to discuss the LA Arts 1995 designation as the Official Local Arts Agency for Auburn and would like to revisit the Police Department agreement with PAL and the Parks & Rec department.

XI Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Lafontaine to adjourn.
Passage 5-0, 10:40 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 23, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 27

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session for discussion about a personnel issue, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the Manager search. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

1. Order 25-04172012 – Approving the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry).

Public Comment:

Brenda Parker, 93 Gamage Ave.
Linda Sherwood, 13 Highland Ave.
Female resident, Park Ave.

2. Order 26-04172012 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Option Agreement Addendum on 1 Minot Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

II. Unfinished Business

1. Order 22-04172012 – Setting the date of May 8, 2012 for the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held at Auburn Hall and the time for opening the polls.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry).

III. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A), for discussion of personnel issues. Passage 6-1 (Gerry), 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor declared Executive Session over at 7:50 P.M.

IV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was absent during the vote), 7:52 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 29

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

I. Consent Items

None

II. Minutes of April 17, 2012 City Council Meeting and April 23, 2012 Special City Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to approve the April 17, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes, and approving the April 23, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes after adding Councilor Walker as being absent during the vote to adjourn. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report - reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte reported
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry, no report
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes (absent), reported
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry, reported
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine, no report
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, no report.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker, no report.

Councilor Reports

- Mary LaFontaine reported
- Belinda Gerry reported
- Tizz Crowley reported
- Joshua Shea reported

Chief of Police, Phil Crowell - reported

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- At the 2012 Auburn Citizen of the Year banquet, Mayor LaBonte presented 2012's recipient, Gary Hemenway, with a Key to the City.

V. Open Session

Marsha Auster, Boulder Drive
Gary Haley, 190 Pownal Road
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road
Jasmine, Auburn, ME

VI. Public Comment on Municipal Budget

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Trevor Laliberte, address unknown
Mary Mitchell, 88 Elm Street, Lewiston
Jeannine Valiere, 15 Rose Terrace
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Albert Harvey, 181 Webster Street, Lewiston
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

VII. Unfinished Business

1. Order 23-04172012 – Adopting the Community Development 2012 Action Plan. This item was postponed at the 4/17/2012 Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 7-0.

VIII. New Business

2. Order 25-05072012 – Authorizing the Interim City Manager or his designee to continue to pursue grants from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Freedom Access Grant Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 7-0.

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3. Order 26-05072012 – Authorizing Park Elementary School to place temporary signs for its May Fair and Auction to be held on May 19, 2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 7-0.

4. Order 27-05072012 – Authorizing the Interim City Manager to see the Marshall's Popcorn Truck.

A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to remove this item from the agenda. Passage 7-0.

5. Order 28-05072012 – Appointing a Ward Clerk for Ward 2 for the June Primary Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Young for passage. Passage 7-0.

- IX. Open Session** – The Mayor invited the public to speak during Open Session prior to entering into Executive Session. No public comment.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

Councilor Crowley would like an update on the progress of the new website and an update on the purchase of the new fire truck.

Councilor Gerry would like an update on the 1100 residents that were late with their tax payments.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:20 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 32

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

I. Consent Items

None

II. Minutes of May 7, 2012 City Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the May 7, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report - reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte, no report
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes, no report
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, no report.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker, no report
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker, no report. Chief Crowell gave an update on the 911 dispatch

Councilor Reports

- Belinda Gerry reported
- Tizz Crowley reported
- Mary LaFontaine reported

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish - reported

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the April 2012 Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)'s 2012 "Buckle Up – No Excuses" Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign.

V. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

1. Order 29-05212012 – Appointing Clinton Deschene as City Manager, effective June 18, 2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

2. Ordinance 03-05212012 – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Auburn, Chapter 60 – Zoning, Division 10. Planned Unit Developments, Subdivision II-Types to add a new type of Planned Unit Development: Recreation/Residential Planned Unit Development (RRPUD). First Reading.

Public Comment

Jim Day, President of Martindale Country Club
Jim McPhee, Auburn, Maine
Robert Baskett, 564 Beech Hill Road
Calvin Coney, 24 Fairway Drive
Russ Radcliff, 307 Beech Hill Road
Marj Patrick, 65 Beech Hill Road
Tracy Newman, 15 Brandywine Circle
Whitney, Perkins Hill Road
Don Colban, 730 Beech Hill Road
Nilda, 455 Beech Hill Road
Michelle Vazquez, Beech Hill Road

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to postpone this item indefinitely. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hayes and Walker).

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3. Order 30-05212012 – Setting the time for opening the polls for the June 12, 2012 Primary Election.
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young for passage. Passage 7-0.
4. Order 31-05212012 – Accepting the transfer of \$5,000 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Dixon).
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea for passage. Passage 7-0.
5. Order 32-05212012 – Accepting the transfer of \$1,250 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Weekes).
Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 7-0.
6. Order 33-05212012 – Accepting the transfer of .45mm Springfield automatic pistol forfeiture assets (Tardif).
Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.
7. Order 34-05212012 – Accepting the transfer of \$1,425 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Tidswell).
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 7-0.
8. Order 35-05212012 – Accepting the transfer of \$86,764 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Morrissette).
Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.
9. Order 36-05212012 – Accepting the offer of \$17,101 from Westfield, Inc., for the sale of a tax acquired parcel on Minot Avenue. This item was added to the agenda.
Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 7-0.
10. Order 38-05212012 – Accepting the settlement agreement and consent order between Michael Farrell (145 Eastman Lane) and the City of Auburn. This item was added to the agenda.
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.
11. Order 37-05212012 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Addendum to the City of Auburn’s Option Agreement with Building Solutions, dated February 21, 2012 (Order 10-02212012). This item was added to the agenda.
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0, (Councilor Hayes abstained).

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VIII. Open Session — The Mayor invited the public to speak during Open Session prior to entering into Executive Session.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C), for discussion of a real estate matter. Passage 7-0, 9:44 P.M.

The Mayor declared Executive Session over at 9:50 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C), for discussion of a real estate matter. Passage 7-0, 9:54 P.M.

The Mayor declared Executive Session over at 10:40 P.M.

X Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was absent for the vote), 10:40 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, Acting City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 4, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 36

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. He asked for a motion to select a Mayor Pro Tempore in the excused absence of Mayor Jonathan LaBonté.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to nominate Councilor Shea as Mayor Pro Tempore. Passage 6-0.

Councilor Shea led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence.

I. Consent Items

None

II. Minutes of May 21, 2012 City Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the revised May 21, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Shea abstaining).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – absent

Councilor Shea announced that tonight was the Interim City Manager's last Council Meeting and he thanked him for being a great mentor.

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish reported on behalf of the Mayor

- June 8 ELHS Adult Education graduation
- Maine Turnpike Authority would be meeting at Auburn Hall on June 19th at 6:30 P.M. to discuss increase in tolls.

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte, absent
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry, no report
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine, absent

- Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, Councilor Young reported.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker, no report
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker, no report.

Councilor Reports

- Tizz Crowley reported
- Belinda Gerry reported
- Leroy Walker reported

Interim City Manager, Don Gerrish - reported

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue
Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Public Hearing on City and School CIP - No public comments.

VIII. New Business

1. Resolve 05-06042012 – Adopting the Municipal Budget (Annual Appropriation Resolve). Public hearing and first reading.

Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage of the first reading. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Crowley).

2. Order 36-06042012 – Reducing the match requirement, under the Residential Rehabilitation Program, from 25% to 12.5% to provide a \$21,875 loan, as approved by the Community Development Loan committee, for the property located at 90 Whitney Street.

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Walker opposed; Councilor Shea abstaining).

3. Order 37-06042012 – Authorizing the City Manager to sign the proposed Land Swap Agreement and other documents necessary to complete the land exchange with R & K Properties, LLC., for property at 8 South Main Street (parcel 221-074) and property at 87 Mill Street (parcel 221-076).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Shea abstaining).

4. Order 38-06042012 – Opening a period for nominations of names for a City owned parcel of land located besides 87 Mill Street, (also known as 8 South Main Street).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Shea abstaining).

- VIII. Open Session** – The Mayor invited the public to speak during Open Session prior to entering into Executive Session.

Denis D’Auteuil, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Auburn
Dan Herrick, Hatch Road
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road
Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle

- IX. Future Agenda Items** - None

X Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 5-0, (Councilor Shea abstaining), 9:22 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 18, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 39

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

I. Consent Items

None

II. Minutes of June 4, 2012 City Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the June 4, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonte, no report
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes, no report
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry, no report
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine, no report
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, Councilor Young reported.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker reported

Councilor Reports

- Tizz Crowley reported
- Mary LaFontaine reported
- David Young reported
- Leroy Walker reported

- Joshua Shea reported

City Manager - reported

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Mayor LaBonté presented Mayoral Portraits to previous Mayors John Cleveland, Richard Trafton, and Richard Gleason.

Mayor LaBonté recognized Public Works Director, Bob Belz, who will be retiring at the end of the month, for 43 years of dedicated service to the City of Auburn.

V. Open Session

Ron Dubois, Executive Director of the YMCA
Gary Simard, 157 Cook Street
Savannah, Cassidy, and Parker
Joanne Shaw, Lake Street
Dennis Berube
Scott Bussiere, 205 Lake Street
Jake
Laura Garcia, Lewiston
Eric Chadborne
Tom Labrie

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Resolve 05-06042012 – Adopting the Municipal Budget (Annual Appropriation Resolve). Second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea for passage. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry).

VII. New Business

1. Order 39-06182012 – Adopting the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Bond Projects.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

2. Order 40-06182012 – Adopting the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP2) Other Funding Projects.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 7-0.

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3. Order 41-06182012 – Authorizing the issuance and sale of the City’s general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,600,000. Public Hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

4. Order 42-06182012 – Establishing the property tax payment due dates and the property tax delinquency and overpayment interest rates for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

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

Motion by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order by changing the interest rate from 7% to 5%. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, and Shea).

Passage of order 5-2 (Councilor Gerry and Walker).

5. Order 43-06182012 – Designating the city-owned parcel at 8 S. Main Street (PID; 221-074) as a public easement (as defined by 23 M.R.S.A. §3021); and authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete this designation.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

Gary Simard, Cook Street
Steve Martelli, Main Street
Bob Belz, Director of Public Works, City of Auburn

- IX. Future Agenda Items** – Councilor Gerry – disposal of needles, recycling, litter issues.

X Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Shea), 9:40 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 25, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 42

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

The City Council took a few minutes at the beginning of the public meeting to let the members of the public continue to comment on the Ice Arena which was discussed in workshop.

The following individuals addressed this item in workshop and in the regular meeting:

Tom Labrie, Greene
Paul Bonenfant, 36 Mayfield Road
Kevin Pratt, Hersey Hill Road, Minot
Mike Keene, Nottingham Hill Road
Mark Sampson, 34 Musket Drive, Auburn
Darren Chadborne
Dennis Berry, 26 Crest Avenue
Jackie Moreau
Brian Dubois, Executive Director of the YMCA
Al Hannel, New Gloucester
Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, Auburn
Paul Landry, Minot Avenue
Dan D'Auteuil, Pinewoods Road

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to table the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. Motion failed, 3-4 (Councilors LaFontaine, Shea, Walker, Hayes).

Council went into executive session at 7:15 P.M. by a vote of 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

The Mayor declared executive session over at 8:35 P.M.

The following items were added to the agenda.

Order 46-06252012 - Authorizing staff to conduct due diligence and pursue site control for the land at 985 Turner Street owned by George Schott/Auburn Plaza, Inc., for the purpose of building a double-sheet ice arena at that location.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea for passage. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

Order 47-06252012 - Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement under which the City of Auburn will be responsible for a portion of certain planning, permitting and site preparation costs associated with the construction of a double-sheet ice arena incurred by the developer in the event that the City decides ultimately not to pursue the ice arena project.

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

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Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend the order to hold a referendum vote within 3 weeks from this meeting. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors LaFontaine, Hayes, Young, Shea, and Walker).

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Crowley).

I. New Business

1. Order 44-06252012 – Granting a mass gathering permit and in kind services to the Liberty Festival 2012.

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 45-06252012 – Authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for the city school capital equipment and improvements in the amount of \$1,057,323. Public hearing and first reading.

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session — There was no public comment

X Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Shea), 9:15 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 2, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 44

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

I. Consent Items

1. **Order 48-07022012*** - Waiving the business licensing fee for the High Street Congregational Church.

Councilor Gerry requested this item be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

2. **Order 49-07022012 *** - Waiving the business licensing fee for Saint Dominic Academy.

Councilor Hayes requested this item be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

II. Minutes of June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the June 18 and June 25, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage, 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonté reported. Clint Deschene will serve on this seat going forward.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry, no report.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea reported.
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported.
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young, no report.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, Councilor Young reported.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.

- Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported.
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker, no report.

Councilor Reports

- Leroy Walker reported
- Tizz Crowley reported
- Mary LaFontaine reported

City Manager - reported

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Roland Miller, Economic Development Director, City of Auburn
Andy Titus, Lamplighter Circle
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

- 3.** Order 41-06182012 – Authorizing the issuance and sale of the City’s general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,600,000, second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage, 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

- 4.** Order 45-06252012 – Authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for the city school capital equipment and improvements in the amount of \$1,057,323, second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item until 7/16/2012.

Public comment -

Francois Bussiere, School Committee Member.

Motion failed, 3-4 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage of the Order.

Public comment

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle

Passage of Order, 7-0.

VII. New Business

1. Order 48-07022012* - Waiving the business licensing fee for the High Street Congregational Church. Councilor Gerry requested this item be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to waive the on premise business licensing fee.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item. Motion failed, 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Shea, Gerry, Young).

Passage of Order, 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Hayes).

2. Order 49-07022012 * -Waiving the business licensing fee for Saint Dominic Academy. Councilor Hayes requested this item be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Crowley to postpone this item. Passage, 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Shea, Walker).

5. Order 50-07022012 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding.

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

Public comment –

Andy Titus, Lamplighter Circle
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

Passage, 6-1 (Councilor Gerry).

VIII. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

- IX. Executive Session -** Discussing a Poverty Abatement, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841 (2).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea, 7-0, 9:07 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:32 P.M.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to deny the Poverty Abatement case # 129. Passage, 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

X. Future Agenda Items – Councilor Crowley, the Turner Street Project.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. Passage, 6-1 (Councilor Gerry), 9:36 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Young was absent.

I. Consent Items

1. **Order 51-07162012** Electing Rosemary Kulow and appointing City Manager Clint Deschene as the MMA LPC (Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee members for the 2012-2014 term.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the 7/2/2012 meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley and Councilor Walker reported.

City Manager's Report

Letter from The Mayor and City Council to School Committee Members – to be signed by Council.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – Final June 2012 preliminary Financial Report

Motion to accept the June 2012 Preliminary Financial Report was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

Hillary Dow – 126 Whitney Street, Auburn

John Cote – 584 Minot Avenue, Auburn

Gary Plouffe – 178 Main Street, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business

1. **Order 49-07022012** Waiving the business licensing fee for Saint Dominic Academy. Postponed on 7/2/12.

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Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Hayes).

VII. New Business

1. **Ordinance 03-07162012** Amending the Code of Ordinances adopting the FY 12-13 General Assistance maximums to be effective on and after July 1, 2012 to reflect the state law (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage of the first reading. Passage 6-0.

2. **Ordinance 04-07162012** Amending the City Of Auburn Zoning Map in the area of 75 Constellation Drive, from Suburban Residential, to Industrial pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 1445 – 1449 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage of the first reading. Passage 6-0.

3. **Ordinance 05-07162012** Amending the Official Business Directory Sign (OBDS) Ordinance Chapter 42, Division 2, Section 42-44. Location. Public hearing, first and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the first reading (final reading will be at next meeting). Passage 6-0.

4. **Resolve 06-07162012** Opposing immediate action on the proposed toll increases by the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 6-0.

5. **Order 52-07162012** Appointing Planning Board members.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint to the Planning Board: Robert Gagnon from Associate Member to a full member with a term ending July 2014; Daniel Philbrick to a full member with a term ending January 2015; Marc Tardif to a full member with a term ending January 2014 and Mia Poliquin Pross as an Associate Member with a term ending July 2014. Passage 6-0.

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VIII. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A), to discuss a personnel matter. Passage 6-0, 8:18 P.M.

The Mayor announced Executive Session was over at 9:14P.M.

IX. Open Session

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items Future Agenda/Workshop Items were not discussed.

Potential workshops items for August 6:

- Waiving fees for non-profits
- Website policy
- Committee and Board appointments

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0, 9:15 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Karen Veilleux, Executive Assistant

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

I. Consent Items

1. **Order 53-08062012*** Confirming the appointments of Mitchel B. Morse as Constable with firearm and Kristal A. Parshall as Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
2. **Order 54-08062012*** Accepting the transfer of \$975.60 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Martinez).
3. **Order 55-08062012*** Appointment of Renee Lachapelle as Tax Assessor for a period of one year from March 15, 2011 to March 14, 2012.
4. **Order 56-08062012*** Appointment of Renee Lachapelle as Tax Assessor for a period of two years from March 15, 2012 to March 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the July 16 Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonté reported. Clint Deschene will serve on this seat going forward.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea reported.
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry, no report.
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea, no report.
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine, no report.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, no report.
- Environmental Services

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- Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.
- Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker, no report.

Councilor Reports

- Tizz Crowley reported
- David Young reported
- Leroy Walker reported
- Belinda Gerry reported

City Manager – reported

- Liberty Festival – Police Departments After Action Report – Phil Crowell
- Fireworks – Phil Crowell

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Mayoral Proclamation – National Night Out
- New Park Watch Program – Ravi Sharma and Phil Crowell

V. Open Session

A gentleman spoke but he did not provide his name or address
Barry Plouffe, 121 Main Street

VI. Unfinished Business

1. **Ordinance 03-07162012** Amending the Code of Ordinances adopting the FY 12-13 General Assistance maximums to be effective on and after July 1, 2012 to reflect the State law. Second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.

No public comment.

Passage 7-0.

2. **Ordinance 04-07162012** Amending the City of Auburn Zoning Map in the area of 75 Constellation Drive, from Suburban Residential, to Industrial pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 1445-1449 of the Code of Ordinances. Second and final reading.

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

No public comment.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Ordinance 05-07162012** Amending the Official Business Directory Sign (OBDS) ordinance Chapter 42, Division 2, Section 42-44. Location. Second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.

No public comment.

Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

1. **Order 57-08062012** Approving a new Liquor License application for Zhen Long Inc, D/B/A Panda Garden Restaurant located at 245 Center Street. Food Service Establishment – Class I Restaurant with Liquor.

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

No public comment.

Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 58-08062012** Approving services and permissions for the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Lafontaine for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the order by the following;

1. Under the licenses paragraph, strike waiving fees for vendors,
2. If a vendor is currently licensed, they would be exempt from the restrictions in this letter and would be allowed to continue operating,
3. Under the Sanitary Facilities paragraph, add that more units will be added if deemed necessary by the City Manager or his designee,
4. All city costs will be documented by city staff with a follow up report,
5. Make changes to the section under **Friday, August 17, 5:00pm – Sunday, August 19, 8:00pm** as follows; Permission for the Great Falls Balloon Festival, Inc. to control all food and product vendors, but for those licensed as of 8/6/2012, as well as other non approved activities in the Great Falls Plaza area and in city owned property and parking lots referenced above (public areas, green spaces and parking lots in the downtown Main Street area including Festival Plaza, Miller parking lot, Mechanics Row Parking lot between Main and Mechanic's Row, and the Riverwalk) and striking everything else.

Public comment

- Mell Hamlyn, Balloon Festival Coordinator
- Harold Brooks, Hebron, ME and Balloon Festival Head of Logistics

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Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the amendment by reducing the licensing fee to \$10.00. Vote 3-3-1 (Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Shea, with Councilor LaFontaine abstaining), Mayor LaBonté voted breaking the tie and the motion failed, 3-4-1 (Councilors Crowley, Walker, Shea, and Mayor LaBonté, with Councilor LaFontaine abstaining).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend the amendment by changing the language in part 1 to waive the fees for the two approved vendors (Jr. ROTC and the Children's Miracle Network). Passage, 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Shea).

Passage of the amendment, as amended, 5-2 (Councilors LaFontaine and Walker).

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

3. **Order 59-08062012** Approving the refinancing of Bonds.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.

No public comment.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Resolve 07-08062012** Supporting the City Manager's letter/email to MMA (Maine Municipal Association) expressing City Council concerns on MMA's Executive Committee Selection process.

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

Passage 7-0.

VIII. **Open Session**

No public comment

IX. **Executive Session**

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea, 9:46 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:56 P.M.

X. **Future Agenda Items** – The Mayor called for a Special Council Meeting on Monday, 9/24/2012 to set the date for a Public Hearing on naming the 8 South Main Street property.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 9:58 P.M.

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ATTEST *Susan Clements-Dallaire*
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence.

I. Consent Items - none

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Shea to approve the minutes of the 8/6/2012 meeting. Councilor Crowley requested that a correction be made on consent agenda item #4, order 56-08062012. Changing the word one to two (years). Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

- City of Auburn work plan

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Gerry, Councilor Crowley, and Councilor Walker reported.

City Manager's Report

- Website policy

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – July 2012 Monthly Report

Motion to accept the July 2012 Monthly Report was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

V. Open Session

John Cote – 344 Minot Avenue, Auburn
John Cleveland – 183 Davis Avenue, Auburn
Barry Plouff – 178 Main Street, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 59-08062012 Approving the refinancing of Bonds, public hearing, second and final reading.

Public Hearing – no public comment.

Passage 6-0.

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VII. New Business

- 1. Order 60-08202012** Considering the petition to accept Clubhouse Lane as a public street.

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

Public Hearing – Dave Hamilton, 45 Clubhouse Lane

Motion failed 1-5 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, Walker, Gerry, and Shea).

- 2. Order 61-08202012** Approving Veterinary Support Services request to construct a 9,441 square foot building and operate an animal cremation service at 171 Kittyhawk Avenue (PID # 131-002).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.

Public Hearing – Mike Gotto, 456 Buckfield Road, Turner, ME

Passage 6-0.

- 3. Order 62-08202012** Appointing members to the Water and Sewer Districts, and the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Loan Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Vote 6-0, 8:19 P.M.

The Mayor declared executive session over at 8:33 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes to make the following appointments and reappointments;

- Heidi McCarthy – Sewer District Board of Trustees, a new appointment with a term expiration of 3/1/2016
- Bruce Rioux – Water District Board of Trustees, a reappointment with a term expiration of 3/1/2013
- James Wilkins – Water District Board of Trustees, a new appointment with a term expiration of 3/1/2014
- Lee Upton – Water District Board of Trustees, a new appointment with a term expiration of 3/1/2016
- Matt Carter – CDBG Loan Committee, a reappointment with a term expiration of 9/1/2014
- Susan Krongold - CDBG Loan Committee, a reappointment with a term expiration of 2/1/2015

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- Traverse Fournier - CDBG Loan Committee, a reappointment with a term expiration of 2/1/2014
- John Cleveland - CDBG Loan Committee, a reappointment with a term expiration of 9/1/2013

Passage 6-0.

- 4. Order 63-08202012** Authorizing the City Manager to sign easements to the Sewer District and to Rivershore Place Housing, LP.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage.
Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Session

- IX. Open Session** – no one from the public spoke

- X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items** – Update on the improvement plans for the Auburn Beach.

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST 
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 VOL.33 PAGE 59

Mayor LaBonte 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.

I. **Consent Items** - none

II. **Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of 8/20/2012 with two changes, 1) under the Boards and Committee appointments, note if it was a reappointment, 2) add Mike Gotto's address.

Passage 7-0

III. **Reports**

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

Committee Reports

- **Transportation**
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonté reported.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea reported.
- **Housing**
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported.
- **Economic Development**
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported.
- **Education**
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea. Councilor Young reported.
- **Environmental Services**
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported.
- **Recreation**
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker reported.
- **Public Safety**
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker reported.

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City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Young, LaFontaine, Walker, Gerry, and Crowley reported.

City Manager's Report

- Auburn Municipal Beach improvements
- CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

V. Open Session

Dan Herrick – 470 Hatch Road, Auburn
Andy Titus – 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn
Joe Gray – Sopers Mill Road, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business - none

VII. New Business

1. Order 64-09042012 Approving the agreement to share health officer services with Lisbon.

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

Public Comment – Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, Auburn

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry).

Open Session – The Mayor invited the public to speak during Open Session prior to entering into Executive Session to discuss the next agenda item. No one from the public spoke.

2. Order 65-09042012 Approving the pro forma and draft lease on the double surface ice arena.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 7-0, 8:45 P.M.

The Mayor declared executive session over at 10:18.

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No action was taken. This item will be postponed and discussed at the 9/17/2012 City Council Meeting.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for this vote – excused absence), 8:45 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 62

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

Consent Items*

1. **Order 66-09172012*** Appointing John D. Chamberlain as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
2. **Order 67-09172012*** Accepting the transfer of \$656.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Abreau).
3. **Order 68-09172012*** Accepting the transfer of \$525.00 in U.S. Currency; one .45 high point pistol serial # X4173571; and one 12 gauge NEF shot gun serial #NA241124 forfeiture assets (Stoodley).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the 9/4/2012. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley reported.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene Reported.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – August 2012 Monthly Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions – The following items were postponed and will be presented at a future meeting.

- Council Orientation-City Council Roles and Responsibilities - Dan Stockford, Attorney
- Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Presentation-Phil Crowell

V. Open Session

Kevin Simpson, 84 Summer Street, Auburn
Sandra Doctoroff, 39 Royal Oaks Drive, Auburn
Renee Cote, 54 Dawes Avenue, Auburn

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Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend the rules to take New Business out of order. Passage 7-0.

VI. New Business

- 1. Ordinance 06-09172012** Approving the zoning change on South Witham Road. Public Hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve option 2 of 2.

Public Hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, Walker, and Shea).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve option 1 of 2.

Public Hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage of the first reading, 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry).

- 2. Order 69-09172012** Authorizing the sale of Lot 9 to Paul Cutter (Cutter, LLC) and authorizing the Chairman of the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport Board of Directors to sign all necessary documents for the completion of this transaction on behalf of the City of Auburn.

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

Public comment – none

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley).

- 3. Order 70-09172012** Appointing members to the 911 Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Assessment Review Committee. City Council may go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Postponed to a future meeting.

VII. Unfinished Business

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- 1. Order 65-09042012** Authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease agreement on the double surface ice arena (wording changed to agree with the order language). Council may go into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to request staff fully access the bond option with an updated pro-forma and report back to Council.

Public Hearing -

Jay Potter

Kevin Fletcher, Fairway Drive, Auburn

Peter Grenier, Lewiston

Linda Berube, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn

Brad Berube, 60 Vickery Road, Auburn

Brenda Parker, 93 Gamage Avenue, Auburn

Michael Hefty, 29 Infiniti Way, Auburn

Julie Ann Shaw, 222 Lake Street, Auburn

Paul Morin, Vickery Road, Auburn

Evan Cyr, 245 Broad Street, Auburn

A sophomore from St. Dom's

A Lewiston resident

Walter Sturgis, Lewiston

Patrick Madden, Sabattus

Andy Titus, Lamplighter Circle, Auburn

Dan Chasse, Auburn business owner

Dan D'Auteuil, Lewiston

Dennis Berube, Crest Avenue, Auburn

Andy, with the Maine Gladiators

Melissa Collins, 206 Fairview Avenue, Auburn

Dale Lebrun, 185 Summer Street, Auburn

Bill David, Greene

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C). Passage 7-0. 9:11 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:55 P.M.

Councilor LaFontaine rescinded her previous motion and Councilor Shea rescinded his second to request that staff fully access the bond option with an updated pro-forma and report back to Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to authorize the City Manager to execute the lease agreement on the double sheet arena.

Passage 6-1, (Councilor Gerry).

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VIII. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn
Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn
Gene Keene, Jr, 365 Park Avenue, Auburn

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).
Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young had an excused absence). 10:23 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:31 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to enter into Executive Session to discuss Labor Contracts, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).
Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young had an excused absence). 10:32 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:42 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).
Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young had an excused absence). 10:44 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:48 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – Panhandling in Auburn, enforcement of parking and ticket fees.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.
Passage 5-1 (Councilor LaFontaine. Councilor Young had an excused absence). 10:50 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 66

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present (Councilor Young arrived at 7:07 P.M.).

I. Consent Items*

1. **Order 71-09242012*** Authorizing the City Manager to prepare and execute documents necessary to complete a transfer of city-owned property at 127 Howe Street (PID: 227-105) to abutting property owners in accordance with the terms of the agreement reached between the abutting property owners and the City.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for this vote).

II. Minutes - none

III. Reports - none

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- New Auburn Planning Presentation-Eric Cousens, Roland Miller, Reine Mynahan

V. New Business

1. **Order 72-09242012** Naming a parcel of City owned property at 8 South Main Street.

Public hearing –
Susan Savard Smith, Mechanic Falls
Joel Goodman, Auburn
John Henderson, 84 Summer Street, Auburn

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young to name the park Sullivan Square.

Public comments –
Susan Savard Smith, Mechanic Falls
Joel Goodman, Auburn

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the motion by naming the park Sullivan-Zalen Square.

Public comments –
John Henderson, Auburn

Motion failed, 1-6 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, Walker, and Shea all opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend the original motion by naming the park Celtic Park.

Public comment - none

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, Young, and Walker all opposed).

Passage of the main motion, 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

VI. Open Session – Nobody from the public spoke.

VII. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager, Clint Deschene called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. He asked for a motion to select a Mayor Pro Temporé in the excused absence of Mayor Jonathan LaBonté.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker nominating Councilor Shea as Mayor Pro Temporé. Passage 7-0.

Councilor Shea led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. **Order 73-10012012*** Setting the time for opening the polls for the November 6, 2012 General Election.
2. **Order 74-10012012*** Appointment of Warden's and Ward Clerk's for the November 2012 General Election and for all 2013 Elections.
3. **Order 75-10012012*** Accepting the land donation Parcel ID 183-029 located off Vickery Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Councilor Shea reported on behalf of Mayor LaBonté.

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – City Manager Deschene reported on behalf of Mayor LaBonté.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry, no report.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes, no report.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea, no report.
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported.
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea reported.

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- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea. Councilor Young reported.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported.
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker, no report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley, LaFontaine, and Walker reported.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

V. Open Session

Tim Doughty, Cherry Vale Circle, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 06-09172012 Approving the zoning change on South Witham Road. Second and final reading.

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

A motion was made to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda under unfinished business as item #2 (Ice Arena). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker).

Public comment –

Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle, Auburn

Mary Sylvester, Maple Hill Road, Auburn

Holly Bricker, 23 Beckett Street, Auburn

Gary Bricker, Auburn

A resident of Nottingham Avenue, Auburn

Dennis Berube, Crest Avenue, Auburn

Eric Chadborne, New Gloucester

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn

Dan D'Auteil, Dan Chasse – Maine Gladiators

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A motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to rescind order 65-09042012 authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease agreement on the double surface ice arena that was passed on 9/17/2012. Passage 5-2 (Councilors LaFontaine and Walker).

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 7-0, 9:12 P.M.

Councilor Shea declared Council out of executive session at 9:37 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 7-0, 9:12 P.M.

Councilor Shea declared Council out of executive session at 9:37 P.M.

IX. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

Councilor Crowley - issues regarding committee appointments.

Councilor Walker – Sherwood Heights Tennis Courts and the East Auburn Tennis Court.

Councilor LaFontaine – Recreation and Land use.

Councilor Gerry – Snowmobile Club

Councilor Shea – Community Little Theater and a designated Arts Agency.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 9:42 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Shea had an excused absence and all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*- None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2012 Special Council Meeting and the October 1, 2012 City Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Gerry, Crowley, Young, Walker, and LaFontaine reported.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene Reported.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – September 2012 Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the September 2012 Monthly Report. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Presentation-Phil Crowell

V. Open Session

Kevin Simpson, 84 Summer Street, Auburn
Sandra Doctoroff, 39 Royal Oaks Drive, Auburn
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 70-09172012 Appointing members to the 911 Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Assessment Review Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Assessment Review Board, alternate member Andrea Westbye, to a full appointment. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to appoint Ken Sonagere as Zoning Appeals Board member with a term expiration of 1/1/2012, Lane Feldman as a Zoning Appeals Board member with a term expiration of 4/1/2012,

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Elizabeth Shardlow from an associate member to a full member of the Zoning Appeals Board with a term expiration of 4/1/2012. Passage 5-1, (Councilor Gerry).

The remainder of the appointments were postponed.

VII. New Business

- 1. Order 76-10152012** Approving the transfer of a tax acquired property on Foster Road.

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

Public comment –
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Crowley)

- 2. Order 77-10152012** Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto Mart, 227 Merrow Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage, 5-1 (Councilor Walker).

- 3. Order 78-0152012** Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller, 79 & 80 Old Hotel Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage, 5-1 (Councilor Walker).

- 4. Order 79-0152012** Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Maine Metal Recycling, 522 Washington St. North.

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

Public comment – George Schott, address was not given.

Passage, 5-1 (Councilor Walker).

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- 5. Order 80-10152012** Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts, 899 Broad Street.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage, 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker).

- 6. Order 81-10152012** Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Mart, 940 Washington St. North.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage, 3-2-1 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed, with Councilor Hayes abstaining).

- 7. Order 82-10152012** Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Buck's Auto, 249 Merrow Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage, 6-0.

- 8. Order 83-10152012** Approving any potential discussion and action as a result of the Executive Session workshop regarding the Ice Arena.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Passage 6-0, 9:29 P.M.

Executive Session was declared over at 10:12 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the lease agreement.

Public comment –

Henry St. Pierre, Rubelite Lane, Auburn
Jay Webster, 400 Montello Street, Lewiston
Dan D'Auteuil, Lewiston
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

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Passage, 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry).

VIII. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into Executive Session to discuss Labor Contracts, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).
Passage 6-0, 10:41 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 11:02 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – Committee appointment process, junkyard regulations, draft policy on posting Auburn events on the city website, and cemetery maintenance.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn.
Passage 6-0. 11:04 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

1. **Order 84-11052012*** Appointing Donna Albert as Warden in Ward 3 for the November 6, 2012 General Election.
2. **Order 85-11052012*** Appointing Tracey Steuber as Ward Clerk in Ward 5 for the November 6, 2012 General Election.
3. **Order 86-11052012*** Approving a temporary sign request for the Auburn Ski Association's Annual Ski Swap.
4. **Order 87-11052012*** Approving a temporary sign request for the St. Dominic Academy for their annual holiday fair.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonté reported.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea no reported.
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported.
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – The City Manager, Clint Deschene reported on LA Economic Growth Council and Mayor LaBonté reported on the Auburn Business Development Corp.

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- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported, and Councilor LaFontaine provided an update on the High School Committee.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine, no report.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, no report.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported.
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley, Gerry, LaFontaine, and Walker reported.

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

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions** - none

V. **Open Session**

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn

VI. **Unfinished Business** - none

VII. **New Business**

1. **Order 88-11052012** Supporting a federal grant opportunity for the New Auburn Greenway.

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

Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 89-11052012** Approving the General Assistance maximums (appendices C) for FY 12-13.

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

Public comment – none

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Passage 7-0.

- 3. Order 90-11052012** Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with I.A.F.F. (International Association of Firefighters) Local 797 for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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

Public comment - none

Passage 7-0

VIII. Open Session

IX. Executive Session

Discussion of personnel issues, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, 8:15 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:20 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Gerry was absent during the vote), 9:21 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 78

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Shea had an excused absence and all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 91-11192012*

Designating Tribou Field, Sullivan Square, and Little Andy Park as “Safe Zones”.

2. Order 92-11192012*

Approving the property tax abatement located on Portland Way (Tax Map 79 Lot 70).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the Consent Items as amended by changing the wording from Sullivan Park to Sullivan Square. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor’s Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

City Councilors’ Reports – Councilors Hayes, Young, Gerry, and Walker reported.

City Manager’s Report – City Manager Deschene Reported.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – October 2012 Monthly Report and a review of the parking enforcement analysis.

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

Kevin Simpson, 84 Summer Street, Auburn
Sandra Doctoroff, 39 Royal Oaks Drive, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business - None

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VII. New Business

- 1. Order 93-11192012** Approving the property exchange on Lehoullier Drive.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley.
Public comment – No one from the public spoke.
Passage 7-0

- 2. Order 94-11192012** Approving the option agreement for 1 Minot Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine.
Public comment – no one from the public spoke.
Passage, 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

- 3. Order 95-11192012** Authorizing the City Manager to allocate up to \$250,000 of additional funding to complete the Downtown Transit Station project.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley.
Public comment –
Peter Flanders, Lake Street, Auburn
Gabrielle Russell, Lisbon Street, Lewiston
Passage, 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items –

- Councilor Gerry - update on winter relief parking, current needs and other sites.
- Councilor Lafontaine - would like to revisit Council Agendas and Meetings and how can we gain efficiencies.
- Councilor Young - Androscoggin Historical Society update
- Councilor Walker – discussion on the crosswalk in front of the YMCA and the parking spot at the base of it.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:12 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center – Mayor LaBonté, no report.
 - Lewiston Auburn Transit – Councilor Gerry reported.
 - Airport, Railroad – Councilor Hayes reported.
 - Bike-Ped Committee – Councilor Shea reported.
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority – Councilor Gerry reported.
- Economic Development
 - L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corp. – Councilor Shea, no report.
- Education
 - Auburn School Committee – Councilor Young reported, and Councilor LaFontaine provided an update on the High School Committee.
 - Auburn Public Library – Councilor LaFontaine reported.
 - Great Falls TV – Councilor Young and Councilor Shea, Councilor Young reported.
- Environmental Services
 - Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District – Councilor Crowley reported.
 - Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. – Councilor Walker reported.
- Recreation
 - Recreation Advisory Board – Councilor Walker, no report.
- Public Safety
 - LA 911 – Councilor Walker reported.

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City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Shea, Gerry, Crowley, Young, and Walker reported.

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

V. Open Session

Jeremiah Bartlett, 107 Shepley Street, Auburn
Kevin Simpson, 84 Summer Street, Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business - none

VII. New Business

- 1. Order 96-12032012** Approving a Special Amusement Permit, Class A Lounge and Liquor License for Danielle Moschetto, DBA: The Nocturno Club located at 73 Main Street.

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

Public Hearing – Danielle, 18 ½ Blake Street, Lewiston (owner) and Gloria, Bar Manager for The Nocturno Club.

Passage 7-0.

- 2. Order 97-12032012** Approving the Committee Appointment process presented by the City Manager.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by adding a sunset clause of December 1, 2013.

Motion failed, 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, Young, Walker, and Shea opposed).

Passage of original motion, 7-0.

VIII. Executive Session - Discussion of personnel issues, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) took place at the end of the workshop.

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

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X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

- Councilor Young – free trial with Sun Media
- Councilor Crowley – clarify issue of Great Falls TV employee status

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:07 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2012 VOL. 33 PAGE 83

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. All Councilors were present.

Den 7 from Cub Scout Troop 111 led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. Consent Items*- None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté reported.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Shea, LaFontaine, Young, Crowley, and Gerry reported.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene Reported.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – November 2012 Monthly Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session

Cameron, resident of Auburn

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

1. Ordinance 07-12172012 Approving the amendment to the Business Licensing Ordinance regarding the adoption of applicable State of Maine Rules. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes.
Public comment – No one from the public spoke. Passage 6-1, (Councilor Crowley).

2. Order 98-12172012 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the option agreement on One Minot Avenue.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order to include the second parcel number (230-063).

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

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

Passage of order as amended 5-1-1, (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Hayes abstained).

3. **Order 99-12172012** Approving a zero percent interest rate loan to the 9-1-1 Committee in the amount of \$27,500, payable in eight quarterly payments of \$3,437.50 each in order to upgrade the center's phone lines.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order noting the funds will be taken from the unallocated bonds proceeds instead of from the emergency reserve fund.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Passage as amended 7-0.

4. **Order 100-12172012** Authorizing the City Manager to use funds from the Unallocated Bond Proceeds up to the amount of \$35,000 for the Athletic Fields Analysis Phase I \$17,500 and Phase II \$17,500.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

Discussion of this item was held during the workshop.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine. Passage 7-0, 7:55 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:31 P.M.

Executive Session - Discussion regarding contemplated litigation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0, 8:32 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:46 P.M.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:50 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

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

I. New Business

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

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

Public comments – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

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

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

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

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 7, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 87

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilors LaFontaine and Shea had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 02-01072013*

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

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

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported.

Committee Reports

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

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

City Councilors’ Reports – Councilor Crowley reported.

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

V. Open Session

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

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

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

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

VI. Unfinished Business

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

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

Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

VII. New Business

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

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

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

VIII. Executive Session

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

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

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

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

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

- X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items** - None

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

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

I. Consent Items*- None

II. Minutes

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

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

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

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2012 Monthly Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session

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

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

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

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

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

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

Passage 7-0.

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

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

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

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

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

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

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Shea).

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.
Passage 7-0, 7:51 P.M.

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

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

Passage 7-0.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea.
Passage 7-0, 8:14 P.M.

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

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

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

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

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

Passage 7-0.

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

Passage 7-0.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

II. New Business

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

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

Public comment –

Dan D’Autueil, Maine Gladiators, questioned the Ice Arena budget that was provided. Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Auburn, commented on the delay in getting the Ice Arena budget information, and he had questions and comments about the budget.

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

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

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

City Manager Deschene addressed all of the questions.

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

IX. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported.

Committee Reports

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

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

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

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

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

V. Open Session

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

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

VI. Unfinished Business

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Executive Session

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

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

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

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

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

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

II. Minutes

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

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

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

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2013 Monthly Finance Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

V. Open Session

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

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business

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

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

VIII. Executive Session - None

IX. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

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

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

Committee Reports-Councilors Crowley and Young submitted written reports.

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

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

VI. Unfinished Business -None

VII. New Business

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

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

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1, (Councilor Walker).

VIII. Executive Session

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

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

XI. Adjournment

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

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

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

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

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

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

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2013 Monthly Finance Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

V. Open Session

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

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

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

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

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

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

Public Comment:

Robert Gagnon, 160 Stone Road, Auburn.

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

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

Luis Feliciano, Blanchard Road, Auburn.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session

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

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

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

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

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

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence, all other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

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

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

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

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

Committee Reports-Councilors Crowley and Young Hayes reported.

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

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

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

VI. Unfinished Business

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1. Ordinance 01-03182013

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

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

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

96 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-016
120 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-017
Blanchard Road lot, Parcel ID 345-002
170 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-018
48 Hathaway Road, Parcel ID 345-032-001
145 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-023
117 Blanchard Road, Parcel ID 345-024
2527 Turner Road, Parcel ID 345-025

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke
Passage of the amendment 6-0.
Passage of the motion as amended 6-0.

2. Order 18-03182013

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

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

VII. New Business

3. Public Hearing – Community Development Program, FY2014.

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

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- Jane Morrison, 46 Lake Street, Auburn and also the Executive Director of Safe Voices commented on the reduction of funds given to Safe Voices. Initially when the program started the city gave \$11,000, then it went down to \$8,000 and now it is at \$3,000. They provide \$94,000 in services to Auburn and some of the smaller towns are more generous. She said she would like to see the amount increased.
- Dr. Erica Lovett Fournier, whose son is a student at Walton Elementary School. She also commented about the Walton playground and would like to see a safe place for kids to play. She also spoke about pediatric obesity and the need to help kids to be active. She said she also agrees with taking some of the funding from the Curb Appeal budget to help fund the Walton playground.
- Betsy Sawyer Manter, the Executive Director of Seniors Plus requested resources for the meals on wheels program. There are 39 people in Auburn getting meals, 16 are on a waiting list. She appreciates the funding.
- Melissa Metivier, South Witham Road, Auburn and President of the PTO at Walton. She submitted pictures of the Walton playground to the Clerk. She would like to see the city help to fund the Walton playground as well commenting that there were 320 kids at the school that this impacts.
- Joe Fournier, 68 Gill Street, Auburn also supports the Walton playground commenting that every year there is less and less here in Auburn to offer people. He would like us to move money around to help fund the Walton playground and thought we might be able to take from the Curb Appeal program funds.
- Craig Philips, Tedford Housing commented that the city funding has helped provide affordable housing for 6 adults that were homeless.
- Sharon Philbrick Bergeron, Finance Director of Head Start asked that the Public Service Budget be restored to last years.

4. Order 21-04012013

Approving the Charitable Organization Event Support Policy.

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

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

5. Ordinance 02-04012013

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

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

6. Ordinance 03-04012013

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

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

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

7. Order 18-03182013

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

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Young.

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

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

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

VIII. Executive Session

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

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

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

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

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

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X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items - None

XI. Adjournment

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

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag and followed by a moment of silence in honor of the former Chief of Police, Richard Small who recently passed and the Boston Marathon victims. Councilor Hayes had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 22-04162013*

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

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

II. Minutes

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

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

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

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – March 2013 Monthly Finance Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

V. Open Session

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

community clean up day

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

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

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-04012013

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

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

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

2. Ordinance 03-04012013

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

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

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

3. Order 21-04012013

Approving the Charitable Organization Event Support Policy.

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

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

VII. New Business

1. Order 23-04162013

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

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

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

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

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

2. Ordinance 04-04162013

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

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

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

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

Passage as amended, 6-0.

3. Order 24-04162013

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

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

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

Passage 5-1, (Councilor Walker opposed).

4. **Order 25-04162013**

Approving the Complete Streets Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the Complete Streets Policy and direct the City Manager to initiate development of the appropriate supporting ordinances and designed guidelines for review and adoption no later than October 31, 2013.

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

Passage 6-0.

5. **Order 26-04162013**

Appointing members to the Water District Board.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

VIII. **Open Session**

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

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

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

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

X. **Future Agenda/Workshop Items**

- Councilor Shea – staggered terms for Councilors

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

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 27-05062013*

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

2. Order 28-05062013*

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

3. Order 29-05062013*

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

4. Order 30-05062013*

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

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

II. Minutes

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

III. Reports

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

Committee Reports-Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

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

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

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None**

V. **Open Session**

- Hillary Dow, 126 Whitney Street, Auburn spoke in support of L/A Arts.
- Jodd Bowles, 239 Lake Street, Auburn spoke in support of keeping the Resource Officers in the school system.
- William Cox, 22 Vine Street, Auburn spoke in support of L/A Arts.
- Bill Horton, 401 Turner Street, Auburn and also the Ward 1 School Committee member who thanked Councilors Gerry and Crowley for attending the PTO meeting at Washburn School which included staff, parents, and school administration. It was a good sharing of information.
- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, Auburn spoke regarding inflation rate compared to property taxes and people cannot afford to live in the city with a 9-10% tax increase and he urged Council to look at ways to cut while looking at the budget and what we can do to be more efficient.
- Al Lepine, Riverside Drive, Auburn. He lives by Oak Hill Cemetery and commented on the crypt next to his property that is falling down and is a safety hazard but there appears to be no money to tear it down. He would like something done about this building.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Ordinance 03-04012013**

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 23-04162013**

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Ordinance 04-04162013

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

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

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

Passage of the order as amended, 7-0.

VII. New Business

1. Order 31-05062013

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 32-05062013

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 33-05062013

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

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

4. Order 34-05062013

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

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

Public comment:

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

Passage 7-0.

5. Resolve 02-05062013

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

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

Public comment:

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

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

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

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

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

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

VIII. Open Session

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

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry

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

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

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items - None

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the joint meeting with the City Council and School Committee to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present, Bonnie Hayes from the School Committee was absent, all other School Committee members were present.

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

1. Resolve 03-05132013*

Opposing provisions included in the State budget.

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

II. New Business

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Order 35-05132013

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

3. Order 36-05132013

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

III. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 37-05202013*

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

2. Order 38-05202013*

Approving the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

3. Order 39-05202013*

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

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

II. Minutes

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

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

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

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2013 Monthly Finance Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

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

V. Open Session

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

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 23-04162013

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

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

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

2. Order 35-05132013

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

3. Order 36-05132013

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

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

Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

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

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

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voters.

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

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she was an ELHS graduate and she moved back to Maine from Massachusetts to raise her kids here and she would like the budget to go to the voters.

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

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

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

5. **Order 35-05132013**

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

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea.

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

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

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

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

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

6. Order 36-05132013

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

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes.

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

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

7. Order 40-05202013

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine,

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

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

8. Resolve 03-05202013

Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion by Councilor Shea and Seconded by Councilor LaFontaine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Order 41-05202013

Acceptance of Weaver Street.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

VIII. Open Session

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

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

IX. Executive Session

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items

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

XI. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Councilor Deschene 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. Mayor LaBonté and Councilor Crowley had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

A motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to nominate Councilor Shea as Mayor Pro Tempore. There were no other nominations.

I. New Business

1. Order 42-05232013

Granting an access easement across public land (15 Broad Street).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Crowley absent).

III. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Crowley absent), 5:20 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present, however Councilor Young had to leave the meeting (excused) just before the City Budget Resolve discussion (Resolve 03-05202013).

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 43-06032013*

Approving the Special Event and Charitable funding requests for the 2013 Liberty Festival.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Young. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2013 City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor read a written statement he prepared in order to weigh in on what he called fragmented public policy making, numerous committees funded by tax payers but not accountable to them. He went on to say that after watching the movement of some individuals after Councils action a few weeks ago, he thought it was appropriate as Mayor to outline some concerns and partial information that was being discussed publicly and wanted to set the record straight regarding Councils decision regarding the downtown passenger rail service. A copy of the statement is on file in the Clerk's office.

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley and Councilor Walker submitted a written report.

Councilor Reports-Councilor Walker reported on a Flag Day celebration to take place at the Veteran's Memorial in Mt. Auburn Cemetery on Friday, June 14th. It is being presented by the City and Veteran groups including American Legion Post 153. All organizations Scouts, Fraternal Clubs, Color Guard, Honor Guard and Flag Bearers are invited to show their colors. Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and stated that a correction was made and would be corrected on the web. He also reported on the status of the search for an Ice Arena Manager. An announcement would be coming soon. Also as requested by Councilor Hayes, he offered an explanation on the establishment of the transportation committee.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions – None

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Item number 4 on the agenda under New Business was taken out of order (Hearing on a dangerous building at 9 Gamage Avenue).

1. Hearing regarding a Dangerous Building at 9 Gamage Avenue, Auburn Maine, pursuant to Title 17 M.R.S.A § 2851, et seq.

2. **Order 44-06032013**

Adopting the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order of demolition for 9 Gamage Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley. Passage 7-0.

V. **Open Session**

- Gerry Berube, president of the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Co. stated that the letter the Mayor mentioned in his earlier statement did not come from Lucien Gosselin but from the LA Railroad Board. He briefly went over the history of the LA Railroad Co.
- Richard Trafton, one of the newest members of the LA Railroad Company said he said that he shares Mayor LaBonté's concerns on speaking with one voice however he was also concerned about the method adopted at the last Council Meeting and feels it will be used as ammunition. He said he supports the passenger rail in downtown Auburn and Lewiston and he also talked about the comprehensive plan. He said he thinks we can get there but doesn't think we are using the right planning process.
- Jeremiah Bartlett, 107 Shepley Street, said he is a resident of Auburn and has a transportation background and has a different view of how the comprehensive plan turned out. He said there is no sense putting the passenger rail at the airport first. He does not think it is effective, it would be expensive and costly. He also doesn't think it would satisfy title 6 of the Civil Rights Act. He said that a downtown rail would be a statement to invest in our downtown. He urged the Council to make this their top priority.
- Cynthia Jalbert, 11 Shepley Street gave kudos to the Kiwanis Club for hosting their pancake breakfast. She said she would also like to see the railway come to the downtown area and there is a need to bring more things in the downtown area. Next year she would like to see the solid waste recycling committee come back around. She also commented on Lewiston and CMMC for tearing down St. Josephs to build a parking lot.
- Larry Pelletier, Second Street, Auburn, attended the installation of the new pumper truck at the New Auburn Fire Station. He said the truck was dedicated to Captain Millett, a fallen firefighter.
- Michael Koch, 46 Gould Road, talked about the Downeaster versus the commuter train and said he was looking for clarity. He said he would like train service downtown if it is the Downeaster.
- Ed Plourde, Chair of the Airport had a question about process and what happened at the last meeting and were there stake holders involved in that process.

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- Adam Lee, Main Street said he lives and works in downtown area for the past five years. He walks to work every day. He appreciates and respects the people who spoke in favor of the locating the rail at the airport but said he thinks it is shortsighted and it avoids the possibility we have of advancing the work that has been done in the past 5 years in the downtown area. He moved to Maine because he fell in love with the downtown Auburn area.
- Christine Holden, Lewiston resident said she really likes mass transport and believes that economic development in our community is important. She said we need to think about the fact that a great variety of people need transport. She suggested that we go for what we want but have a back-up plan, be flexible, be inventive and do not draw a line in the sand.
- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, thanked Councilor Gerry for asking the questions about 9 Gamage Avenue on where the cost goes. He also talked about improvements in the New Auburn area and the new apartment building stating it looks good but who would want to live there with the headlights that come down Academy Street. He talked about an article he read in the Sun Journal on tax liens and foreclosures and wondered if anyone knew what was happening and why we are sending out less tax liens. He commented on a few concerns with the Mayor on his interaction with a Councilor at a previous meeting as well as the portrait presentations with former Mayor's (John Jenkins, John Cleveland and Dick Gleason) and whether or not they were given an opportunity to speak during the presentations. He also said he commented on a concern he had regarding setting up a meeting with the City Manager.
- Tammy Greishaber, 40 Lisbon Street Lewiston, former resident of Auburn. She said she thought the two cities should become one a long time ago and any decisions on one side of the river have an impact on the other side of the river. It has been a long time since there has been any vision implemented on either side of the river. The last was Lee Young and the plan that brought us the River Walk and Festival Plaza. There hasn't been any since then. The Comprehensive Plan on both sides of the river has been pretty much the same way. Plans change and they should be flexible. The next two visionary plans that have come up in the last 6 months was LA Grows idea on Mill 5 but the group has not gotten any support and guidance on this project. The second most recent visionary plan for Auburn is to put the transit service in the downtown area. She thinks it is a wonderful idea.
- Joe Mailey, Webster Street, Auburn said he is neither for nor against the rail but did not think there was enough culture here to attract people from Portland. He said they have to have something here for people to come.
- Priscilla Miller, 211 Summer Street, commented on the train and wondered if anyone thought of the congestion of having that in town. She also commented on the train whistle and said Brunswick residents are complaining about the train whistles. She said Council should think of essentials and the Ice Rink is not essential. She said to look at County Government versus City Government and do we need to be giving them money.
- Chip Morrison, 46 Lake Street, Auburn commented that there are many cultural activities in our community. He also gave formal testimony (a written copy of the testimony is on

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file in the Clerk's Office) as president of the Chamber with over 1375 members. He talked about the budget amendment about the rail two weeks ago. Wordings of resolutions are important. People look at them. His plea was please be flexible if you can, don't shut something off to make a point when you can keep all of your options open.

VI. Unfinished Business

3. Order 35-05132013

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the order as postponed from the 5/20/2013 meeting which included the amendments proposed by Councilor Crowley; To remove all items with a useful life of less than 10 years, removing all routine maintenance items from the CIP and placing them under Operations, remove all vehicle purchases in both the CIP and Operational budgets for a 1 year period, to reinstate a policy where all vehicles that are not in use be garaged in Auburn, and not to approve the CIP until the enterprise accounts for Ingersoll Arena and the new Dual Sheet Arena are included in the overall budget for the public to view. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Shea, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend to remove the Engineering Major Drainage Project from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the Engineering Retaining Wall project from the CIP Budget. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the Engineering Bridge repairs from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Shea, Young, LaFontaine, Hayes, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove ICT call recording from the CIP Budget. Passage 6-1 (Councilor LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the ICT Network Security from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, Young, and Shea opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Parking Facilities the Mechanics Row Garage maintenance from the CIP Budget. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the Parks & Recreation tractor from the CIP Budget. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hayes and LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the Parks & Recreation Holder Tractor from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, Shea, and LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove the Parks & Recreation underground tank removal from the CIP Budget. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Planning the Municipal Street Light Purchase from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, Lafontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Planning the Traffic Signal Pole Replacement from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors LaFontaine, Shea, Gerry, and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Public Works the Heavy Equipment dump trucks from the CIP Budget. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, LaFontaine, Young, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Planning the Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades from the CIP Budget. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Public Works the street sweeper from the CIP Budget. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Public Works vehicles from the CIP Budget.

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Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to remove from Public Works floor sweeper/scrubber from the CIP Budget. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker that the total CIP Budget for FY14 not exceed 12% of expenditures. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hayes and LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker that no CIP dollars for FY14 be spent on an item that has a useful life of less than 10 years. The Mayor declared the motion to be out of order because it would be a vote to reconsider two of Councilor Walkers amendments, in which Councilor Crowley voted in the affirmative.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by removing the library building improvements and using downtown TIF dollars instead. Point of information by the City Manager, that is not an allowed use of downtown TIF dollars.

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker for the City to reaffirm Council policy that no Auburn owned vehicles will be garaged outside of Auburn when not in city service. The policy is in place to manage vehicle cost and to preserve the resource for city business. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to reconsider the amendment to remove from ICT the Call Recording. Passage 7-0.

Passage on order as amended, 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Crowley opposed).

4. Order 36-05132013

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the order as postponed from the 5/20/2013 meeting which included the amendment proposed by Councilor LaFontaine to remove the Pettengill Playground items and Festival Plaza Canopy replacement for at least 1 year. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Shea opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend that the ICT website site second phase from the CIP2 budget be approved, but the project be outsourced and not done by staff unless it can be completed for less money than the \$20,000 and implemented by January 1, 2014. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, and Shea opposed).

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend that the Parks & Recreation Department be allocated \$38,000 to repair and replace playground equipment city wide. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by allocating up to \$20,000 to place flags at Festival Plaza. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend that the Public Works request for Oak Hill Cemetery building improvements from the CIP2 budget be changed to make necessary repairs to cemeteries and not limited to Oak Hill. Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors LaFontaine and Hayes opposed, Councilor Shea abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by removing the Parks & Recreation Department turf machine from the CIP2 budget. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by removing the amount the Planning Department wants for the Comprehensive Plan Property Acquisition Program from the CIP2 budget. Passage 6-1 (Councilor LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by removing the Police Mobile Radio replacement from the CIP2 budget (and move to operations). Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, and LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by removing the Public Works trench box from the CIP2 budget. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by using \$85,000 unallocated bond funds to address

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Hasty Community Center's safety issue (removal of asbestos). Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by using downtown TIF monies to buy walk behind mowers if they are to be used in the downtown parks and be available for cemetery work. After some discussion as to whether TIF monies could be used for this, Councilors Crowley and Gerry withdrew the motion and second until there is further clarification.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend that the portion of unallocated bond proceeds to pay off the Ingersoll Arena debt be held in reserve. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding the Hasty Community Center kitchen upgrade to the CIP2 budget (\$3,500 out of unallocated bond proceeds). Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding the Hasty Community Center window replacement to the CIP2 budget (\$46,000 from unallocated bond proceeds). Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed and Councilor Shea abstained).

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to reconsider the Hasty Community Center upgrades (\$134,500). Passage to reconsider 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, and Walker opposed).

Passage on the reconsideration in support of the \$134,500 investment in upgrades to the Hasty Community Center, 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of the order as amended, 7-0.

5. Resolve 03-05202013

Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (first reading).

The Mayor clarified that the amended language that was adopted from the May 20, 2013 meeting was to be added to the Resolve (that the City Manager shall propose and have established by the Auburn City Council a contract with LAEGC for services to be provided to the City of Auburn

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for economic development to occur within 5 months of the fiscal year with the consequence being the elimination of funding).

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to remove the Budget Resolve off the table as it was postponed from the 5/20/2013 meeting. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained).

The motion that was left on the table from the 5/20/2013 meeting was a motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend by offering in lieu of providing cell phones and smart phones under a city contract that employees be offered a \$25 per month stipend. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed, and the Mayor voted in opposition breaking the tie vote).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to reconsider what was labeled as amendment (C) from the 5/20/2013 meeting on the downtown rail. Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, Walker, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Crowley to add a \$20,000 line in the budget for L-A Arts, \$10,000 of which would support the arts and culture in L-A and another \$10,000 in match by the City of Auburn only if they were awarded the Creative Community Economic Development Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the amendment to fund the Creative Community Economic Development Grant and strike the \$10,000 to support the arts and culture in L-A. Passage 6-0.

Passage of the amendment as amended, 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to postpone the budget resolve discussion to a Special Meeting on June 10, 2013, motioned failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker and Shea opposed and the Mayor voted in opposition breaking the tie vote).

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the resolve to hold all the departmental budgets that are above the 1.7% expenditure increase reduce their budget to a 1.7% expenditure increase. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine and Shea opposed and the Mayor voted in opposition breaking the tie vote).

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Motion by Councilor Crowley to limit the FY14 budget so the mill rate would not exceed 20.41 per thousand which is a 4.91 % over last year's mill rate. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to set the mill rate be set at 19.59. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed and the Mayor voted in opposition breaking the tie vote).

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to cut \$5,000 from the debt service account since there was no explanation of services. Passage 5-1 (Councilor LaFontaine opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone the budget resolve as it stands to a special meeting on June 10. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors LaFontaine, Walker, and Shea opposed and the Mayor voted in opposition breaking the tie vote).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to consolidate the Parks and Recreation Department under Public Works Department. Motion failed 1-5 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage to approve the first reading, 4-3 (Councilor Gerry, Crowley and Hayes were opposed and the Mayor voted in support breaking the tie vote).

VII. New Business

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone the remainder of items on the agenda until the June 17, 2013 meeting. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Hayes and Shea opposed).

6. Ordinance 05-06032013

Approving the newly proposed Flea Market license fee schedule (first reading).

7. Ordinance 06-06032013

Approving the newly proposed Peddlers license fee schedule (first reading).

8. Resolve 04-06032013

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Supporting the Emergency Medical Services.

9. Ordinance 07-06032013

Approving the proposed ordinance amendment on alcoholic beverages at Mass Gatherings (first, second, and final readings).

10. Ordinance 08-06032013

Approving the proposed Forestry Board Ordinance (first reading).

VIII. Executive Session

- Discussion on Labor Negotiations (proposed MSEA contract) , pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

VIII. Open Session

- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on Mr. Morrison who spoke earlier about the rail service, and how it has been in progress for two or more decades, it is time that something gets done. He said even if you disagree about the location, the fact that there is an objective and we are moving forward, that is a good sign.

IX. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 6-0. 11:01 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve minutes of the May 23, 2013 Special City Council Meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained because she had an excused absence from the May 23, 2013 meeting).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted a written report, Councilor LaFontaine reported that the Library Director, Lynn Lockwood was retiring and the new Library Directory, Mamie Ney will be starting the last week of June. Councilor Young reported by thanking City staff (the Public Works Department) for fixing the railroad crossing in Danville.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and made a correction to a comment he made about the number of full time fire stations in South Portland. There are 3 full time stations.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – May 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine. Passage 6-1, (Councilor Walker opposed).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- First Citizens Fire Academy – Recognition postponed until July.
- Letter from Dara Reimers, Owner of The Bread Shack, LLC
- Petition to Consolidate the City of Auburn with the City of Lewiston

V. Open Session

- Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue, talked about a recent recall effort and the vagueness of our City Charter. He recommended that we look into amending it.
- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, apologized to the Mayor for his comment at the last Council meeting on not allowing the former Mayors to speak at their portrait presentations and said the information he was given was incorrect.

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VI. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone items 1, 2, and 4 until the July 15th meeting. Passage 6-1, (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone items 3 and 5 until the July 15th meeting. Passage 4-3, (Councilors Walker, Shea, and Gerry opposed).

1. **Ordinance 05-06032013** - Postponed to 7/15/2013
Approving the newly proposed Flea Market license fee schedule (first reading).
2. **Ordinance 06-06032013** - Postponed to 7/15/2013
Approving the newly proposed Peddlers license fee schedule (first reading).
3. **Resolve 04-06032013** - Postponed to 7/15/2013
Supporting the Emergency Medical Services.
4. **Ordinance 07-06032013** - Postponed to 7/15/2013
Approving the proposed ordinance amendment on alcoholic beverages at Mass Gatherings (first, second, and final readings).
5. **Ordinance 08-06032013** - Postponed to 7/15/2013
Approving the proposed Forestry Board Ordinance (first reading).
6. **Resolve 03-05202013**
Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (second and final reading).

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to amend by adding language that the City Manager is authorized to enter into contract negotiations with Pine Tree Waste for automated solid waste and recycling collection to begin July 1, 2014. Passage 7-0.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to amend by setting a budget mil rate of 20.40. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Shea, Gerry, Crowley, and Hayes opposed).

Motion by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend by setting a budget mil rate of 20.66. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Crowley opposed).

Public comment –

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- Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue, raised a concern regards to Councilor Crowley setting a percentage for education and to do that before the people vote and pass in the referendum that may end up less than that 42% percent. If the referendum does not support it, what happens there? If the referendum process continues and the school budget is cut significantly, does it reduce the need to have to further reduce the amount cut from city services?
- Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street, thanked Councilor Crowley for her earlier statement because he also believes that every single penny the city will not receive from the state, we should cut in services. He said he cannot afford to pay more taxes. He commented that some folks do not mind paying that tax shift just to prove a point and the only way to see an impact is to cut services. He is also concerned about privatizing school bus drivers.
- Arlene Bowles, 239 Lake Street commented that she is appalled that a city that is one of the largest population centers in the State of Maine has a high school that is teetering on the point of losing its accreditation. She suggested Council look on the web at the New England Association for schools and colleges which has a lot of good information on accreditation. For Auburn to lose accreditation for the high school would be unjust to the citizens of this community. She also commented that words should be carefully chosen and used positively. She said words used during the workshop were upsetting to her because of some of the words and comments she thought expressed an attitude toward the school department which could be translated to mean an attitude toward education.
- Priscilla Miller, 211 Summer Street, urged Council to focus on essentials. She asked where the money was going if it wasn't going to the school department, fire department, or police department. She asked why Auburn was so far out of line from what everyone else is doing? She said you cannot expect tax payers who have to go without to pay for everyone else stating some people have no insurance and she has heard that the employees of the school department have 100% coverage and their families have 85% coverage. She said you cannot expect people with no insurance or poor insurance to pay deluxe for the people who work for them. The citizens want to know where the money is going.
- Dave Burke, 38 Harmons Corner Road thanked the Council for their service and for listening to everyone. He urged them to pass scenario 5 although he would prefer scenario 8 or 9 with a higher mil rate because making cuts he will probably run into more auto repairs because the roads are not being worked on and making cuts are deferring maintenance and you pay more in the long run. He used the parking garage as an example. He asked Council to be careful shifting costs to next year or the year after that. He said making cuts could

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have a negative impact. Cuts to the Fire Department could cause insurance rates to go up. Cutting Parks and Recreation programs could impact kids, possibly with them getting into trouble, breaking into cars for example. He said housing prices may drop. He said it is a tough thing to balance but please keep both sides in mind.

- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle said he was confused about the shortfall this year being added to next year because of the misguided mil rate. He suggested spending more time through the year to get things more in line. He would like to see Council be more proactive in looking at the different departments and how things are being spent without micro managing. He would like to see the budget process begin in July for the next year in terms of what is in each budget and how we can spend more efficiently.

Motion by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone the budget as it stands until the June 24, 2013 special meeting. Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

7. Order 45-06172013

Approving the Post Issuance Compliance and Monitoring Policy for Tax Exempt Obligations.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Ordinance 09-06172013

Approving the Flood Ordinance and Map Updates for 2013 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Requirements (public hearing and first reading).

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

Public comment – Jodd Bowles, 239 Lake Street commented that his sister lost her home to a flood a few years ago in New York State which was not in a flood zone. She did not have flood insurance. They rebuilt and the value of the home has decreased.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

9. Order 46-06172013

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Authorizing the City Manager to initiate a new 2 year agreement and to sign all necessary documents with Lewiston-Auburn Canoe and Kayaks and to reevaluate for a possible proposal process.

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

Public comment –

- Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street said he did not see a problem with passing this. He said they've come to the city with something to offer, we are trying to promote the river, they've done a terrific job, let them do it.
- Jodd Bowles, 239 Lake Street said he feels the same way as the previous speaker. They purchased new boats, they hire Maine Guides with a skill set usually working the stands, and have invested a lot into this. He said he feels this is a recreational opportunity and a positive thing.
- Darren Deschene, 6 Fairmount Avenue and the operations manager of Lewiston Auburn Canoe and Kayak. He said there really are no other vendors with interest at this point (that he is aware of) and they are acting as the guinea pig and feels fortunate that they are. When they are able to demonstrate success on the river, others will want to follow but they need to be given the opportunity to do that.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

10. Order 47-06172013

Approving the Special Amusement Permit for Eddy's Drive-in Diner, dba The Village Inn.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

IX. Executive Session – Discussion on Labor Negotiations (the proposed MSEA contract). Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D), with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained) 8:34 P.M.

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The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:04 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley “to authorize the City Manager to provide as budgeted in the current Fiscal Year 2% wage adjustments for the members of the new MSEA union subsequent to their anniversary date and that staff are further directed to continue labor negotiations.” This is Order 48-06172013. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items - None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 9:10 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the amended minutes of the June 3, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Resolve 03-05202013

Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (second and final reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to remove from the table this agenda item which was postponed on June 17, 2013 until today's meeting. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the budget to reflect the memo provided by Finance Director, Jill Eastman.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by reinstating the \$4,410 cut from the City Clerk's budget for polling places and off setting that amount by reducing the legal budget by \$4,410.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by funding five polling places for the November 2013 election and one for the June 2013 election and to change the reduction in the City Clerk budget in the amount of \$2,205 funding that by increasing the banner fee. Motion failed, 5-4 (Councilors Gerry, LaFontaine, Walker, and Shea opposed).

Motion on the original amendment made by Councilor Gerry failed 2-4 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by funding five polling places in November and one in June replacing \$2,205 of the cut in the City Clerk polling budget with the difference to be made up in the mil rate. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by cutting the budget by \$105,000 by removing vehicle purchases from the Police Department budget. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed, and the Mayor voted in opposition breaking the tie vote).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to add to the budget resolve that the City Council under the authority under the City Charter of the City of Auburn will set the School Department maximum tax commitment based upon the school budget to be adopted July 1, 2013 by the City Council. Passage 4-0-2 (Councilors Shea and Gerry abstaining).

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to add that the \$3,293 for expenditures for the PAL Center be the maximum contribution of the City of Auburn whether it be a cash or in kind until a full detailed accounting is made. Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley by amending by putting in place a directive that an operations budget for Police Department vehicles be put together and be provided to the Council no later than July 31st. Passage 4-2 (Councilor Hayes and LaFontaine opposed).

Passage of the budget for FY2014, 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Crowley opposed).

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley. Passage 6-0, 8:07 P.M.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. Councilor Young was excused after New Business was finished.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to suspend the rules to add a resolve under new business with respect to supplemental appropriations and expenditure transfers for the FY14 budget. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed), this item will be added as item #5 under New Business.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 48-07012013*

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Dylan Boisvert).

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

2. Order 49-07012013*

Approving the Special Event request for the 2013 Great Falls Balloon Festival.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 City Council meeting.
Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – After the City Council in its budget discussion last week set a directive advocating for a downtown passenger rail, the Mayor expressed his disappointment when he attended an AVCOG meeting to see on their list of priorities for investments for the ATRC region the design of an intermodal facility at the Auburn Municipal Airport as well as endorsing a move to Montreal through Auburn and Bethel with the Spring Street downtown passenger rail listed as a third bullet item. After speaking up, they tabled that action until their next meeting at which time they were going to craft language to replace it.

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley and Councilor Walker submitted written reports.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Gerry announced that with her move to her new home, she has had some phone issues and has not had access to her emails, Councilor Hayes

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commented on the Mayor's comment in respect to the passenger rail and would like to review in the future, and Councilor Crowley invited Auburn residents to attend a patriotic music concert by the Auburn Community Band. She is inviting everyone to show up and have a picnic with her, she will be providing treats. The concert is on July 3, 2013. If it rains it will be moved to the Hilton Garden Inn.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene submitted a written report and also welcomed Josh MacDonald, the new Manager of the dual sheet ice arena. Today was his first day of employment with the City.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Swearing in Ceremony - Officer Tyler Ham and K-9 Rocky - Badge Pinning
- Proclamation - Ken Blais, owner of Rolly's Diner and the City of Auburn's 2013 Spirit of America Tribute recipient. Mr. Blais was unavailable so this recognition will be postponed until July 15, 2013.

V. Open Session

Steve Martelli, 41 Broad Street – On June 20th the Androscoggin Land Trust had over 400 volunteers from Tambrands helped picking up trash, cleaning up and making repairs around Bonney Park and the River Walk. He wanted to thank the volunteers. He also announced a new pizza place that has opened in New Auburn called Kelvi's Pizza.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 09-06172013

Approving the Flood Ordinance and Map Updates for 2013 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Requirements (second and final reading).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. New Business

2. Order 50-07012013

Approving the 2013 Action Plan of the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

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

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Public comment – Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street, Auburn and also serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee, commented that she has benefited from those funds and is now volunteering her time and as a committee member and a citizen, she supports the CDBG staff and their recommendations.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

3. Order 51-07012013

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

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

Public comment –

Tom Kendall, 221 Stevens Mill Road and the Chair of the School Committee talked about the budget that has been brought forth.

Rob Kilgore, 36 Newbury Street – school issues are closer to the front of his mind now that he and his wife are expecting their first child and if the city would like to keep young professionals to stay here in Auburn they will need good schools to send their children to. If Council sets the tone by leading the citizens, the public will respond to it.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Hill Road said it boggles his mind that when the School Committee first came forward, Council did not say do something different when it was obvious the city couldn't afford that budget. He does not think this budget will get approved if it goes to the voters. He believes the School Committee and the School Department can do better than what they've done. He said it is time to start cutting from above and they need to cut back on administration.

Jaime Thibodeau, Beech Hill Road, hearing from people that the budgets presented are not acceptable, at what point is it considered acceptable to put funding toward education. Education is underfunded year after year, where is the money going. At what point do we fix it. Regarding cutting teacher's salaries and administration, are we going to get more community volunteers to step up? How will the kids get what they need if we continue to cut?

Councilor Hayes made a motion to move the question. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, Walker, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to set a 2.99% tax increase. Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, and Shea opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to take a minimum of \$150,000 out of the School Departments Fund Balance. Mayor LaBonté called the motion out of order.

Motion was made by Councilor Young to move the question. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

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

4. Order 52-07012013

Setting the date (July 23, 2013) and location (Auburn Hall) for the School Budget Validation Referendum.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

5. Resolve 05-07012013 – item added to the agenda

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to make a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$110,000, to account for an increase in the State Revenue Sharing, per revised estimates received from the State. An appropriation of \$20,000 from the Police Outside Jobs special revenue account and a transfer in expenditure, per Charter Section 8.7 D of \$35,000 from Police cruisers. The expenditures authorized will be; \$120,000 for Fire Department overtime, \$25,000 for Public Works Curbside Recycling, \$20,000 for Special Events.

Public comment –

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street said he lives in New Auburn and the 9-1-1 response has been heartfelt and he feels that Auburn's Fire Department is the best in the State and possibly in the North East. He said he does not want to see cuts to the Fire Department.

Mary Sylvester, 208 Maple Hill Road, talked about the importance of maintaining the current curbside recycling program. She said replacing the current program with a new program could put recycling in jeopardy. She encouraged Council to retain the \$25,000 for recycling.

Andy Titus, Lamplighter Circle said we will be looking at this same problem next year, some micro management or information going forward is necessary. Don't throw out "scare tactics". It is not fair and doesn't solve anything. Fund essential services and legal requirements of the City and then look at what the residents really want from the City. Listen to the public.

Gary Simard, Cook Street, Auburn and has 35 years of Fire Service experience. He talked about fire service and what could happen if Engine 2 was taken out of

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service. He talked about multi unit fires and said New Auburn has the oldest buildings in the City, many of which have no sprinkler systems. Taking Engine 2 out of service would be unfair to the residents of New Auburn and Danville.

John Sullivan, 71 Mary Carroll Street, finds it ironic to hear we are sitting here talking about closing a fire station in New Auburn just after the 80th anniversary of the New Auburn fire. He said he feels we need good basic services – Police, Fire, and School Departments and he urged Council not to cut Fire Department services.

Camille Parish, 42 Lake Street spoke about curbside recycling. We should be focused on reduction of garbage and not a reduction of recycling. The amount of garbage we take to MMWAC causes an increased cost and we are creating some hazardous waste in the process. The market for recycling has increased. She suggests that we should be reinstating recycling. If not, she encouraged Council to put a drop off location at every school which would also encourage the schools to incorporate recycling education.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road wanted to point out a few things. Councilor Shea said he did not want to have one day without brownouts but today was day one and the world didn't end. He said a tower truck is not essential to Auburn but the three pump trucks are a little bit essential. He talked about staffing and response time. We need to fund the fire department but the fire department has to be responsible to the public as well.

Michael Farrell, Beaver Road said what he sees is a bunch of election face. All Council has done is to acknowledge problems and put them off. Everything they do has consequence. School resource officer program can be billed out of CDBG money rather than build retaining walls and things like that. He said the City needs a union negotiator and went on to say that negotiating has been done too long in house. He said our overtime bill is killing the City and the 24 hour shifts includes rack time which is paying people to sleep and be on standby. That is not a service for anyone. We should have round the clock coverage if it means two 12 hour shifts or three 8 hour shifts, there is savings there. He asked Council to explore a partnership with United Ambulance and Engine 2.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Road said he wanted to commend Council for going through what they have gone through. He believes numbers in the newspaper on recycling was off. We cannot stop recycling because people may not pick it back up. He would like Council to put it back in. He said he is getting more calls now that when he was a Councilor about scare tactics and it has to stop. He asked how many police officers really work the Liberty Festival. He thinks we should keep the special events going. It is what the public wants. Someone needs to start looking at what is happening in this City. Start looking into each department, deeply and look for cuts and efficiencies.

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Mell Hamlyn, 14 Beech Street and the coordinator of the Great Falls Balloon Festival wanted to address the issue that came up earlier about fundraising and they do sponsorship drives and fundraising events in the community and raise approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year from businesses to sponsor the festival. That along with other fees they have to charge as well as selling balloon rides which they receive a portion of the proceeds.

Phil Crowell, Chief of Police wanted to clarify a few things. The City has 20 less faces of employees through reductions that have taken place and the remaining employees are carrying the workload as a result of those reductions. There are 9 officers needed for the Liberty Festival to keep things safe. He responded to a comment made about municipal spending and School reduction and municipal regarding tax payers and the tax rate that is going to the school is flat however spending hasn't changed. New revenue coming from the State has funded the school department to be able to increase their budget but the Municipal side has been holding their own and making cuts and maybe this is not being communicated well. He talked about police cruisers and are doing their best to keep reduce costs. Managers are trying to do their best.

Jaime Thibodeau, Beech Hill Road said we need to look at the budget as soon as tomorrow for next year. She said she hears so much division with management of the City. She talked about "scare tactics" and asked how do we get to a place where we are working together as a city and looking at the same budget and going back to basics to what the city needs.

Mike Scott, 549 South Witham Road. He said his friends wondered why he wanted to move to Auburn from Sabattus years ago knowing that Auburn taxes were higher. He said he did so because he feels that he gets something for his money – services. He said he would move back to Sabattus if he did not want the services Auburn provides.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking the \$20,000 for Special Events. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Shea, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend by striking the \$25,000 for Recycling. Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, LaFontaine, Young, Walker, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by moving the \$120,000 for Fire Fighters overtime to Fire Fighters Safety. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Shea, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to amend by taking \$12,000 from the \$20,000 for Special Events and go towards waiving fees for non-profit food service licensing. Motion failed because no one seconded the motion.

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Passage of original motion 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed).

VIII. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – asked about the Forestry Board cutting trees behind Edward Little High School and they are keeping the trees as payment to cut the trees. He asked who authorized this.

IX. Executive Session

- Discussion on a personnel issue (City Manager review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).
Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes, passage 6-0 (Councilor Young not present), 9:47 P.M. The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:58 P.M.
- Discussion on a legal matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).
Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley, passage 4-0 (Councilors Young, Gerry, and Shea were not present), 9:59 P.M. The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:12 P.M.
- Discussion on a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).
Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker, passage 4-0 (Councilors Young, Gerry, and Shea not present), 10:13 P.M. The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:22 P.M.

X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items – None

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0. 10:23 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 53-07152013*

Approving the Special Event and in kind services request for the 2013 Dempsey Challenge.

2. Order 54-07152013*

Approving the Special Event and in kind services request for the 2013 Great Falls Balloon Festival.

3. Order 55-07152013*

Setting the time to open the polls for the July 23, 2013 School Budget Validation Referendum Election for 7:00 A.M.

4. Order 56-07152013*

Authorizing the City Manager and Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté to be representatives for negotiations regarding the contract between Auburn and the City Lewiston for water rights from the Androscoggin River into the canal system and extending the authorization to any necessary ancillary agreements, permits, or contracts relating to the Lewiston Falls Hydro Project.

There was a request from Councilors Walker and Crowley to remove items 1 and 2 from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business as the first two items.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept the remaining consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve minutes of the June 24, 2013 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

The Mayor requested that item number 6 under New Business be taken out of order. There were no objections from Council.

Hearing on the appeal of the denial of a business license for B.A.M.B.I.N.O.S (owner Crystal Palmer) pursuant to section 24-37 (b) of our Code of Ordinances.

Order 57-07152013 (item number 6 under New Business on the agenda taken out of order)

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Upholding/overturning the City Clerk's denial of B.A.M.B.I.N.O.S's (owner Crystal Palmer) application for a Second Hand Dealer permit. *Council may enter into Executive Session, to discuss the content of examinations administered by the City for licensing purposes, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(G).*

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, 7:12 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:12 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to uphold the City Clerk's denial of B.A.M.B.I.N.O.S's (owner Crystal Palmer) application for a Second Hand Dealer permit. Passage 4-3, (Councilors LaFontaine, Walker, and Shea opposed).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

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

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – June 2013 Monthly Finance Report

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- First Citizens Fire Academy
- Proclamation – Ken Blais – to be presented at the August 5, 2013 Meeting.
- Proclamation – Parks and Recreation Month

V. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-06032013

Approving the newly proposed Flea Market license fee schedule (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone until the second meeting in August. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Shea abstained).

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2. Ordinance 06-06032013

Approving the newly proposed Peddlers license fee schedule (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone until the second meeting in August. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Shea abstained).

3. Resolve 04-06032013

Supporting the Emergency Medical Services.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

4. Ordinance 07-06032013

Approving the proposed ordinance amendment on alcoholic beverages at Mass Gatherings (first reading).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

5. Ordinance 08-06032013

Approving the proposed Forestry Board Ordinance (first reading).
The City Manager recommends postponing this item to allow time for staff to review further.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item indefinitely. Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Crowley and Hayes opposed, Councilor Shea was out of the room).

VII. New Business

Hearing on the appeal of the denial of a business license for B.A.M.B.I.N.O.S (owner Crystal Palmer) pursuant to section 24-37 (b) of our Code of Ordinances.

Order 57-07152013 - This item was taken out of order after the approval of the minutes.

Upholding/overturning the City Clerk's denial of B.A.M.B.I.N.O.S's (owner Crystal Palmer) application for a Second Hand Dealer permit.

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Council may enter into Executive Session, to discuss the content of examinations administered by the City for licensing purposes, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(G).

Order 53-07152013 – This item was removed from the Consent Agenda

Approving the Special Event and in kind services request for the 2013 Dempsey Challenge.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed and Councilor Shea was out of the room).

Order 54-07152013 - This item was removed from the Consent Agenda

Approving the Special Event and in kind services request for the 2013 Great Falls Balloon Festival.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed and Councilor Shea was out of the room).

Order 58-07152013

Approving the proposed changes to Building Permit fee schedule.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Shea was out of the room).

Resolve 06-07152013

Authorizing the application for and acceptance of a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission.

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

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Shea was out of the room).

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

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- IX. Executive Session** – Discussion on a personnel issue (City Manager review) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). This item was postponed to a Special Meeting to be held Monday, July 22, 2013 at 5:30 A.M.
- X. Future Agenda/Workshop Items** – Future agenda items will be submitted with a new request form give to Council.
- XI. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Shea was out of the room), 10:05 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Alison Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Hayes and Councilor Young both had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 59-08052013*

Casting votes for the Maine Municipal Association's Vice President and Executive Committee Members.

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

II. Minutes

▪ July 1, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 5-0.

▪ July 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted written reports. She also wanted to make a clarification on her Water District report.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Crowley submitted a written report and also reported on a few additional items. Councilor Walker reported.

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

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation - Ken Blais, owner of Rolly's Diner and the City of Auburn's 2013 Spirit of America Tribute recipient.

V. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

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VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 07-06032013

Approving the proposed ordinance amendment on alcoholic beverages at Mass Gatherings (second and final reading).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 3-2 (Councilor Crowley and Gerry opposed). This item requires at least 4 affirmative votes.

VII. New Business

1. Order 60-08052013

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

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

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Order 61-08052013

Setting the date (August 20, 2013) and location (Auburn Hall) and the time the polls will open (7:00 A.M.) for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election.

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

3. Order 62-08052013

Establishing the property tax payment due dates and to establish the property tax delinquency and overpayment interest rates for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

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

Public comment – Jamie Thibodeau, Beech Hill Road and Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Order 63-08052013

Establishing a Public Services Department including Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Engineering within current approved budgets.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by adding language that the Manager will report back to the Council within 90 days a recommendation which shows the reporting structure of the Recreation supervisor.

Passage of the amendment, 5-0.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to table this item, no second and the motion failed.

Passage of the order as amended, 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

3. Order 64-08052013

Approving changes to the Community Development Program amendment.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item. Motion failed 3-2 (Councilors Walker and Shea opposed). After discussion on the item a motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone until 8/19/2013. Passage 5-0.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

IX. Executive Session

- Discussion on a Poverty Abatement, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841 (2) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained), 8:28 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:37 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to deny the abatement. Passage 5-0.

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XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 5-0. 8:38 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 66-08192013*

Confirming Police Chief, Phil Crowell's appointments of Katherine D. Avery, Joseph M. Correia and Joseph T. Miville as Constables with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 67-08192013*

Approving the list of equipment to be auctioned off.

Councilor Gerry asked that item #2 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business. The Mayor stated that it would appear as the first item under New Business.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve minutes of the August 5, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained because he was absent from that meeting).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to approve the amendment to the previously adopted minutes of the 4/16/2013 City Council Meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – the Mayor reported and submitted his written report to be placed on file.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley and Young submitted written reports and Councilor Crowley reported on a few additional items.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Deschene reported on a few items. He will be submitting a written report to Council on a weekly basis.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – the July Finance report will be on the September 3, 2013 agenda. The Finance Department received an award for achieving Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 20th consecutive year.

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IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session – Tim Doughty-75 Cherry Vale Circle, Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-06032013

Approving the newly proposed Flea Market license fee schedule (first reading).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone to a date to be determined. Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 06-06032013

Approving the newly proposed Peddlers license fee schedule (first reading).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone to a date to be determined. Passage 7-0.

3. Order 64-08052013

Approving the Community Development Program amendment.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed).

VII. New Business

Order 67-08192013 – This item was removed from the Consent Agenda

Approving the list of equipment to be auctioned off.

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

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Public Comment – Joe Gray - Sopers Mill Road, Andy Titus - 17 Lamplighter Circle.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors LaFontaine, Walker, Shea, Gerry, and Crowley opposed. This item will be on the Workshop Agenda of 9/3/2013.

4. Order 68-08192013

Approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Maine Billiards League d/b/a Legends Sports Bar and Grill located at 128 Center Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve pending approval from all departments (waiting for the certificate of occupancy).

Public comment – Dan Small, owner of Legends Sports Bar and Grill.

Passage 7-0

5. Order 69-08192013

Authorizing the issuance and sale of the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,900,000. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by removing any items that did not receive 5 affirmative votes during the CIP process; Engineering Major Drainage, ICT Network Security, Parks & Recreation Holder Tractor, Planning and Code Municipal Street Light Purchase, Planning and Code Traffic Signal Pole Replacement, Public Works Heavy Equipment-Dump Trucks, and Public Works Vehicles reducing the bonds by \$1,383,736.00. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Public comment – Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle.

Passage of order 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed).

6. Ordinance 10-08192013

Approving the proposed ordinance on the regulation of Synthetic drugs (first reading).

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

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Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Shea and Crowley opposed).

VIII. Open Session – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

IX. Executive Session –

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 7-0, 8:41 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:58 P.M.

Discussion regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea. Passage 5-0 (Councilors Crowley and Hayes were not in the room), 9:00 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 10:09 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Young Shea were out of the room), 10:10 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to add to the agenda a request from the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church to place temporary signs for the Greek festival as item #6 under New Business, and to add as #7 under New Business authorization to auction off City surplus property. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

- August 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

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

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – the Mayor reported

Committee Reports

- **Transportation**
 - **Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center** – Mayor LaBonte reported
 - **Lewiston Auburn Transit** – no report
 - **Airport, Railroad** – no report
 - **Bike-Ped Committee** – no report
- **Housing**
 - **Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Auburn Housing Authority** – Councilor Gerry reported on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- **Economic Development**
 - **L-A Economic Growth Council, Auburn Business Development Corporation** – Mayor LaBonté reported
- **Education**
 - **Auburn School Committee** – Councilor Young reported
 - **Auburn Public Library** – Councilor LaFontaine reported
 - **Great Falls TV** – no report
- **Environmental Services**
 - **Auburn Water District, Auburn Sewerage District** – Councilor Crowley reported
 - **Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp.** – no report
- **Recreation**
 - **Recreation Advisory Board** – Mayor LaBonté reported
- **Public Safety**
 - **LA 911** – Councilor Walker reported

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Hayes reported and Councilor Crowley submitted a written report

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – July Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the July finance report. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 69-08192013

Authorizing the issuance and sale of the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,900,000 (second reading).

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking Engineering's Major Drainage for \$60,000. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking ICT's Network Security for \$40,000. Passage 4-3, (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking the Parks and Recreation's Holder Tractor for \$165,000. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Shea opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking Planning & Code's Municipal Street Light Purchase for \$750,000. Motion failed 2-4-1 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed and Councilor Shea abstained).

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking Planning & Code's Traffic Signal Pole Replacement for \$10,736. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Shea, LaFontaine, and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking Public Works Heavy Equipment-Dump Trucks for \$320,000. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by striking Public Works Vehicles for \$38,000. Passage 4-3, (Councilors Gerry, LaFontaine, and Young opposed).

Passage of the order as amended, 7-0.

2. Ordinance 10-08192013

Approving the proposed ordinance on the regulation of Synthetic drugs (second reading).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Shea and Crowley opposed).

VII. New Business

3. Order 70-09032013

Authorizing the Community Development Director to submit a request for an exemption to the Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations of the Community Development Block grant program on behalf of Councilor Leroy Walker.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

4. Order 71-09032013

Adopting the Analysis of the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice as recommended by the Community Development Staff.

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

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Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

5. Order 72-09032013

Casting votes for members of the Androscoggin County Budget Committee. Council may enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to vote as follows;
District 5, Tizz Crowley and Andrew Titus;
District 6, Stanwood Gray and Robert Hayes.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 74-09032013

Approving the request from the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church to place temporary signs advertising the Greek Festival.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker approving the temporary sign placement for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 75-09032013

Authorizing the Finance Director to move forward with the auction of City surplus property.

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

Public comment – Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle, and Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road.

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

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

IX. Executive Session

Discussion on a Poverty Abatement, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841 (2) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, 8:48 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:58 P.M.

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Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to deny the Poverty Abatement. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor LaFontaine abstained).

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 8:59 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager, Clint Deschene 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. Mayor LaBonté and Councilors LaFontaine and Hayes had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

Mayor Pro Tempore – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to elect Councilor Gerry to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Another motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gerry to elect Councilor Shea to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion failed, 2-2-1 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed, Councilor Gerry abstained).

Original motion failed, 2-2-1 (Councilors Shea and Young opposed, Councilor Gerry abstained).

Councilor Shea withdrew his name, passage to elect Councilor Gerry as Mayor Pro Tempore 5-0.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 76-09162013

Setting the time to open the polls for the November 5, 2013 election for 7:00 A.M.

Motion by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley. Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone the minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular Council Meeting until 10/7/2013 when the corrected minutes can be presented. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – None

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

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – August 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept and place on file the August finance report. Passage 5-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Fire Officer Cadet Pawel Gatarczyk

V. Open Session

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- Larry Pelletier, New Auburn talked about trash and littering issues. There is a lot of trash at Bonney Park. He also commented on the Park Watch program that was supposed to address some of these concerns and has yet to be started.
- Connie Mercier, 21 Fourth Street expressed her concerns over the loud noise at the Fire House Grill last week.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Ordinance 11-09162013

Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 52, Article 5, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division I Generally Sec. 52-181 Parking in City owned-lots. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

2. Order 77-09162013

Adopting the addendum to the City of Auburn's Joint Purchasing and Procurement Policy that was adopted by City Council on January 2, 2013.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to add to the order that the School Department must also offer their items to other City departments first.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone to the earliest possible time. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

3. Order 78-09162013

Appointing Charles Morrison to the L/A Cable TV Advisory Board with a term expiration of January 1, 2015 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

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Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone all appointments (items 3 through 7) until the October 7, 2013 meeting. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

4. Order 79-09162013

Appointing Michael Dixon to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of October 1, 2016 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone all appointments (items 3 through 7) until the October 7, 2013 meeting. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

5. Order 80-09162013

Appointing Judith Webber to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of October 1, 2018 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone all appointments (items 3 through 7) until the October 7, 2013 meeting. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

6. Order 81-09162013

Appointing Robert Bowyer to the Planning Board with a term expiration of January 1, 2016 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone all appointments (items 3 through 7) until the October 7, 2013 meeting. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

7. Order 82-09162013

Appointing Ann Parker to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee with a term expiration of October 1, 2016 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone all appointments (items 3 through 7) until the October 7, 2013 meeting. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

VIII. Open Session

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to take out of order the Open Session and place before the Executive Session. Passage 5-0.

No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 5-0, 7:46 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to move out of executive session. Passage 4-0 (Councilor Shea was not present for this vote), 8:01 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Young seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 4-0 (Councilors Shea was not present for this vote), 08:03 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte 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 Shea had an excused absence. Councilor Hayes arrived at 5:33 P.M. and Councilor Young had to leave at 6:15 P.M.

I. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding contemplated litigation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 5-0 (Councilors Shea and Hayes absent), 5:32 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 6:18 P.M.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 4-0 (Councilor Shea and Young absent and Councilor Crowley was out of the room during this vote), 6:18 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:00 P.M.

- Discussion of a personnel issue (the City Manager Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Shea and Young absent and Councilor Walker abstained), 7:00 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:49 P.M.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. Passage 5-0, 7:49 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Howard Kroll, Assistant City Manager

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Crowley had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items* - None

II. Minutes

- September 3, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- September 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- September 30, 2013 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of September 3rd, September 16th, and September 30th, 2013. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

City Committee Reports – Councilor Young reported on Great falls TV.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Crowley submitted a written report.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition of *The Auburn Running Club*, for winning the State meet for the 2013 Auburn Parks and Recreation Summer Track and Field Program
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Month

V. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-09162013

Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 52, Article 5, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division I Generally Sec. 52-181 Parking in City owned-lots. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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*Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

2. Order 78-09162013

Appointing Charles Morrison to the L/A Cable TV Advisory Board with a term expiration of January 1, 2015 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

3. Order 79-09162013

Appointing Michael Dixon to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of October 1, 2016 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

4. Order 80-09162013

Appointing Judith Webber to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of October 1, 2018 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

5. Order 81-09162013

Appointing Robert Bowyer to the Planning Board with a term expiration of January 1, 2016 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

6. Order 82-09162013

Appointing Ann Parker to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee with a term expiration of October 1, 2016 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

VII. New Business

7. Order 83-10072013

Authorizing the City Manager to use funds in the amount up to \$50,000 from an inactive special revenue account to fund ICT's Network Security and Planning and Permitting's Traffic Pole projects with any unused funds being transferred to the general fund account.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the order to now read; "ORDERED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to use funds in the amount of \$61,000 from an inactive special revenue account to fund ICT's Network Security project and Planning and Permitting's Traffic Pole projects with any unused funds being transferred to the facilities CIP for FY 13/14.

Passage of the amendment, 6-0.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road.

Passage of the order as amended, 6-0.

8. Order 84-10072013A and Order 84-10072013B

Approving the reallocation and prioritization of FY14 CIP funds related to City Buildings.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker (Order 84-10072013B).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young (Order 84-10072013A).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

9. Ordinance 12-10072013

Adopting the General Assistance overall maximums. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

*Passage 6-0.

10. Ordinance 13-10072013

Adopting the General Assistance Ordinance. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

*Passage 6-0.

11. Order 85-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Bucks Auto - Public hearing.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 6-0.

12. Order 86-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts – Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to postpone this item and public hearing until November 4, 2013. Passage 6-0.

13. Order 87-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto Parts – Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 6-0.

14. Order 88-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts-Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 6-0.

15. Order 89-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller, Division of Schnitzer NE – Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 6-0.

16. Order 90-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC (formerly known as Maine Metal Recycling) – Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Session

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- Discussion regarding contemplated litigation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to enter into executive session. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed), 7:52 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:06 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea for passage of Resolve 07-10072013 calling upon the Lewiston-Auburn Transportation Committee to call upon the Maine Department of Transportation to assist actively in monitoring the performance of the contract between the Lewiston-Auburn Transportation Committee and Western Maine Transportation Systems, Inc., for the Citylink bus service to assure that existing violations of maintenance and safety standards are promptly cured and that there is effective oversight of the Citylink system in the future. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 4-2 (Councilor Gerry and Walker abstained), 8:15 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:41 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to authorize a \$2,000 wage adjustment for the City Manager pursuant to the employment contract of the City Manager. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). This becomes Order 91-10072013.

- Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) with possible action to follow.

This matter was discussed and resolved in executive session during the workshop.

IX. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

* Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to suspend the rules and confirm the votes originally taken by a show of hands of items #1. Ordinance 11-09162013, #9. Ordinance 12-10072013, and #10. Ordinance 13-10072013 with a roll call vote in accordance to the City Charter.

X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Shea to adjourn.
Passage 6-0. 8:50 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilors Young and Shea had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 92-10212013*

Appointment of Wardens and Ward Clerks for the November 5, 2013 Election.

2. Order 93-10212013*

Authorizing the City Manager to transfer funds from Auburn's salary account (sick leave donations) to 9-1-1's salary account.

3. Order 94-10212013*

Approving the request for temporary sign placement for the Auburn Ski Association.

4. Order 95-10212013*

Approving the request for temporary sign placement for the St. Dom's Academy.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the consent items. Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013. Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained from voting because she was not present at the October 7, 2013 meeting).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Gerry and Walker reported. Councilor Crowley submitted a written report and reported on an additional item.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – September 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the September 2013 finance report. Passage 5-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Portrait presentation – Former Mayor Normand Guay

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- Proclamation – Recognizing Chief of Police, Phil Crowell for being elected President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association.

This item is to be postponed until the meeting of November 4, 2013.

Mayor LaBonté proclaimed Thursday, October 24, 2013 as “Food Day in Auburn”

V. Open Session - Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – Ingersoll Arena and Matrix report

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 77-09162013

Adopting the addendum to the City of Auburn’s Joint Purchasing and Procurement Policy that was adopted by City Council on January 2, 2013.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adopt the addendum to the City of Auburn’s Joint Purchasing and Procurement Policy that was adopted by City Council on January 2, 2013.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

2. Ordinance 12-10072013

Adopting the General Assistance overall maximums. Second reading.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adopt the General Assistance overall maximums.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by including State changes to the Appendices B-Food Maximum.

Passage of amendment, 5-0.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage of the ordinance as amended, 5-0 (roll call vote Councilors Shea and Young absent).

3. Ordinance 13-10072013

Adopting the General Assistance Ordinance. Second reading.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance.

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Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage, 5-0 (roll call vote Councilors Shea and Young absent).

VII. New Business – No new business

VIII. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend the rules to add an executive session and add an item to the agenda. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed), 7:51 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 7:59 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into negotiations to purchase property at 88 Newbury Street, Auburn, Maine to improve public river access and long term connectivity of recreational assets along the Little and Big Androscoggin Rivers. This is Order 96-10212013. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 5-0, 8:01 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 97-11042013*

Appointment of Warden and Ward Clerk for the November 5, 2013 Election.

2. Order 98-11042013*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Katherine D. Avery, Joseph M. Correia and Joseph T. Miville as Constables with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- October 21, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry. After some Council discussion, both Councilors withdrew their motion and postponed this item to the 11/18/2013 meeting.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

City Manager's Report – reported

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted written reports.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Crowley reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Recognizing Chief of Police, Phil Crowell for being elected President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association.
- 2013 Auburn Book Project Winner – Oliver Hall

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

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 86-10072013

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Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts – Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to postpone this item until December 16, 2013 per staff recommendation. Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

1. Ordinance 14-11042013

Adopting an amendment to the Business licensing Code of Ordinances to include the definition of Garage Sales. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adopt the amendment to the business licensing Code of Ordinances to include the definition of Garage Sales.

Public comment – Andy Titus, Lamplighter Circle.

Passage of first reading 7-0 (roll call vote).

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

IX. Executive Session

- MSEA labor negotiations discussion, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, 7:59 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:36 P.M.

- Labor negotiations update (Fire, MAP Patrol, MAP Command), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). Motion was made by Councilor Shea and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session (Councilors Gerry and LaFontaine were not in the room). Passage 5-0, 8:37 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:30 P.M.

Council continued workshop discussions (on Lewiston/Auburn Transit Committee and the Re-purposing of Ingersoll Arena).

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0. 9:39 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

JOINT MEETING WITH LEWISTON NOVEMBER 12, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 193

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of Lewiston City Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag and a moment of silence. Councilor Desjardins of Lewiston and Councilor Shea of Auburn both had excused absences. All other Lewiston and Auburn Councilors were present.

Discussion on the following;

1. Review of LATC Bus Purchasing and Maintenance History – Operational Impacts
2. Review of Halsey King Associates Report
3. Update on Status of Western Maine Transportation Improvements/Compliance Efforts
4. Proposed Resolve to Re-Purpose LATC Capital Reserve Funding
5. Joint Council discussion to expand the scope of services for the LATC route study to include an organizational study
6. Updates on Portland-Lewiston-Auburn Joint Resolve

Resolve 08-11122013

Authorizing the re-purposing of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) Capital Reserve Funding.

Motion was made by Lewiston Councilor Butler and seconded by Auburn Councilor LaFontaine.

Passage 6-0 Lewiston (Councilor Desjardins absent) and passage 6-0 Auburn (Councilor Shea absent). Roll call votes were taken.

Adjournment at 7:08 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:10 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

- October 21, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- November 4, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of October 21, 2013 and November 4, 2013 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report - reported

City Councilors – Councilors LaFontaine and Young reported. Councilor Crowley submitted a written report and reported on additional items.

City Manager's Report – Public Services update – reported on additional items.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – October 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the October 2013 finance report. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session – Larry Pelletier of New Auburn on the status of the Park Watch Program.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 14-11042013

Adopting an amendment to the Business licensing Code of Ordinances to include the definition of Garage Sales. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the amendment to the Business licensing Code of Ordinances to include the definition of Garage Sales.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0 (roll call vote).

VII. New Business

1. Order 99-11182013

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Authorizing the City Manager to purchase property at 88 Newbury Street for a purchase price of \$38,900 plus reasonable closing costs funded from Downtown TIF District #10.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to purchase property at 88 Newbury Street for a purchase price of \$38,900 plus reasonable closing costs funded from Downtown TIF District #10.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 100-11182013

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement with MSEA Local 1989.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

VIII. Executive Session

- Lewiston/Auburn Economic Growth Council (LAEGC) – Executive Session for consultation with City Attorney, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed), 7:38 P.M.
The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:56 P.M.

- Poverty Abatement discussion, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841(2) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, 8:59 P.M.
The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:08 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to deny the poverty abatement for case # 1478 (Order #101-11-182013). Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

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- Labor negotiations update (Fire, MAP Patrol, MAP Command) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, 9:10 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:40 P.M.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0, 9:41 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

1. **Order 102-12022013***
Appointment of Wardens and Ward Clerks for December 2013 through December 2015.
2. **Order 103-12022013***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Kourtney Francoeur).
3. **Order 104-12022013***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Ashley Gleason).
4. **Order 105-12022013***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Erick Estrada).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- November 12, 2013 Joint Council Meeting
- November 18, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of November 12 and November 18, 2013. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

City Manager's Report – reported

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley submitted written reports.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Crowley submitted a written report and reported on additional items. Councilor Gerry also reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Presentation – John Storer on Water Rate Increase
- Recognition – Councilor Shea was recognized for his two years of service as City Councilor.

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

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Order 106-12022013

Approving the order to extend funding to the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council through June 30, 2014 and also accepting the revised scope of services as noted in the proposed order.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to approve Order 106-12022013.

Public comment: Dan Herrick-470 Hatch Road, Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Shea, and Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 107-12022013

Amending the downtown TIF district 10 (Public hearing).

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

Public hearing: Roland Miller, Economic Development Director.

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

3. Order 108-12022013

Amending the Auburn Mall TIF district 14 (Public hearing).

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

Public hearing: Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item to a date to be determined.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

4. Order 109-12022013

Adopting the new Ice Arena TIF district 18 (Public hearing).

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item to a date to be determined.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

5. Order 110-12022013

Authorizing the City Manager to amend the lease with Slapshot, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve Order 110-12022013 as presented.

Public hearing: Roland Miller - Economic Development Director,
Joe Gray - Sopers Mill Road

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VIII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session, MAP Police Patrol pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) – No action required. *This item did not have to be addressed.*

IX. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road
Dan Herrick, Hatch Road

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0. 9:10 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2013 VOL. 33 PAGE 200

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:13 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 112-12162013***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Philip Moser).
2. **Order 113-12162013***
Confirming Police Chief, Phil Crowell's appointment of David K. Brown, II as Constable with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
3. **Order 114-12162013***
Approving the 180 day moratorium on tree harvesting.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- December 2, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of December 2, 2013. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor welcomed Councilor Lee.

City Councilors – Councilors Hayes and Crowley submitted written reports. Councilors Young and Gerry reported, and Councilor Crowley reported on a few additional items.

City Manager's Report – Railroad Board Meeting update.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – November 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the November 2013 finance report. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Mary Sylvester – Community Conversations Review
- Audit Presentation – Casey Leonard of Runyon Kersteen Ouellette
- Matrix updates – Frank Roma

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V. Open Session – Andy Titus-17 Lamplighter Circle, Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road, and Don St. Germaine all spoke.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 86-10072013

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts (Public hearing).

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

Public hearing – Don St. Germaine, owner of Morris Auto Parts.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by replacing the order with an order to deny the annual renewal request based on the findings of fact and conclusions (included in the amended order).

Public comment – Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road

Passage on amendment, 7-0 (a roll call vote was taken). Passage on Order 86-10072013 as amended and with the attached findings of fact and conclusions, 7-0.

2. Order 108-12022013

Amending the Auburn Mall TIF district 14 (Public hearing).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the Auburn Mall TIF district 14.

The Mayor re-opened the public hearing (was continued from the 12/2/2013 Council meeting). Andy Titus-17 Lamplighter Circle and Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 109-12022013

Adopting the new Ice Arena TIF district 18 (Public hearing).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the new Ice Arena TIF district 18.

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The Mayor opened the Public hearing (was continued from the 12/2/2013 Council meeting). Andy Titus-17 Lamplighter Circle spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the attached document referenced in the order by editing table 1 on page 4 (Captured Assessed Value) from;
1-5 years 100% 6-10 years 75% 11-15 years 50% 16-20 years 25%
to; 1-5 years 80% 6-10 years 70% 11-15 years 60% 16-20 years 40%

Motion on the amendment failed, 3-4 (Councilors Young, LaFontaine, Lee, and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of Order 109-12022013, 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

4. Order 115-12162013

Accepting the FY 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young.
Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed and Councilor Crowley abstained).

5. Order 116-12162013

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the MAP Command Unit.

Motion by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 117-12162013

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement with I.A.F.F. (International Association of Firefighters) Local 797.

No action was needed on this item.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

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IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed). Time 10:03 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:25 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn. Passage 4-0 (Councilors Young, Gerry, and Hayes were not in the room during the vote), 10:27 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 1

This meeting was scheduled for 1/6/2014 but due to inclement weather, was postponed until 1/13/2014.

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

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 01-01062014*

Confirming Police Chief, Phil Crowell's appointment of Greg S. Pealitere as Constable with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 02-01062013*

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - December 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of December 16, 2013 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

City Manager's Report – reported

- Update on the Downtown Auburn Transportation Center
- Council Code of Conduct
- Memo on Mission Statements
- Council Library on Network

City Committee Reports – Councilor Hayes submitted a written report. Councilor LaFontaine reported on the Auburn School Committee and the Auburn Public Library. Councilor Crowley reported on the Auburn Water District and the Auburn Sewer District. Councilor Walker reported on Mid Maine Waste Action Corp.

Councilor Reports - Councilor Crowley reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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- Presentation – Alan Manoian on the Downtown Walking Tour

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

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Order 03-01062014

Authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to solicit bids and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$45,000 from the Municipal Fund Balance for the demolition and removal of the Dangerous Building at 9 Gamage Avenue.

This item will carry forward to a future meeting.

VIII. Open Session – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

IX. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding County Dispatch, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained), 8:36 P.M.

Mayor LaBonté declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:55 P.M.

- Discussion regarding Monty Hydro Canal negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room), 8:55 P.M.

Mayor LaBonté declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:29 P.M.

- Discussion regarding labor negotiations I.A.F.F. (International Association of Firefighters) Local 797 pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed, Councilor Lee abstained), 9:30 P.M.

Mayor LaBonté declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:53 P.M.

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X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. No one in opposition, 9:54 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. **Consent Items*** - None

II. **Minutes** - January 13, 2014 Regular Council Meeting (meeting was postponed from January 6, 2014).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of January 13, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. **Reports**

Mayor's Report - Reported

City Councilors – Councilors Crowley, Gerry, Lee, and Walker reported.

City Manager's Report - Reported

- Revenue Sharing Impacts Memo
- 2014 State Revenue Sharing (2013 Resolve attached as a reference)

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2013 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept and place on file the December 2013 finance report as presented. Passage 7-0.

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Stormwater – Dan Goyette and Barry Sheff with Woodard & Curran.

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

VI. **Unfinished Business** - None

VII. **New Business**

1. **Order 04-01212014**

Approving a new Liquor License (Food Service Class I - Spirituous, Vinous, Malt) application for Xinglong Corporation, DBA: Lotus Restaurant located at 279 Center Street (public hearing).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the liquor license for Xinglong Corporation, DBA: Lotus Restaurant located at 279 Center Street.

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Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 05-01212014

Authorizing the Finance Director to extend the contract for Audit Services for 3 years, (FY14, FY15 and FY16) with Runyon Kersteen Ouellette, the City's current auditor.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lee to postpone until a recommendation is made by the Audit Committee. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

3. Order 06-01212014

Setting the date for a Special Municipal Election to elect three members of a Joint Charter Commission for the proposed consolidation of the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to set the date for a Special Municipal Election to elect three members of a Joint Charter Commission for the proposed consolidation of the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by postponing the election until the November General Election. The motion to amend failed, 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, and Young opposed).

Passage of the original motion 4-3 (Councilors Crowley, Walker, Gerry opposed).

4. Order 07-01212014

Approving the establishment of a Charter Commission for the purpose of revising the City of Auburn Charter.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Motion failed 0-7 (all Councilors opposed).

5. Order 08-01212014

Submitting the question, for the establishment of a Charter Commission to revise the City of Auburn Charter, to the voters at a Special Election to be held on June 10, 2014.

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This item was no longer on the table due to Order 07-01212014 failing.

6. Order 09-01212014

Setting the date for a Special Municipal Election to elect the members of the City of Auburn Charter Commission for June 10, 2014.

This item was no longer on the table due to Order 07-01212014 failing.

7. Order 10-01212014

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement with I.A.F.F. (International Association of Firefighters) Local 797.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3-1 with Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Gerry opposed, and Councilor Lee abstaining, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote). A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session - None

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. No one in opposition, 9:02 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. **Consent Items*** - None

II. **Minutes**

- January 21, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. **Reports**

Mayor's Report – reported

City Manager's Report – reported on the items below and provided an update on the transportation center.

- Sale of the Chilling System at Ingersoll Arena being put out with bid process
- Joint School and City Budget calendar

City Committee Reports – Councilors Walker and Crowley reported. Councilor Crowley also had a Sewer District slide presentation.

Councilor Reports- Councilors Gerry and Crowley reported.

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions** - None

V. **Open Session**

Dom Casavant, 158 Valview Drive
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Ginger Lee Smith, River Road

VI. **Unfinished Business** - None

VII. **New Business**

1. **Public Hearing**

Public hearing on Solid Waste and Recycling contracts.

Dom Casavant, 158 Valview Drive
Robert Hansen, 376 Lake Street
Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Deb Desjardins, Turner Road
Betty Ann Sheets, 32 Waterboro Drive

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2. Order 11-02032014

Naming the ball field at Pettengill Park. Public hearing.

Colby Dill, post 153 vice commander who would like to name the field The Ted Ricker Memorial Field.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young not to name the ball field at Pettengill Park. Passage 6-0.

3. Ordinance 01-02032014

Amending an Ordinance – Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Section 2-514). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to amend the Ordinance (Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Section 2-514) by striking the second line as presented. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 01-02032014

Supporting the Rail to Trail Project.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker supporting the Rail to Trail Project. Passage 6-0.

5. Resolve 02-02032014

Opposing the State Revenue Sharing Reduction.

The City Manager will rewrite this Resolve and will bring it back to the February 18, 2014.

6. Order 12-02032014

Authorizing the City Manager to reinstate funding (\$2,205 to be taken from the Fund Balance) to support five polling places instead of one for the June 10, 2014 election.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley authorizing the City Manager to reinstate funding (\$2,205 to be taken from the Fund Balance) to support five polling places instead of one for the June 10, 2014 election. Passage 6-0.

VIII Open Session

Betty Ann Sheets on behalf of Colby Dill.

IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to enter into Executive Session. Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained and Councilor Walker was out of the room during the vote). Time 9:25 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of Executive Session at 10:25 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Young was not present for this vote), 10:25 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 10

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Order 13-02102014

Authorizing the City Manager to sign an easement with Slap Shot, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to sign an easement with Slap Shot, LLC.
Passage 6-0.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 6-0, 7:30 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 11

This meeting was scheduled for 2/18/2014 but due to inclement weather, was postponed until 2/24/2014.

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. (due to the Council Workshop running late) 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 14-02182014*

Accepting the transfer of \$4,491.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency (Gary Wallace).

2. Order 15-02182014*

Accepting the transfer of \$6,250.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency (Herbert Simmons).

3. Order 16-02182014*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,634.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency (Taurus Allen).

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- February 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained because he not present for the meeting of February 3, 2014 due to an excused absence).
- February 10, 2014 Special Council Meeting
Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – reported

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor's Crowley, Young, Lee, and Walker reported.

City Manager Report

- Street Lights Ownership Update

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- January 2014 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the January 2014 monthly finance report as presented.
Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – Stephen Martelli
- Coffee with a Cop – presented by Sgt. Barry Schmieks and Chief Phil Crowell, Jr.

V. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, New Auburn resident spoke

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-02032014

Amending an Ordinance – (Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Section 2-514).
Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and Second by Councilor Crowley to amend the Ordinance – Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Section 2-514).
Public comment – no one spoke
Passage 7-0 (a roll call vote was taken).

VII. New Business

2. Order 17-02182014

Reappointing Renee LaChapelle as the City Assessor for a two year term beginning March 15, 2014 through March 15, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to reappoint Renee LaChapelle as the City Assessor for a two year term beginning March 15, 2014 through March 15, 2016.

Motion failed 3-4. There was a tie vote 3-3-1 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Crowley opposed, Councilor Lee abstained) and in accordance to the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote. He voted in opposition and the motion failed. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session - None

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Adjournment - After the meeting, the Council workshop continued (city budget presentations and discussions), adjourning at 9:40 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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The City Manager, Clint Deschene called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Mayor LaBonté was not in attendance due to an excused absence.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to nominate Councilor Crowley as the Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. There were no other nominations so a vote was not needed.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 18-03032014*

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to approve the consent agenda item confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

February 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting (postponed from February 18, 2014).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of February 24, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – none

City Manager's Report – reported

City Committee Reports – Councilor LaFontaine reported on the Auburn School Committee and the Auburn Public Library, and Councilor Crowley reported on the Auburn Water and Sewer Districts.

Councilor Reports- Councilors Young, Gerry, and Crowley reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Target Zero – Teen Driving Grant Presentation – SRO Shawn Carll
- Recognition – Mike Lecompte-**postponed to 3/17 due to the Mayors absence**
- Proclamation – Women's History Month-**postponed to 3/17 due to the Mayors absence**

V. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 second Street

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Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road
Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Order 19-03032014

Authorizing the City Manager to transfer funds \$35,000 from the "Parking Permit Fees" revenue account to purchase a Parking Enforcement vehicle with detailing equipment.

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

After much debate Councilor Hayes made a motion to move the question. Motion failed 2-4 (Gerry, LaFontaine, Lee, and Walker opposed).

Passage of the original order as presented, 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 02-03032014

Adopting the newly proposed ward maps and descriptions. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the newly proposed ward maps (that were originally presented at the 2/20/2014 workshop) and descriptions as presented.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone to a date uncertain. Motion to postpone this item failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Young, Walker and Hayes opposed).

Public comment Tegan Lake, South Main Street
Eric Brakey, Pleasant Street

Passage of the first reading to adopt the newly proposed ward maps and descriptions as presented, 6-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

3. Resolve 03-03032014

Authorizing the Auburn Water District to issue its bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance treatment to Lake Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and second by Councilor Walker to authorize the Auburn Water District to issue its bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance treatment to Lake Auburn.

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Public comment no one from the public spoke, passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

VIII Open Session - Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle.

IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, time 9:12 P.M.

The Mayor Pro Tem declared Council out of Executive Session at 9:39 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0, Councilor Gerry was out of the room. Time 9:39 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

Great Falls TV and Library Budget presentations carried over from the workshop followed by public comment. No one from the public spoke.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 20-03172014*

Approving the temporary sign request for Safe Voices for the Walk/Run to End Domestic Violence to be held on June 1, 2014.

2. Order 21-03172014*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Kora Shrine for the 2014 circus to be held in April.

3. Order 22-03172014*

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

4. Order 23-03172014*

Approving the new retirement plan for the Firefighters that was approved as part of the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent items as presented. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

II. Minutes

- March 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014.

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – no report

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Crowley reported.

City Manager Report

- EMS (Emergency Management Service) update
- Review of the costs for privatization of Assessment Services
- Transportation Center

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- February 2014 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept and place on file the February 2014 monthly finance report as presented.
Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – Mike Lecompte
- Proclamation – Women’s History Month
- Proclamation – Boy’s and Girl’s Club Week in Auburn (March 23-29, 2014)

V. Open Session – Larry Pelletier-129 Second Street, Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-03172014

Adopting the newly proposed ward maps and descriptions. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee to postpone this item until June of 2015. No one seconded the motion so the motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by adding an effective date of July 1, 2015. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Passage of the order as amended, adopting the newly proposed ward maps and descriptions with an effective date of July 1, 2015, 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

1. Order 24-03172014

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the lease agreement for the PAL Center building located at 24 Chestnut Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to date uncertain. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

2. Resolve 04-03172014

Supporting the hotel train service between Montreal and Boston which would pass through Auburn.

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Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine authorizing Mayor LaBonté to draft and send a letter of support for the establishment of a Hotel Train service that would pass through Auburn. Passage 7-0.

3. Order 25-03172014

Appointing Renee LaChapelle as Interim Tax Assessor from 3/16/2014 to 6/30/2014.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Lee abstained).

VIII. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed), time 8:39 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:59 P.M.

- Discussion regarding a personnel matter (Norway Savings Bank Arena Management), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). This item will be discussed at the March 31, 2014 workshop.

IX. Open Session – Joe Gray-Sopers Mill Road, Andy Titus-Lamplighter Circle

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn, with Council unanimously in favor, time 9:09 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT JULY 23, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 50

City Manager, Clint Deschene and School Superintendent Katy Grondin 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. School Committee members Tom Kendall, Larry Pelletier, Bonnie Hayes, Ron Potvin, and Laurie Tannenbaum were present. Councilors Tizz Crowley, Adam Lee, Mary LaFontaine, Bob Hayes, Leroy Walker, and Belinda Gerry were also present. Councilor Young and Mayor LaBonté had excused absences.

I. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

Katy Grondin gave an update on options and risk associated with securing property in advance of purchase.

II. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

III. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by School Committee member Larry Pelletier to enter into executive session. Passage 10-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time 7:13 P.M.

City Council and School Committee members were declared out of executive session at **XX**

II. Adjournment – 9:27 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 7, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 20

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

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 26-04072014*

Appointing Election Clerks from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2016.

2. Order 27-04072014*

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 10, 2014.

3. Order 28-04072014*

Setting the date for the Special Municipal Election to fill the vacant Ward 1 School Committee seat for August 12, 2014.

4. Order 29-04072014*

Appointing Richard Trafton to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company for a term of 3 years from April 2014 through April 2017.

Per Council request, item #4, Order 29-04072014* was moved under New Business as the first item.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage of consent item numbers 1 through 3 as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

March 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of March 17, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

March 20, 2014 Special Joint Meeting (City Council and School Committee).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of March 17, 2014 as presented. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry abstained as they were not present for this meeting).

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported and gave a slide show presentation on Economic Development and the transportation system in Lewiston/Auburn.

City Manager's Report

- Public Services FY 14 Budget Status
- Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board Memo

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City Committee Reports – Councilors Lee, Gerry, Hayes, LaFontaine, Young, and Crowley reported.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Crowley reported.

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Proclamation - National Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign
- Proclamation – Housing

V. **Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street; Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue; Bonnie Rousseau, 45 Reginald Street; Norman Rousseau, Lewiston resident; Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road.

VI. **Unfinished Business - None**

VII. **New Business**

Order 29-04072014 (was removed from the Consent Agenda to New Business)

Appointing Richard Trafton to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company for a term of 3 years from April 2014 through April 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to appoint Richard Trafton to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company for a term of 3 years from April 2014 through April 2017.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 30-04072014

Approving the liquor license for Twin Cities Group, Inc., DBA The Munroe Inn located at 123 Pleasant Street, Auburn, Maine. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the liquor license for Twin Cities Group, Inc., DBA The Munroe Inn located at 123 Pleasant Street.

Public hearing - Olga Dolgicer (owner) spoke.

Passage 7-0

2. Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant Budget.

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Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road; Bettyann Sheats, Waterview Drive.

3. Order 31-04072014

Adopting the Citizen Participation plan as recommended by the Community Development Director.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend the language on page 4 to read “at least one person of minority race or ethnic background” instead of “a person of minority race or ethnic background” to avoid the conception that we are recruiting only one person of minority race or ethnic background.

Passage of the amendment 7-0.

Passage of Order 31-04072014 as amended 7-0.

4. Resolve 05-04072014

Expressing Councils support for the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in its advocacy for an amendment to the FEMA storm policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Executive Session – None

IX. Open Session - Dave Sawicki, 707 Lake Shore Drive; Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker with a unanimous vote to adjourn. Time 8:51 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 32-04222014*

Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue Elementary School's May Fair.

2. Order 33-04222014*

Approving the temporary sign request for United Way.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent items as presented. Passage 7- 0.

II. Minutes

- April 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – no report

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Crowley, Walker, and LaFontaine reported.

City Manager Report

- Update on Budget Conversations schedules

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- March 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the March 2014 monthly finance report as presented. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Recognition - St. Dominic Academy Middle School Hockey Team – Winners of the Southern Maine Middle School Soule Division Championship
- Recognition – Tammie Willoughby, the 2014 Auburn Spirit of America Foundation Award recipient.

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V. **Open Session** – Larry Pelletier-129 Second Street on revenue sharing, Donna Rowell-95 Monroe Street in support of the Fire based EMS transport, Adam Hill-Danville line in Auburn on meditation.

VI. **Unfinished Business - None**

VII. **New Business**

1. **Order 34-04222014**

Authorizing the City Manager to expend an additional amount up \$150,000 (from TIF revenue) for the Transportation Center to be built on Spring Street.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item for two weeks (the meeting of May 5, 2014).

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. **Order 35-04222014**

Approving the Special Amusement permit for Parbaritan, LLC, DBA Naral's located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Special Amusement permit for Parbaritan, LLC, DBA Naral's located at 34 Court Street as presented.

Public hearing – Chief Phil Crowell

Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 36-04222014**

Appointing board and committee members as nominated by either the Mayor or Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage of Option 1 of the two orders presented appointing board and committee members as nominated by either the Mayor or Appointment Committee.

Public comment – none, passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed).

VIII. **Executive Session**

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

Postponed until the City Council Workshop of Monday 4/28/2014.

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- IX. Open Session** – Bonnie Rousseau, 45 Reginald Street – Neighborhood crime watch
- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, with Council unanimously in favor, time 8:03 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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.

I. Consent Items* - NONE

II. Minutes

April 22, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept the minutes of April 22, 2014 with the addition of the subject for each person who spoke during the open session. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report

City Manager's Report

- Business licensing – pre-packaged foods

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley will provide a written report in a follow up packet.

Councilor Reports- Councilor Crowley reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition - Central Maine Community College Women's Basketball Team
- Recognition - Central Maine Community College Men's Basketball Team

V. Open Session

- Robert Spencer, 79 year resident of Auburn – possible donation of land for a new high school
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – business licensing on pre packaged foods
- Bettyann Sheats – Flag retirement ceremonies throughout the city for damaged flags
- Diana Sanzone – supports the Auburn Fire Department proposal on EMS transport

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 34-04222014

Authorizing the City Manager to expend an additional amount up \$150,000 (from TIF revenue) for the Transportation Center to be built on Spring Street.

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until the June 2, 2014 meeting. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to take out of order item number 6 and place it as the first item under new business. Passage 7-0.

VII. New Business

2. Order 40-05052014

Approving to vacate the paper street known as Foss Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker approving to vacate the paper street known as Foss Street.

Public comment – none, Councilor Crowley requested the manager provide an update when this has been recorded with the Registry of Deeds. Passage 7-0.

3. Public Hearing - Municipal Budget

Resolve 06-05052014

Draft Annual Appropriation

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker on resolve 06-05052014.

Public hearing;

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road – City cell phones, credit cards, percentage of the City Manager's pay that comes out of the TIF, firefighter physicals, negotiations.

Nancy Greene, Granite St-Supports recycling.

Dave Sawicki, Lake Shore Drive–School and City Health care costs, fringe benefits.

Dennis Bergeron, Dexter Avenue–Supports recycling, budget concerns, road service maintenance not adequate, building maintenance in school budget missing, supports the City Managers original budget.

Doris Bonneau, 85 West Auburn Road-Supports the school budget and Library budget.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the Annual Appropriation resolve (amendments) as presented by the City Manager with a reduction of expenditures by \$167, 604 with additional revenue stated of \$1,134,271 with a net change of a reduction of \$1,301,875 which equates to a total tax increase of 1.22% with School, City, and County combined.

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Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Young striking the EMS implementation items pending Council deliberation on the item later in the meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone until May 19th meeting. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Lee, Young, Hayes, and LaFontaine opposed).

Councilor Crowley moved the question on the amendment to the motion. Mayor LaBonté ruled the question out of order seeing Council was willing to debate.

Motion on the amendment to the budget Resolve failed 2-5 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, Lee, Walker, and Gerry all opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded to Councilor Crowley to postpone until May 19. Passage 6-1 (Councilor LaFontaine opposed).

4. Order 37-05052014

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for FFY14.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 (Order 37-05052014).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

5. Order 38-05052014

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

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

Public comment;

Jaime Thibodeau, 256 Beech Hill Road in support of the school budget.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road with a question on one of the figures listed on the Resolve (line 17 under crossing guards had a typing error).

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Lee to postpone this item until the May 19, 2014 meeting. Passage 7-0.

6. Order 39-05052014

Approving the Auburn Fire Department based Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transport services.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker on Order 39-05052014 approving the Auburn Fire Department based Emergency Medical Services transport services.

Public comment;

Sherry, 40 Damy Drive - supports EMS transport,
Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – supports EMS transport

Mike McKay, resident of Calais Maine but spends much of his time in Auburn - supports Fire based EMS transport.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road - does not support EMS transport, concerns with 24 hour shifts.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – stated the City should not rush into the EMS transport, discussed Firefighters base pay and take home pay that was provided in the budget packet, and also stated the City should have a professional negotiator.

Wayne Werts, 556 Pownal Road – supports EMS transport.

Seth Robbins, 1606 Minot Avenue - supports EMS transport.

Frank Roma, West Shore Road (Fire Chief) – he is always available to the public and anyone who would like to express concerns or suggestions regarding the Fire Department. He stated that the City has an excellent Fire Department serving this community.

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

VIII. Executive Session – None

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

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley with a unanimous vote to adjourn. Time 9:13 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 41-05192014*

Setting the time to open the polls for the June 10, 2014 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent item as presented. Passage 7- 0.

II. Minutes

- May 5, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported

City Councilors' Reports – Councilors Young, Crowley, Hayes, and Gerry reported.

City Manager Report

- New Auburn Little League
- Athletic Fields Assessment

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- April 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the April 2014 monthly finance report as presented. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week May 18 – 24, 2014

V. Open Session – Katy Grondin, Superintendant of the Auburn School Department on Bring a Veteran to School Day and the plant sale at the Edward Little High School greenhouse; Bob Spencer, Auburn resident regarding possible land donation.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to take item number three under new business (Ordinance 03-05192014) out of order and placing it before unfinished business. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed).

1. Ordinance 03-05192014 (item #3 under new business that was taken out of order)

Approving the zoning text amendment to the Agricultural and Resource Protection Zone (ZOMA 1180-2013). First reading.

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

Public comment-no one from the public spoke. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, Young, and Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. Unfinished Business

2. Order 38-05052014

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

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

Public Comment-no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Resolve 06-05052014

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2015, First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to take this item off the table (this item was postponed at the 5/5/2014 meeting). Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the Resolve (06-05052014).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend that no final vote on the budget be taken by the City Council until there is a single published document on each department's budget amount that be made available to the public. The Mayor ruled that out of order as it does not directly pertain to the budget document in front of Council. Councilor Gerry requested a vote. Mayor LaBonté called for a vote of the Council on whether or not to accept this as an appropriate amendment to the City budget. Failed 3-4 (LaFontaine, Hayes, Young, Lee in opposition).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 2 in the packet to amend the Department of Fire by decreasing expenditures by \$73,000 to fire operations; Amend the Parking Program of the City and Police Budget to initiate greater use of revenues by \$55,000 and institute a non-sworn model for parking enforcement; Amend Police Department Budget to eliminate the shared funding with Lewiston for Animal Control decreasing expenses by \$15,142; Amend the Vehicle Purchases for the Police department to only one new cruiser purchased in this budget, decreasing expenses by \$94,000; Amend the Police Department to delay purchases of special equipment (radar) decreasing expenses by \$49,500; Amend Police Department revenues to utilize \$45,000 of federal drug seizure money.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #54) that FY2015 budget amount for the Fire

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Department not exceed \$4,010,133.00. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 3 in the packet to amend the Department of Finance, Administration Program to reduce training by \$500; Amend the Revenues of the City of Auburn, Department of Finance, to increase revenues by \$5,000 for new required fees for lien fillings at Androscoggin County registry of deeds; Amend the Department of City Clerk to decrease expenditures by \$23,946 eliminating the switchboard information position; Amend the Department of City clerk to decrease expenditures by \$5,650 to reduce training, mileage reimbursement, office supplies, and records restoration; Amend Health and Social Services to last year's funding level a decrease of expenditures of \$38,399 (this does intentionally under budget but per statute overages are allowed); Amend Fringe Benefits for Medical consulting to decrease expenditures by \$30,000; this sustains investing in a medical consultant at a reduced rate that will yield long-term health savings; Amend the ICT budget to decrease expenditures by \$4,500 to eliminate Council laptop initiative; Amend the Library budget to reduce annual expenditures by \$12,846;

Amend Public Services Budget to reduce operating expenditures by \$99,300, leaving money in the budget for spring clean up, herbicide program and mowing at Oak Hill Cemetery; Amend the Revenues from Recreation Program Fund to increase by \$41,720 to fund the cost of the recreation program leader from program income.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend the amendment by striking the reduction in the Library budget and the elimination of the Switchboard position. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to strike the last line of the amendment that states "Amend the revenues from Recreation Program Fund to increase by \$41,720 to fund the cost of the recreation program leader from program income". Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, Young, and Crowley opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley to amend (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #69) that the FY2014 budget be amended so the expenditures for Public Services be \$5,598,179 plus any monies added for a city wide recycling program. The Mayor called the motion out of order as it may conflict with the Public Services budget amendment that is already included in the amendment.

Passage of amendment #3 that was included in the packet, as amended, 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #69) that the budget be amended so the expenditures for Public Services be \$5,598,179 plus any monies added for a city wide recycling program. The Mayor called that motion out of order and asked for a specific final number to be referenced to add to the appropriation resolve.

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to set the bottom line of expenditures for Public Services to be \$5,700,179. Motion fails 3-4 (Councilors Young, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Lee opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 1 to amend the Department of Fire to expand into the program of EMS transport by increasing expenditures by \$720,468 to implement EMS transport and increase revenue by \$987,551 for EMS transport collections.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the amendment by striking \$85,000 for funding the Deputy Chief position bringing the total increase of expenditures to \$635,468. Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Walker and Hayes opposed, and Councilor Lee abstained).

Passage of amendment #1 in packet as amended, 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 4 in the packet to amend the following intergovernmental departments as follows: reduce Airport by \$8,750, reduce LATC by \$1,648 and reduce LA911 by \$12,535. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 5 in the packet amending that all City Departments decreasing expenditures by \$335,000 for staff reductions, attrition, or retirements to be implemented by the City Manager. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors LaFontaine, Lee, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend that all City Departments decreasing expenditures by \$178,000 for staff reductions, attrition, or retirements to be implemented by the City Manager. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley to amend by decreasing all outside funding by the same percentage for personnel costs as done for City employees. The Mayor asked for a specific number at the second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 6 in the packet amending the Department of Public Services, Environmental Program to increase expenditures by \$102,000 to sustain and expand curbside recycling; and further amended to state that it is the policy of the City of Auburn to implement a curbside (striking the word "automated") recycling and solid waste program with a City Ordinance of solid waste and recycling no later than June 30th, 2015. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed)

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #88) that the FY2015 budget amount for expenditures for the LAEGC be the FY2014 amount reduced by \$27,564 and that no

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funds be distributed until there is a signed contract for services with the City of Auburn; for each month, or part thereof, that the contract is delayed, the total contract amount due will be reduced by one-twelfth of the total contract amount. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 7 in the packet to amend the operational CIP requested items to decrease expenditures by \$187,427, leaving a total of \$165,863. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #94) that all city services used by the Norway Arena be charged out at the overtime rate for that person or machine. It is not reasonable to expect the municipal side to pay overtime when work is being done for the business. The Mayor called the motion out of order without a specific expenditure amount.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #82) that the FY2015 budget amount for County Taxes be \$2,046,880 and that at least \$800,000 of this amount not be distributed until the City of Auburn gets a satisfactory solution to the unfair cost allocation to Auburn for dispatch services. The Mayor said he will not recognize the motion as it would violate State law.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend the resolve in respect to amendment number 8 in the packet to amend the FY 2015 Appropriation Resolve to include the following statements: the FY15 budget implements up to a 2% COLA for employees. The City Manager is authorized to update the 2007 Pay Scales for the City of Auburn by the CPI-U for each year through 2014. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker (Councilor Crowley's amendment document item #86) that the reference to LA Arts in the budget be struck and replaced with Arts and Culture allowing those funds to be reserved for Arts and Culture projects in Auburn and not restricted to LA Arts. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Lee and LaFontaine opposed).

Public comment; Gary Simard, Cook Street, Auburn – Concerns with the Quint option for the Fire Department.

Passage of the appropriation resolve 06-05052014 as amended, 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business - Ordinance 03-05192014 was taken out of order as the first item before unfinished business.

VIII. Open Session – the last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session. Gary Simard, Cook Street regarding what he considered inappropriate remarks made by a previous City Councilor at the last Council meeting about city staff.

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IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into Executive Session. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time 9:08 P.M.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:50 P.M.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn, with all Councilors present in favor (Councilor Gerry was not in the room), time 9:50 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

Item number one was moved from the consent agenda and placed under new business. A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept consent item #2 as presented. Passage 6-0.

1. Order 42-06022014*

Nominating Jonathan LaBonté and appointing City Manager Clint Deschene as the MMA LPC (Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee) members for the 2014-2016 term.

2. Order 43-06022014*

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (William Tardif).

II. Minutes

May 19, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of May 19, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported on Blackstone start up weekend in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

City Manager's Report

- Edward Little Statue Update
- FY15 Budget Impact Update
- Future of Downtown Auburn, (form based code)-Alan Manoian

City Committee Reports – Councilor LaFontaine reported (Library), Councilor Hayes reported (Railroad), Councilor Gerry reported (LATC, and the ELHS plant sale), and Councilor Young reported (Great Falls TV).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – The Liberty Festival Mass Gathering application – this item will be placed on the June 16, 2014 agenda for a public hearing and action.

V. Open Session

- Melissa Dunn, tenant organizer for the Neighborhood Housing League in Lewiston, Howa Abdil, resident of Auburn delivered a message from a tenant in Auburn regarding living conditions.

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- Peter Rubins and Jarrod Lussier of Grow LA and Androscoggin River task force on upgrading the use of the Androscoggin River for recreational and aesthetic purposes.
- Jim Tierney, Drummond Street on crossing at walkways, pedestrian right of ways, and wanted to encourage planting fruit and nut trees, Whitewater Park that Westbrook is establishing.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 03-05192014

Approving the zoning text amendment to the Agricultural and Resource Protection Zone (ZOMA 1180-2013). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and second by Councilor LaFontaine on approving the zoning text amendment to the Agricultural and Resource Protection Zone (ZOMA 1180-2013).

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke, the motion failed 0-6 with all Councilors present opposed. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 06-05052014

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2015, second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee who clarified that the motion was made without the two enterprise accounts that were included in the packet.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to amend by adding the two enterprise accounts included in packet (Norway Arena, and Ingersoll Arena as provided in the agenda packet). Passage 6-0.

Motion by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to reduce the FY15 LATC budget by \$23,996 and use the \$23,996 funds saved toward other transport improvements in Auburn. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend FY15 Municipal budget to fund the 3 snowmobile clubs who operate in Auburn (Snow Gypsies, Andy Valley, and New Auburn Snowmobile Clubs) by reducing the other State aid line by \$3,000 and to create a new budget line in the amount of \$3,000 for snowmobile grant clubs to be used solely on projects in Auburn. Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors LaFontaine, Hayes, and Lee opposed, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote, he voted in opposition).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the appropriations resolve to endorse the creation of the Deputy Chief

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position without the fiscal note. Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, and Councilor Lee abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the FY15 budget to allocate \$10,000 in FY15 to begin a four year effort to mark and have flags placed for all veteran graves in all public and private cemeteries in Auburn. Passage 6-0.

Public comment – Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road, on marking the veteran graves, the reduction of Animal Control and Auburn’s investment on the Animal Control Officers truck, the CPIU formula put in to curb expenses, and the snowmobile clubs; Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, student work at the cemeteries.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone action on the second reading of the Appropriations resolve until the June 16, 2014 City Council meeting. Passage 6-0.

VII. New Business

Consent item 42-06022014 that was moved under New Business

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to amend the order and appoint City Manager Clint Deschene as the MMA LPC (Maine Municipal Association’s Legislative Policy Committee) members for the 2014-2016 term (excluding the nomination of Jonathan LaBonte). Passage 5-0 (Councilor Walker was out of the room during the vote).

3. Order 44-06022014

Approving the liquor license for The Penalty Box. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to approve the liquor license for The Penalty Box.

Public hearing - Kevin Pratt, owner responded to questions asked by Council.

Passage 6-0.

4. Ordinance 04-06022014

Approving the Spring Street zoning amendment. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the Spring Street zoning amendment as presented.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage of the first reading 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Resolve 07-05052014

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Supporting the Community Fundraising Campaign to acquire the historic 1915 Bells of St. Louis Church.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to support the Community fundraising campaign to acquire the historic 1915 bells of St. Louis Church.

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

VIII. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding economic development (TIF), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C).
This was not needed and was removed from the agenda.

IX. Open Session – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road in regards to comments made during the earlier open session on fruit and nut trees, pedestrian walk ways, and support for the Library.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. There were no objections. Time 8:50 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items*

- 1. Order 45-06162014***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Darnell Robinson).
- 2. Order 46-06162014***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Paul Robinson).
- 3. Order 47-06162014***
Setting the date for the Special Municipal Election to fill the vacant Ward 4 School Committee seat for November 4, 2014.
- 4. Order 48-06162014***
Appointment of Karen Scammon as the interim City Assessor.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent item as presented. Passage 7- 0.

II. Minutes

- June 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained as she was not present for the meeting due to an excused absence).

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported on possible development of the Great Falls Art Center Site (Community Little Theater).

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor LaFontaine reported on the Business to Business Trade Show and the School Budget passing, Councilor Walker reported on the Flag Day ceremony that was held at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Councilor Gerry reported on the Business to Business Trade Show, and Councilor Crowley reported on the Community Little Theater item, Decoration Day, Flag Day, Visiting hours at the Library, Auburn Community Band Concerts, and the Downtown Auburn Walk with Alan Manoian.

City Manager Report – Reported on Community Little Theater, the Business to Business Trade Show, the Joint Charter Commission recount, and provided an update on the Assessing Department.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

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- May 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the May 2014 monthly finance report as presented. Passage 7-0.

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Recognition was given to the Junior Youth of the Year and Youth of the Year from the Boys and Girls Club

V. **Open Session** – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road on recreation facilities, creating a walking trail with markers, and thanked staff involved in the “Adopt-A-Park” program.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Resolve 06-05052014**

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2015. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to take Resolve 06-05052014 as included in the Council packet (which was postponed at the 6/2/2014 City Council Meeting) off table. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by placing an immediate priority on implementing complete streets on targeted downtown streets, including, but not limited to, safe, highly visible crosswalks for pedestrians of all abilities, travel lanes of a width necessary for speed limits, bicycle lanes well marked for that use, on-street parking striped to a standard expected within our downtown development plans and that this targeted plan shall be assessed for completion where striping and/or signage in addition to proper law enforcement measures would allow its implementation. And that the plan for immediate implementation shall be brought to the Council for review within 30 days of final budget adoption, and that staff present its recommendation for funding out of existing sources, with CDBG, Downtown TIF and existing Public Services budgets as possible options. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by allocating \$3000 from other revenue into the recreation budget to be held as matching funds for snowmobile club grants as authorized by the City Manager or his designee. Passage 7-0.

Public comment – Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road, stated that the budget is based on fictitious numbers for revenues and based on assessments that are too high. Asked about the Library budget, and commented on the amendment on Veteran grave markers and flags; and Larry Pelletier, 129 Seventh Street expressed thanks to City staff and Council for working with the School Department this year in drafting a budget that the Citizens of Auburn agreed to.

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Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Ordinance 04-06022014**

Approving the Spring Street zoning amendment. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley. Public hearing - no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. **New Business**

3. **Order 49-06162014**

Approving the Mass Gathering permit for the 2014 Liberty Festival. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Mass Gathering permit for the 2014 Liberty Festival. Public hearing – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 50-06162014**

Adopting the FY2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

Public comment – Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to strike one million dollars from the School facility improvements and all public works capital improvement projects and to remove the Festival Plaza canopies. Motion failed 2-5 with Councilors Young, Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, and Walker opposed.

Passage of Order 50-06162014 adopting the FY2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as presented. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. **Resolve 08-06162014**

Supporting the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to support the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative as presented. Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

6. **Order 51-06162014**

Approving the Joint Development Agreement with Hartt Transportation.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Joint Development Agreement with Hartt Transportation. Public comment, Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road. Passage 7-0.

7. Order 52-06162014

Approving the two-year Memo of Understanding with Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council (LAEGC) and the City of Lewiston.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the two-year Memo of Understanding with Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council (LAEGC) and the City of Lewiston. Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Crowley, Gerry, and Walker opposed).

VIII. Open Session – the last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session. No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into Executive Session. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed). Time 8:29 P.M.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn, with all Councilors present were in favor (Councilors Walker and Gerry were out of the room), time 9:01 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 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*

Item number five (Order 57-07072014*) was moved from the consent agenda and placed under new business. A motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept consent item numbers 1 through 4 as presented. Passage 7-0.

1. **Order 53-07072014***
Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (John Johnson).
2. **Order 54-07072014***
Approving the Audit committee review recommendation to engage Runyon, Kersteen, Ouellette (RKO) in a 3 year contract for the Municipal, School and Airport annual audit.
3. **Order 55-07072014***
Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documentation granting an easement to the owners of 343 Minot Avenue for the use and maintenance of an existing driveway on adjacent City owned property.
4. **Order 56-07072014***
Authorizing the City Manager and the Mayor to submit comments to FERC (Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission) in regards to the Lower Barker Hydroelectric Project.
5. **Order 57-07072014***
Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Program Guidelines.

II. Minutes

June 16, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of June 16, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported on strengthening neighborhoods, complete streets implementation and bidding for services (School and City).

City Manager's Report – Assistant Manager Howard Kroll welcomed two city employees back from deployment. They are Fire Fighter Joshua Harris with the Maine Air National Guard who was deployed to the Middle East, and Police Officer Scott Laliberte with the Maine National Guard who was deployed to Afghanistan served in a combat zone for over a year.

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City Committee Reports – Councilor Young reported (Knight House and Downing Shoe Shop), Councilor Crowley reported (Audit Committee, Recreation and Special

Events Advisory Board, Auburn Sewerage district, Auburn Water District, Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Committee, and gave her Ward 1 report), Councilor Gerry reported (Auburn Housing residents planted flowers, and the Transportation Center).

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Fire Chief Frank Roma - Auburn Fire Department Matrix Presentation
- Norway Savings Bank Arena staff introductions (Timothy Holden and Jason Pacquin)

V. **Open Session**

- Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street on cleaning streets, litter, graffiti, update on resident Steve Martelli and his adventure hiking the Appalachian Trail.
- Curtis Webber, Whitney Street inquired about the status of the Community Forest Board and the Ordinance, and talked about trees that were cut in front of his home.
- Ron Beaulieu of Beaulieu Accountants, Portland, Maine regarding the audit bid.
- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle regarding complete streets and ambulance service.
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road regarding tax acquired properties and the purchasing policy.

VI. **Unfinished Business** - None

VII. **New Business**

1. **Order 58-07072014**

Appointing board and committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint the board and committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 59-07072014**

Approving the Development Agreement with ABDC.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the development agreement with ABDC as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry were opposed).

3. **Order 60-07072014**

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Reenacting the proposed amendments to Tax Increment Finance District #10 that were passed on 12/2/2013 as recommended by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to reenact the proposed amendments to the Tax Increment Finance District #10 that were passed on 12/2/2013 as recommended by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

4. Order 61-07072014

Authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to postpone this item to July 21, 2014. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, Young, and Walker opposed).

Order 57-07072014* *This item was removed from the Consent Agenda*

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Program Guidelines.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item until July 21, 2014. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VIII. Executive Session - None

IX. Open Session

- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – when the Council discusses Tax Increment Financing (TIF), he would like it explained so it is easier for himself and people watching to have a better understanding. He also commented on the lack of information.
- Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle regarding the canopies for the plaza.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). Time 9:20 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilors Crowley and Young had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items*

1. Order 62-07212014*

Accepting the conveyance of 7 acres of green space.

2. Order 63-07212014*

Setting the time to open the polls for the August 12, 2014 Special Municipal Election for the Ward 1 School Committee seat that is to be held at Washburn School for 7:00 A.M.

3. Order 64-07212014*

Casting votes for the Maine Municipal Association's Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent item as presented. Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

- July 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014 as presented. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported that the LA Veterans Council will be updating and rededicating the memorial plaque on the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor LaFontaine reported on upcoming events at the Auburn Public Library.

City Manager Report – Proposing changes to the September Meeting Dates; Bike-Ped Committee Expansion; Update on Route 4; Memorial Day report.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- June 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the June 2014 monthly finance report as presented. Passage 5-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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- National Night Out Proclamation
- Recognition – Citizens Fire Academy

V. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street on complete Streets and restriping. He also thanked the Director of Public Services on working on cleaning streets, and addressing the graffiti issue; Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road on complete streets and the comment on closing Academy Street.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 57-07072014

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Program Guidelines.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Lee to postpone this item to the meeting of 8/04/2014. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. Order 61-07072014

Authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and a tax levy therefore. First reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors.*

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the meeting of 8/04/2014. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. New Business

4. Order 65-07212014

Approving the funding of the Airport Hanger.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the funding of the Airport Hanger.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone action on this item until the final reading of the general obligation bonds. Motion to postpone failed 2-3 (Councilors LaFontaine, Hayes, and Lee opposed).

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

The motion for Order 65-07212014 approving the funding of the Airport Hanger failed 3-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). Four affirmative votes were needed for passage of the order. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Open Session

The last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session.

Glenn Dyer, Hatch Road, on the sale of City owned property.

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IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 5-0. Time 7:54 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:23 P.M.

- Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition or the use of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or disposition of publicly held property or economic development in which premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 4-0 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room during the vote). Time 8:24 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:17 P.M.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT JULY 23, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 50

City Manager, Clint Deschene and School Superintendent Katy Grondin 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. School Committee members Tom Kendall, Larry Pelletier, Bonnie Hayes, Ron Potvin, and Laurie Tannenbaum were present. Councilors Tizz Crowley, Adam Lee, Mary LaFontaine, Bob Hayes, Leroy Walker, and Belinda Gerry were also present. Councilor Young and Mayor LaBonté had excused absences.

I. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

Katy Grondin gave an update on options and risk associated with securing property in advance of purchase.

II. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

III. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by School Committee member Larry Pelletier to enter into executive session. Passage 10-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time 7:13 P.M.

City Council and School Committee members were declared out of executive session at 9:00 P.M.

II. Adjournment – 9:00 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

Item number two (Order 67-08042014) was moved from the consent agenda and placed under new business. A motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept consent item number 1 as presented. Passage 7-0.

1. Order 66-08042014

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Kenneth Gardner).

2. Order 67-08042014

Approve changing the September regular City Council meeting dates from September 2 and September 15, 2014 to September 8 and September 22, 2014.

II. Minutes

July 21, 2014, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the minutes of July 21, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

July 23, 2014 Special Joint Meeting (City Council and School Department).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley To accept the minutes of July 23, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported on the date and time of the re-dedication of the Veterans Memorial Bridge monument and commented on the announcement of the expansion of Pioneer Plastics which will bring 140 new jobs to the area.

City Manager's Report – reported on the proposed land donation for a new high school and the Priority Workshop that was tentatively set for August 25th will be delayed.

Committee Reports – Councilor Gerry reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transportation Center, Auburn Housing Authority/Dillingham Building, and National Night Out; Councilor Crowley reported on the Audit Committee, County Budget Committee, Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee, Lake Auburn Watershed Commission, Auburn Sewerage District, Auburn Water District, and gave her Ward 1 report; Councilor LaFontaine reported on the Special Meeting date for the City Manager's review: Councilor Walker reported on Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation, Hasty Community Center; and the Mayor requested a Railroad update on real estate negotiations from Councilor Hayes.

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IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognition** - Howard Kroll and Jill Eastman discussed the FY 2014-2015 Tax Commitment item that was on the workshop.

V. **Open Session**

- Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street on the Ward 4 School Committee seat (nomination papers are available for that seat).

VI. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 57-07072014**

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Program Guidelines.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the Community Development Block Grant Program Guidelines to include the refined language discussed in the workshop which would include the historic property exterior restoration guidelines.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed).

2. **Order 61-07072014**

Authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and a tax levy therefore. Public hearing and first reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors.*

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by reducing funding as follows;

Engineering – reconstruction from \$1,100,000 to \$900,000

Engineering – reclaim/resurfacing from \$1,000,000 to \$900,000

Fire Department – generator for the S. Main St. station from \$25,000 to \$15,000

Recreation – Pettengill Park softball field – from \$72,000 to \$60,000

Planning – Comprehensive plan property program – from \$400,000 to \$350,000

School – School Department funding – from \$2,181,365 to \$1,781,000

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to amend the amendment by returning school funding back to \$2,181,365. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Passage of the amendment as amended 4-3 (Councilors Lafontaine, Hayes, Lee opposed).

Public hearing-no one from the public spoke.

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*Motion on the order as amended failed 4-3 (5 affirmative votes were needed, Councilors Gerry, Crowley, and Walker were opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

3. Ordinance 05-08042014

Adopting the new General Assistance Maximums. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adopt the new General Assistance Maximums as presented.

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

Order 67-08042014 – *this item was moved from the consent agenda to new business.*

Approve changing the September regular City Council meeting dates from September 2 and September 15, 2014 to September 8 and September 22, 2014.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to change the September regular City Council meeting dates from September 2 and September 15, 2014 to September 8 and September 22, 2014. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed).

*Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to reconsider the first reading of Order 61-07072014 authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore which failed earlier on during the meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend the order by cutting out the \$255,000 for the front end loader. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

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

VIII. Executive Session - None

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

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn with Council unanimously in favor. Time 8:38 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

II. Minutes

- August 4, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of August 4, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) application period has been extended; Bates College students will be assisting with the CAC during the planning process; Hartt Transportation ground breaking who is building a new facility in Auburn; three TIFs for Council to consider; there are 3 candidates for President of the LAEGC that are in town and there will be a reception held at the Hilton on August 19, 2014 where the public can meet and interact with the 3 candidates.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Gerry on financials of Auburn Housing; Lewiston-Auburn Transportation Center (LATC) bus passes (funded through a Community Concepts grant). The deadline to get the bus pass is 9/30/2014. Councilor Lee on the reception for the LAEGC presidential candidates; the recent accident on the corner of High and Elm Streets; and urged people to please not feed the ducks in the Festival Plaza area. Councilor Crowley gave her Ward 1 report.

City Manager Report – Morris Auto Parts/Auto Graveyard-Junkyard license; Special Event Committee; East Auburn Neighborhood Committee; Comprehensive Plan.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- July 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept and place on file the July 2014 monthly finance report as presented. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

V. Open Session

- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – The New Auburn group is holding a pig roast, yard sale, and bottle drive; and he commented on not receiving information he requested a month ago on the purchase of equipment.
- Katy Grondin, Superintendent of Auburn School Department and resident – The East Auburn School will be holding an open house and she suggested that city

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staff may want to set up a table to try to get volunteers for the East Auburn Neighborhood Committee.

- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road complimented the public works department on their quick response to his call the previous weekend and also commented on an issue with a piece of property he purchased on Hatch Road that is being taxed as a residence but is permitted for a shed.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 61-07072014

Authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and a tax levy therefore. Second reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors.*

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and a tax levy therefore.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by LaFontaine to amend by striking the \$25,000 for the Public Works message sign board and \$25,000 for the Public Works facilities generator transfer switch. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Public Comment-no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to increase funding for the Fire Departments generator for the South Main Street Station from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Crowley, LaFontaine, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

*Motion on the order as amended failed 3-3 (Councilors Crowley, Lee, and Gerry opposed and the Mayor abstained from voting to break the tie vote). Passage would have required an affirmative vote of 5. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 05-08042014

Adopting the new General Assistance Maximums. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the new General Assistance maximums as presented.

Public Comment -no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

3. Order 68-08182014

Approving the request for a liquor license for Xin Fa, Inc., DBA Tin Tin Buffet located at 120 Center Street.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the request for a liquor license for Xin Fa, Inc., DBA Tin Tin Buffet located at 120 Center Street.

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

**Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to reconsider the vote on Order 61-07072014 on General Obligation Bonds. Passage of the reconsideration 6-0.*

Motion by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone to the first meeting in September, September 8, 2014. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

4. **Ordinance 06-08182014**

Adopting the most current edition of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the most current edition of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. **Order 69-08182014**

Establishing the property tax payment due dates and to establish the property tax delinquency and overpayment interest rates for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to establish the property tax payment due dates and to establish the property tax delinquency and overpayment interest rates for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Public Comment - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by changing due dates to September 18th and March 16th.

Motion was then made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to withdraw their motions to change the due dates.

Passage of the order as presented 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend the rules to allow an additional item to be added to the agenda. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to authorize the City Manager to execute documents associated with a loan to the Auburn

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Lewiston Airport at a rate of 3.25% interest for a term of 13 years for a total of \$1.1 million dollars.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend by authorizing a 2.58% to 3.25% variable interest rate for a 13 year loan of \$1,100,000.00 from the City's General Fund to the Auburn-Lewiston Airport for the purchase of the Nobility hanger and if taxability is ever lost during the loan or if Lufthansa lease is not renewed the Council would have the option to increase the rate of the loan up to 3.25%. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage of the Resolve as amended 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Gerry opposed, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote). A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Open Session

The last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on providing information after the meeting, the mil rate and valuation, and commented on Councils action on the General Obligation Bonds.

IX. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed, and Councilor Walker abstained). Time 8:57 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:15 P.M.

- Discussion regarding economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C). This executive session was not needed.
- Discussion regarding a legal matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(E). This executive session was not needed.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn with Council all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Crowley arrived at approximately 6:30 P.M. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter (the City Manager's evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §406 (6)(A). Passage 6-0 (Councilor Crowley was not present at the time of this vote). Time 6:10 P.M.

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

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn. No one was in opposition. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Pro Tempore, Mary J. Lafontaine 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. Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 70-09082014*

Adopting the revised Board and Committee Appointment Process.

Item number one (Order 70-09082014) was moved from the consent agenda and placed under unfinished business.

2. Order 71-09082014*

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Jeremy Klein-Golden).

3. Order 72-09082014*

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (William Tardif).

A motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept consent items #2 & #3 as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

August 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and Seconded by Councilor Lee to accept the minutes of August 18, 2014. Councilor Crowley wanted it noted that due to the absence of Councilor Young, Councilor Crowley started the roll call vote. Passage 6-0 with change.

August 25, Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and Seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of August 25, 2014. Councilor Crowley wanted to strike that Councilor LaFontaine was not present due to an excused absence. Councilor LaFontaine was present during the meeting. Passage 6-0 with change.

III. Reports

City Manager Report –City Manager wanted it noted that there was a correction made to the Bells of St. Louis. There was a \$12,000.00 purchase and sales executed, not the initial \$8,000.00. Approximately \$600.00 in donations has been received.

City Committee Reports – Councilor Gerry reported (LATC), Councilor Hayes reported (Airport & Railroad), Councilor Lee (Economic Development), Councilor LaFontaine reported (School Committee and Public Library), Councilor Young reported (Great Falls TV), Councilor Crowley reported (Water & Sewer), Councilor Walker reported

(MMWAC), Councilor Gerry reported (Auburn Housing) and Councilor Crowley reported (Recreation Advisory Committee).

City Councilor Reports – Councilor Hayes reported, Councilor Crowley reported, Councilor LaFontaine reported and Councilor Gerry reported.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation – Constitution Week, September 17-23, read by Councilor Lee

Proclamation - Diaper Week, September 8-14, read by Councilor Lee

New Auburn Plan – Presentation was given in July. Copy of plan is in CD form. Plan now includes New Auburn Village Study.

V. Open Session

- Katy Grondin, Superintendent of Auburn School Department and resident - On October 08, 2014 there will be an Auburn Education Planning Conference. Invitations will be sent out. Participation is limited to the first 100 that RSVP.
- Jim Dock, 40 Fern Street on Ingersoll Arena Repurposing. Expressed need of having indoor athletic facilities for soccer, lacross, field hockey, etc. Encourages moving project forward.
- Ben Michaud, Lewiston on Ingersoll Arena Repurposing. Expressed need for having indoor athletic facility.
- Bonnie Hersey, 357 Merrow Road. Commented on Lewiston/Auburn transportation and looking at extending services to include trips to the malls in Portland and or Augusta and providing transportation to various appointments.
- Angela Simond, 74 Lake Auburn Ave. Commented on sidewalk conditions. Sidewalks have large cracks making it unsafe for wheelchair users, bike users and pedestrians that have to use walkers.
- Elaine Cahoon, Auburn. Commented public transportation and the possibility of buses advertising for businesses in an effort to increase revenue.
- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road. Commented on an issue with a piece of property he purchased on Hatch Road that is being taxed as a residence but is permitted for a shed.
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road. Commented on the Real Estate Tax error.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 61-07072014

Authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and a tax levy therefore. Second reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors.*

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds and a tax levy therefore.

After discussion, Councilor Lee called the question. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker to reconsider the vote and seconded by Councilor Hayes. Motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker to consider amending order 61-07072014 in the amount of \$7,200,000.00 and seconded by Councilor Lee. The proposed amendments are as follows: Engineering/Retaining walls was increased to \$100,000.00 for the purpose of the New Auburn Greenway (Phase I); Parks, Festival Plaza Canopies was decreased to \$35,000.00; Recreation, Repurpose Ingersoll Arena was decreased to \$250,000.00; Contingency was reduced to \$51, 518.00; School Department was reduced to \$2,081,365.00. Motion with amendment passed 5-2 (Councilor Crowley and Gerry opposed).

2. Ordinance 06-08182014

Adopting the most current edition of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014.
Second Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the most current edition of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to table until National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014 is set. Motion passed 4-3 (Councilor Hayes, Lafontaine, and Young opposed).

3. Order 70-09082014* Consent item moved to Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to table until the October 5, 2014 meeting. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilor Young, Hayes, Lafontaine, and Lee opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept Order 70-09082014 adopting the revised Board and Committee Appointment Process.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to change appointment selections for Appoint Selection Committee from Mayor to Council. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilor Young, Hayes, Lafontaine, and Lee opposed).

Mayor Pro Tempore, Mary J. Lafontaine brought Council back to original motion to accept Order 70-09082014 adopting the revised Board and Committee Appointment Process. Motion passed 4-3 (Councilor Crowley, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

VII. New Business

4. Order 73-09082014

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Darnell Robinson)

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Darnell Robinson). Motion passed 7-0.

5. Order 76-09082014

Authorize the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Auburn/Lewiston (AL) Consortium Mutual Cooperation Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry to execute a First Amendment to the Auburn/Lewiston (AL) Consortium Mutual Cooperation Agreement. Motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

6. Order 77-09082014

Authorize the Mayor Labonte to sign the letter to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting a grant reduction.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Gerry to authorize Mayor Labonte to sign the letter to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

7. Ordinance 07-09082014

Adopt the zoning ordinance changes (Taylor Pond). Public Hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to open Public Hearing and first reading of Ordinance 07-09082014 . Eric Cousens, Director of Planning and Permitting informed Council that the Public Hearing was not intended to happen on the first reading, it will be held on the second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Crowley to table first reading and Public Hearing to the September 22, 2014 City Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

8. Order 74-09082014

Approving the TIF Credit Enhancement Agreement

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents needed to create a tax increment finance (TIF) relationship with Auburn Housing Development Corporation (AHDC). The attached credit enhancement agreement (CEA) will pledge 75% of the new captured assessed value and resulting tax revenue back to the project at 62 Spring St. to ensure long-term

affordability. The general fund will continue to receive the same tax revenues that have been historically contributed from this property. Motion passed 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to rescind motion to approve Order 74-09082014 in order to hold a Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore, Mary J. Lafontaine opened the meeting to a public hearing.

- Joe Gray, Soper's Mill Road asked for clarification to have a better understanding of how TIF benefits Auburn.

Mayor Pro Tempore, Mary J. Lafontaine brought the motion back to the table to approve Order 74-09082014. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken

VIII. Open Session – the last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session. No one from the public spoke.

XI. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding economic development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time 9:15 P.M.
Council was declared out of executive session at 9:28 P.M.

- Discussion regarding economic development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley and Gerry opposed). Time 9:28 P.M.
Council was declared out of executive session at 9:43 P.M.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn, with all Councilors present were in favor (Councilors Crowley and Gerry were out of the room), time 9:43 P.M.

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ATTEST

Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Resolve 09-09222014*

Supporting the Recreational Trail Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes supporting the Recreational Trail Grant , passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- September 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve minutes of September 8, 2014 that were included in the amended agenda packet. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

III. Reports

Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported on his meeting with Nancy Grant of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, the Oxford Network's Data Center opening in Brunswick he attended, the 40th anniversary event at the International Paper facility, and the Bells of St. Louis Church event.

City Councilors' Reports – Councilor LaFontaine on the School Committee voting in favor of the extension for the efficiency based diploma project, and the Auburn Public Library's annual meeting with guest, Maine author and playwright, Monica Wood; Councilor Walker on an event taking place at Rolly's Diner where people will have a chance to meet the candidates running for State office in November, and the Neighborhood Watch meeting at Tailgate Café; Councilor Young on the Great Falls Advisory Board meeting; Councilor Gerry on the LATC meeting, and the Auburn Housing Authority meeting; Councilor Crowley reported on the condition of the intake line for the drinking water supply to Auburn and Lewiston, notice of public hearings, her resignation from the Audit Committee and the County Budget Committee, Breast Cancer Awareness month, her visiting hours, the Lake Auburn Community Center, and Saturday's event for the St. Louis Church bells. Councilor Crowley also submitted a written report which will be placed on file; Councilor Hayes on the Airport Board strategic planning sessions.

City Manager Report – Reported on Pettengill Park improvements, the EMS (Emergency Management Services) implementation process, and the striping on Route 4.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman

- August 2014 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the August 2014 monthly finance report as presented. Passage 7-0.

IV. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Police Department Promotions (Lieutenant Laurie L. Woodhead, Sergeant Christopher A. Hatfield, Corporal Marshall W. McCamish, Corporal Eric J. Bell)
- Police Department Swearing in Officers (Patrol Officers Katherine D. Avery, David K. Brown, II, Joseph M. Correia, Nicholas J. Kyllonen, Krista M. Lee, Joseph T. Miville, Gregory S. Pealater)
- Proclamation for Polish Fire Officer Cadet Norbert Janik
- Swearing in four new Firefighters (Sita West, Nick Jaskiewicz, Dana Connon, James Bradley)
- Swearing in of New Lieutenants (Craig Bouchard, Jon Woodhead, Chris Moretto, Jeff Bolduc, Matt Brochu, Dan Masselli)
- Swearing in of Captain (Matt Fifield)
- Swearing in of Battalion Chief (David Richard)
- Introduction and swearing in of EMS Director (Doctor Ian Reight)

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

VI. **Unfinished Business**

2. **Ordinance 06-08182014**

Adopting the most current edition of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the most current edition of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70-2014 as presented.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke, passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Ordinance 07-09082014**

Adopting the zoning ordinance amendment (Taylor Pond). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the zoning ordinance amendment (Taylor Pond) as presented.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke, passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. **New Business**

4. **Resolve 10-09222014**

Supporting the creation of a Finance Committee.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker supporting the creation of a Finance Committee as amended by striking the last four paragraphs on the Resolve presented that were part of a typographical error.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed).

5. Ordinance 08-09222014

Adopting the 2013 Maine Food Code. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the 2013 Maine Food Code as presented.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

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

6. Order 78-09222014

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Bucks Auto, 249 Merrow Road. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Bucks Auto, 249 Merrow Road.

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

7. Order 79-09222014

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Morris Auto, 940 Washington Street. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Morris Auto, 940 Washington Street.

Public hearing – Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road; Eric Cousens, Deputy Director of Planning and Permitting.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Crowley, Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, and Gerry opposed).

8. Order 80-09222014

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at M & P Auto, 227 Merrow Road. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Bucks Auto, 249 Merrow Road.

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

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9. **Order 81-09222014**

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Randy's Auto Parts, 899 Broad Street. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Randy's Auto Parts, 899 Broad Street.

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

10. **Order 82-09222014**

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Isodore T. Miller Co., 78-79 Hotel Road. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Isodore T. Miller Co., 78-79 Hotel Road.

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

11. **Order 83-09222014**

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Prolerized New England Company, 522 Washington Street. N. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junk yard at Prolerized New England Company, 522 Washington Street. N.

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

VIII. **Open Session**

The last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session.

Don St. Germain owner of Morris auto parts regarding the denial of his Auto Graveyard/Junkyard license.

Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road (and 240 Hatch Road), on his property at 240 Hatch Road.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, TIF article in Portland Press Herald, \$5,000 expenditure for MRI (Municipal Resources, Inc.), EMS (Emergency Medical Services), and the Fire Departments Medical Director position.

IX. **Executive Session**

Discussion regarding Minot Avenue Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A Section 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A Section 405(6)(C). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time in 8:44 P.M.

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Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:22 P.M.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry were not in the room for this vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Councilors Walker and Crowley were absent. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter (the City Manager's evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §406 (6)(A). Passage 5-0, time 6:00 P.M.

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

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. No one was in opposition. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilors LaFontaine and Walker had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 84-10062014*

Setting the time for opening the polls for 7:00 A.M. for the November 4, 2014 Election.

2. Order 85-10062014*

Approving the temporary sign request for Saint Dominic's Holiday fair.

3. Order 86-10062014*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Ski Associations annual ski swap.

4. Order 87-10062014*

Appointing Warden's and Ward Clerks for the November 4, 2014 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

September 22, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
September 29, 2014 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the corrected minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting as presented at the table and to also accept the minutes of the September 29, 2014 as presented in the packet. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – Reported on the multi-million dollar Rangeley branch rail line officially opened for service, the Mechanic Savings Bank ground breaking, the Lost Valley press conference, College for ME Androscoggin, the ribbon cutting at the new Hampton Inn in Lewiston, and the Tree Planting event in Auburn.

City Manager Report – Provided a summary on the purchase of the EMS ambulances and the Quint as requested by Council.

City Committee Reports – Councilor Lee on the Bike-Ped Committee, and congratulated Maine Marathon winner Moninda Marube of Auburn; Councilor Gerry on the LATC meeting, and, the Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting soon, and she noted that she was unable to attend the Auburn Housing Authority meeting; Councilor Crowley on the Recreation and Special Event Advisory Committee meeting, the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission meeting, Auburn Sewerage District, Sewer tip, Auburn Water District, and gave her Ward 1 report. She also provided written copies to be placed on file.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – Rebecca Raby & Ellena Frumiento, winners of the Auburn Book Project
- Communication - Way-finding signs (Eric Cousens)

V. Open Session

- Don St. Germain, owner of Morris Auto Parts/Don's Towing regarding the denial of his Auto graveyard/Junkyard permit.
- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road and 240 Hatch Road, gave thanks to 3 Auburn Police Officers, commented that he is still waiting for a resolution on the issue regarding his property at 240 Hatch Road, and he mentioned that he would like to sit down with the Mayor to discuss City issues.
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, commented on light agendas, \$80,000 for the Bike Ped Committee, where is it and what is it working for (their web page is outdated), 3 years since there has been a public meeting about Riverside Drive, Auburn roads that are in horrible condition, and street closings during the Dempsey Challenge.

VI. Unfinished Business

5. Ordinance 07-09082014

Adopting the zoning ordinance changes (Taylor Pond). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the zoning ordinance changes (Taylor Pond) as presented.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 08-09222014

Adopting the 2013 Maine Food Code. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Young to adopt the 2013 Maine Food Code as presented.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

7. Order 88-10062014

Appointing board and committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee. *Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).*

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 5-0, time 8:10 PM.

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Council was declared out of executive session at 8:29 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to re-appoint the board and committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked a question regarding the Ethics Panel.

Passage of Order 88-10062014 as presented 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to suspend the rules in order to add an item to the agenda in respect to a legal matter. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to authorize Council to sign and submit a letter prepared by staff and legal counsel to the Executive Director of United Ambulance, and the two leaders of the local hospitals that serve on the Board of Directors for United Ambulance. The letter clarifies the implementation of the EMS transport service and the 9-1-1 system.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

VIII. Open Session – the last open session was taken out of order and placed before the Executive Session.

- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, when will the tax acquired property item be back on an agenda.

XI. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C). This executive session was longer needed.
- Discussion regarding a personnel matter (City Manager Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time in 8:37 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:04 P.M.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn, passage 4-0 (Councilor Gerry was out of the room), time 9:04 P.M.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OCTOBER 9, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 72

The City Manager 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. School Committee members Peter Letourneau, Bonnie Hayes, Tom Kendall, Larry Pelletier, and Ron Potvin were present. Mayor Jonathan LaBonté, and Councilors Tizz Crowley, Bob Hayes, Adam Lee, David Young, and Belinda Gerry were also present. School Committee member Laurie Tannenbaum, and City Councilors Mary LaFontaine and Leroy Walker had excused absences.

I. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C) with possible action and open session to follow.

Motion was made by School Committee member Bonnie Hayes, seconded by School Committee member Tom Kendall to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C). Passage 9-1 with Councilor Crowley opposed. Time 7:06 PM. They were declared out of executive session at 8:02 PM.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn. Passage 10-0, 8:03 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 73

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Councilor Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §406 (6)(A). Passage 6-0, time 5:34 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 5:47 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the City Manager, Clinton E. Deschene, for terms of separation and acceptance of his resignation effective November 15, 2014. Passage 6-0. This becomes Order 90-10162014.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 74

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

October 6, 2014 Regular Council Meeting
October 9, 2014 Special Joint Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2014 and October 9, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report.

City Councilor Reports – Councilor Crowley reported on the Fire Departments Open House, the Neighborhood meetings, the New Auburn Hello-ween event, the Marijuana Educational Forum, the pink tea program with guest speaker Alan Manoian (Auburn's Economic Development Specialist), and on the Election, absentee voting, and campaign signs. She also provided a written report to be placed on file.

City Manager Report – On the EMS memo regarding the EMS update to be presented in November, the October 27th Council Workshop on Governance, the Dempsey Challenge After Action report and the Comprehensive Plan Update (both under Communications in the packet), open session items including Dan Herrick's property on the Hatch Road, the County Budget Committee which will need a City representative from County Commission district 5, and lastly gave his condolences on the passing of Joseph Harvey Theriault.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman - September 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the September 2014 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Extra Mile Day
- Lewiston-Auburn Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Presentation – Craig Saddlemire

V. Open Session

- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road regarding his property at 240 Hatch Road, EMS 24 hour shifts, tax acquired properties, and an incident involving a tow truck that was called to an accident on Riverside Drive.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 75

1. Ordinance 09-10202014

Adopting the General Assistance Appendices B and C (food and rent) as required by state statute. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adopt the General Assistance Appendices B and C (food and rent) as required by State Statue. This was the first reading.

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

2. Order 89-10202014

Re-appointing Arthur Wing to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2019.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to reappoint Arthur Wing to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2019.

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

VIII. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding a personnel matter (City Manager Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). *Not needed.*

IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is not on this agenda. *No one from the public spoke.*

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. With Council unanimously in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 76

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 91-11032014*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the November 4, 2014 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept the one consent item as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- October 16, 2014 Special Council Meeting
- October 20, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of October 16, 2014 and October 20, 2014 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – October 24, 2014 has been declared by the Mayor as Food Day in City of Auburn, he asked the Community and Council to join him in offering our thoughts and prayers to Larry Pelletier who suffered an unfortunate accident this week, he agreed to relay a message from Dan Herrick thanking the Police Department for their follow up on the towing incident he talked about during the last Council meeting, and lastly, he reminded residents that November 4th was election day and encouraged everyone to vote.

City Manager's Report – ATRC organization update, Norway Savings Bank Arena quarterly report, past practice on City holidays (when Christmas falls on a Thursday). This is his last official meeting.

City Committee Reports – Councilor Crowley on Water District (cleaning the in-take valve, a fuel spill near the route 4 causeway, the South Main Street project), Sewer District (rate increase, and a sewer tip), Recreation Advisory Board meeting, Ward 1 report (Pink Ribbon Teas and Talks, Neighborhood Meeting in New Auburn, Citizens Advisory Committee, dates/events to watch for, Election Day) a copy of these reports are on file. Councilor Gerry, Auburn Housing Authority, Citizen Advisory Committee, Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC). A written report is on file, Councilor Lee on the Citizens Advisory Committee, Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council (LAEGC) meeting on Friday, Councilor Walker on the South Main Street project.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

VI. Unfinished Business

2. Ordinance 09-10202014

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 77

Adopting the General Assistance Appendices B and C (food and rent) as required by State Statute. Public hearing and second and final reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the General Assistance Appendices B and C (food and rent) as required by State Statute.

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

VII. New Business

3. Order 92-11032014

Authorizing the demolition of a dangerous building located at 33 South Goff Street. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the demolition of a dangerous building located at 33 South Goff Street.

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

4. Order 93-11032014

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a deed for the sale of a portion of 143 Hampshire Street and 325 Turner Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone this item to a future workshop.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed and Councilor Young abstained).

5. Order 94-11032014

Authorizing the payment of \$10,000 for land acquisition of 261 Main Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item to a future workshop.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

6. Resolve 11-11032014

Supporting the addition of extra members to the Lewiston-Auburn Bike-Ped Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to support the addition of extra members to the Lewiston-Auburn Bike-Ped Committee.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

VIII. Executive Session

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

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C). Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). Time 8:00 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:24 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Young to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). Passage 5-0 (Councilors LaFontaine and Crowley were out of the room for this vote). Time 8:24 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:41 PM.

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

Andy Titus 17 Lamplighter Circle, regarding executive sessions, agenda items, and the County Budget Committee vacancy.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. With no objections from Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 79

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

November 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports

Mayor's Report – On the canal water rights discussions with Lewiston.

City Councilor Reports – Councilor Lee announced that John Holden is the new president of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council; Councilor Crowley on Election Day, Veterans Day, veterans that were recognized at Clover Manor, went over dates to watch, free fare day on the purple buses, holiday parade, visiting hours at the Library, Lewiston agenda packet did not include the water intake valve issue, the condition of North River Road, and budget discussions. A written report is on file; Councilor Gerry on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee meeting and discussions about the transportation center; and Councilor Walker on the South Main Street Project.

City Manager Report – Gave thanks to former City Manager Clint Deschene for his service to the City, thanked the City Clerk staff for running a smooth election, congratulated candidates, and suggested moving reports toward the end of the meetings after New Business.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman - October 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the October 2014 monthly finance report. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Update on the South Main Street water main project

V. Open Session

- Don St. Germaine, owner of Morris Auto Parts/Don's Towing regarding his license for an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard application.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Order 95-11172014

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Authorizing the City Manager to execute documents that provide a Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) to Mechanics Savings Bank for their new development project.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to authorize the City Manager to execute documents that provide a Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) to Mechanics Savings Bank for their new development project.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to amend to include the sidewalk and parking lot improvements. The amendment failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to include a directive to staff to report back within 60 days on any opportunities to leverage the credit enhancement dollars that would be captured under this project. Amendment failed 2-4 (Councilors Young, Hayes, Lee, and Gerry opposed).

Passage of the original order as presented 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). *This was taken up during the workshop.*

IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is not on this agenda. *No one from the public spoke.*

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 81

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Councilor Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §406 (6)(A). Passage 6-0, time 7:05 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:35 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Mayor to execute an employment agreement with the Acting City Manager, Howard Kroll. This is a 9 month contract with an annual salary of \$99,000, and review periods within the 9 month contract. Passage 6-0. This becomes Order 96-11242014.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §406 (6)(A). Passage 6-0, time 7:40 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:55 P.M.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. There were no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 82

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 97-12012014*

Appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the one consent item as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- November 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of November 17, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports*

**For trial period, Council agrees to shift Reports to the last item on the meeting agenda. To do so, a motion should be made "To suspend the rules and move item III. Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII. Executive Session".*

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules and move item III, Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII, Executive Session. Passage 6-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Jam the Gym Fundraiser for the PAL Center – Chief of Police, Phil Crowell

V. Open Session – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road regarding Tax Increment Financing.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 94-11032014

Authorizing the payment of \$10,000 for land acquisition of 261 Main Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Lafontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to authorize the payment of \$10,000 for the land acquisition of 261 Main Street as presented.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

2. Ordinance 10-12012014

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 83

Approving the proposed ordinance amendment in Chapter 2, Article VI, section 2-485 (Council action on budget increase). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the proposed ordinance amendment in Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-485 (Council action on budget increase) as presented.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend to include the waiver by a super majority or 5 votes of the City Council to pass. The motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Lee in opposition and in accordance to the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote. He voted in opposition and the motion failed).

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

The motion to approve the proposed ordinance amendment in Chapter 2, Article VI, section 2-485 (Council action on budget increase) failed the first reading 3-4 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Gerry in opposition and in accordance to the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote. He voted in opposition and the motion failed).

3. **Resolve 12-12012014**

Supporting the location of the Downtown Transportation Center on the city owned property in the Great Falls area and the allocation of at least \$150,000 for the local matching funds.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine supporting the location of the Downtown Transportation Center on the city owned property in the Great Falls area and the allocation of at least \$150,000 for the local matching funds, and to include additional language that the authorizations previously provided by the Council in Order 92-11192012 and Order 35-04222014, including the monetary allocations therein are hereby rescinded.

Motion by was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to also strike the language of “at least” (\$150,000 for the local matching funds). Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by adding a completion date of no later than November 1, 2015. The motion for this amendment failed 2-4 (Councilors Lee, Lafontaine, Hayes, and Gerry opposed).

Public comment – Mark Adams on behalf of Lee Griswold (owner of the Hilton Garden Inn) who read letter written by Mr Griswold supporting the Downtown Transportation Center and the Great Falls location.

Passage of Resolve 12-12012014 as amended, 6-0.

VIII. **Executive Session**

- Discussion on a Poverty Abatement, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841(2) with possible action to follow.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to enter into executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841(2) with possible action to follow. Passage 6-0, time 7:34 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:47 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to deny the abatement for years 2009, 2010, and 2011 as it is outside of the limitations and Council declines to extend that limitation. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). This becomes order 98-12012014.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to deny the poverty abatement on the grounds that the applicant has not met his burden to show that he is unable to contribute to the public cause. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). This becomes order 99-12012014.

- Discussion of a labor contract, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6) (D).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6) (D). Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained), time 8:49 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:05 PM.

Reports*

Mayor's Report – no report at this time.

City Manager's Report – The 2014 Financial Audit for Council to review and a presentation will follow on December 15, 2014.

Committee and City Councilor Reports

Councilor Crowley - will submit her Committee reports in writing, and provided her Ward 1 report with dates to watch (World Aids Day, Community Holiday Parade, St. Nicholas Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Small Business Day in Maine, traditional shopping day in Ireland, Christmas open house at the Women's Literary Union headquarters on Elm Street, Hanukkah, winter solstice, whiners day, visiting hours at the Library, welcomes comments from residents regarding the City budget). A written report was also submitted.

Councilor Hayes – no report

Councilor LaFontaine – School Committee and faculty visit to Worcester Technical School, Auburn School system looked upon favorably by many, the Auburn Library Board of Trustees audit report was good and things are in good standing, the College for ME luncheon.

Councilor Lee – to attend the upcoming Bike-Ped and LAEGC meetings and will report after those meetings.

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Councilor Walker – tree lighting at Denny Sullivan Park on December 14, 2014 and Santa Clause will be there for the event.

Councilor Gerry – Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on December 2, 2014.

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

No one from the public spoke.

- X.** **Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. With no objections from Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2014 VOL. 34 PAGE 86

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 100-12152014*

Accepting the 2014 Audit.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the 2014 Audit as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- November 24, 2014 Special Council Meeting
- December 1, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of November 24, 2014 and December 1, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained as he was not present at those meetings).

III. Reports

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to suspend the rules to move item III. Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII. Executive Session. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Walker opposed).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Letter from the Sabattus Selectmen to the Androscoggin County Commissioners regarding Commissioner's compensation. With support from the City Council, the Interim City Manager and the Mayor will be co-signing a letter joining other communities in Androscoggin County to weigh in and support the Androscoggin County Budget Committee's authority to set County Commissioner's compensation.

V. Open Session

- Peter Letourneau, 38 Field Avenue – County Commissioner compensation issue
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – Thank you to the Fire Department who escorted Santa into Rolly's Diner and for leading the parade in New Auburn.

VI. Unfinished Business

2. Ordinance 10-12012014

Approving the proposed ordinance amendment in Chapter 2, Article VI, section 2-485 (Council action on budget increase). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the proposed ordinance amendment in Chapter 2, Article VI, section 2-485 (Council action on budget increase) as presented.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road spoke in opposition of this amendment.

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Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend under part B, *Exception* with the provision that it may be waived by a super majority vote of 5 City Councilors. Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Lee, Young, and LaFontaine opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 10-12012014 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

3. Order 101-12152014

Approving the Special Amusement Permit for Jasmine Café, located at 730 Center Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Jasmine Café, located at 730 Center Street.

Public hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road had questions regarding the security requirements on the application.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 102-12152014

Approving the Hartt Transportation TIF (Tax Increment Financing). Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the Hartt Transportation TIF as presented.

Public hearing – Joanna Bradeen, CFO for Hartt Transportation regarding their facility and investment in Auburn, Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road questioned whether or not they registered their trucks in Auburn.

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

5. Order 103-12152014

Approving an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located on 940 Washington Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington Street North.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VIII. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed), time 7:48 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:54 PM with no action to follow.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session to discuss labor contracts. Passage 4-1-2 (Councilor Crowley opposed, Councilors Walker and Gerry were not in the room during the vote), time 7:56 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:59 PM. Chief of Police Phil Crowell and Human Resource Director Deb Grimmig gave an update of what is before Council.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with MAP (Maine Association of Police) Patrol Unit for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. This becomes order 104-12152014.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked why there would be an extra 16% in the retirement every year.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the new retirement plan from the current 2C Plan (25 year/50% pension/no minimum age plan) to the 3C Plan (25 year/67%/no minimum age plan) effective January 1, 2015 for uniformed law enforcement personnel hired after December 31, 1989. The 3C Plan applies to service rendered on January 1, 2015 or later. Service rendered prior to January 1, 2015 remains under the Special 2C Plan. All Police Officers hired January 1, 2015 or after shall be covered by the 3C Plan. The City Council authorizes the Interim City Manager to sign the contract between the City of Auburn and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to implement the 3C Plan. This becomes order 105-12152014.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Mayor's Report – A workshop will take place on December 18th on solid waste with a recommendation to pay as you throw. He also thanked the folks in New Auburn for a phenomenal neighborhood Christmas event that took place on Sunday.

City Councilor Reports

Councilor Hayes – no report.

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Councilor LaFontaine – requested a meeting with the School Committee before budget discussions begin to talk about process between the School Committee and Council.

Councilor Lee – Citizens Advisory Committee meeting update.

Councilor Walker – gave thanks to the United New Auburn Association for a successful tree lighting event and thanks to Tim Horton's.

Councilor Gerry – Androscoggin County Budget Committee update.

Councilor Young – no report.

Councilor Crowley – gave thanks to the Community organizations that helped to make December special and went over dates to watch (Hanukkah, Auburn Water and Sewer budget, public meeting on recycling, winter solstice, United New Auburn Association meeting change, New Years Eve, visiting hours at the Library, the Winter Festival, calls regarding reports, concerns regarding energy costs, and the ice arena shortfall).

City Manager – Budget meeting discussion of the snowmobile clubs, County budget increase, gave thanks to all involved in the Christmas parade, and read a letter received recognizing various employees (Police and Fire), and the workshop that was planned for December 22 has been rescheduled to January 12th, 2015.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman - November 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept and place on file the November 2014 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

Priscilla Miller, 211 Summer Street – changes to police departments retirement, County Commissioners pay and benefits, recommended putting less salt and sand on the roads and sidewalks, recycling comments, and the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Bob Cavanagh, 127 Field Avenue - gave recognition to the Public Services Department for their sidewalk maintenance.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – Norway Savings Bank Arena finances, urged Council to take tighter control that and other spending, on the County Budget, suggested hiring a private negotiator for labor contracts, twin city community logo, and recognized the Public Works drivers who are doing a good job when plowing.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Cub Scout Pack 111 performed a flag ceremony and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Lee had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. **Order 01-01052015***
Appointing Karen Scammon as City Assessor for a two year term beginning 2/1/2015 with an expiration of 1/31/2017.
2. **Order 02-01052015***
Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department.
3. **Order 03-01052015***
Accepting the transfer of \$699.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency (Jermaine Motley).
4. **Order 04-01052015***
Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of James S. Davison as a Constable with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- December 15, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of December 15, 2014 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Reports*

**For trial period, Council agrees to shift Reports to the last item on the meeting agenda. To do so, a motion should be made "To suspend the rules and move item III. Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII. Executive Session".*

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to suspend the rules and move item III, Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII, Executive Session. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Cub Scout Pack 111 presented a bronze memorial plaque to the City. The plaque is dedicated to the 17 victims that perished in a tragic fire in Auburn in 1945.

V. Open Session

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle commented on the light agenda, the road projects on South Main Street and Park Avenue, and committee reports, and economic development.

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Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on Councilor reports, and on the first workshop item on the Future Land Use Map amendment proposal.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Executive Session - None

Reports*

Mayor's Report – Commented on scheduling workshop and agenda items, staff preparation, meetings with John Holden (President of LAEGC), meeting with the Town of Poland to talk about economic development partnerships, discussions with St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad, negotiations between the City and National Guard regarding the land in the Mt. Apatite and Auburn Suburban ball field area and determining the land value, workforce development, an upcoming meeting with University of Maine system (USM and Lewiston Auburn College officials), and the Airport's Strategic Planning and possible land acquisition.

City Manager's Report – Municipal Wireless Network update, CIP (Capital Improvement Program) for requests have been turned in by Department heads, thanked City Staff who took part in delivering gifts and meals at Christmas time, meetings to be videotaped by chapter moving forward, on Monday nights without a scheduled City Council meeting, he will be available until 8pm to take concerns or to meet with residents.

Committee and City Councilor Reports

Councilor LaFontaine – On scheduling a meeting with Council and the School Committee to talk about process, members of the School Committee and high school administration visited a school in Worcester, Massachusetts; she encouraged School Administration to not think about building only when talking about curriculum for high school students. She also commented on the Auburn Public Library activities and events, and on the labor shortage in our community (and all of Maine).

Councilor Walker - On Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation and a price increase which we'll see. The increase will be approximately \$40 - \$41 per ton. Also, the Recycling Committee will be coming forward with a new plan for recycling.

Councilor Gerry - On the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee will meet next week, the Citizens Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow, the Auburn Housing authority generally meet the last Wednesday of the month. The Mayor requested to see AVCOG's total expenditures relating to transit including any indirect charges, and in regards to the Auburn Housing Authority, he would like a briefing on the Spring Street Project.

Councilor Young – no report.

Councilor Crowley - On Auburn Recreation and Special Events meeting, posting on message board, the Winter Festival, the First Auburn Senior Citizens group activities, Ingersoll update report, programming updates, Auburn Water and Sewerage District report included budget, cell tower lease agreement, Auburns share of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control

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Authority and her Sewer tip. Written reports were provided and were posted on our website. She also provided her Ward 1 report which included the lighting of St. Louis church on New Year's Eve, thanked the new owners of the church, thanked Auburn residents for giving gifts and food during the holidays, dates to watch, visiting hours at the Library, calls regarding recycling and the Norway Savings Bank Arena, Salute to Denny Sullivan Day, and City Council schedule.

Councilor Hayes – Commented on an article that was in the newspaper regarding the Airport. He also stated that the Airport Board is in the process of strategic planning and the public is invited to attend and participate during the open session. The Railroad received national press in a transportation magazine on the length of track, and increased services, and at the next Airport session they should be able to discuss another contract (an eatery).

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

Jim Tierney, 7 Drummond Street commented on snow removal.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road had questions on the Airport and Railroad, and the Spring Street project, recommended looking at our economic development strategy, and commented on TIF's.

Andy Titus, 17 Lamplighter Circle asked if there would be an open session at the January 12th workshop.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 05-01202015*

Setting June 9, 2015 as the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum and Special Municipal Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to accept the one consent item as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - January 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of January 5, 2015 as presented. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained as he was not present at that meeting).

III. Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend the rules to move item III. Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII. Executive Session. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Introduction of John Holden, President of the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council
- EMS (Emergency Medical Services) update by Chief Roma

Public comment - Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road with billing questions

V. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Order 06-01202015

Approving the proposed amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Plan from Agricultural/Rural to Low Density Residential for the property located at 113 Woodbury Road. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve order 06-01202015 as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

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Passage 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 01-01202015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 4, Planning Board. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt Ordinance 01-01202015 as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 02-01202015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-59, Order of Business. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt Ordinance 02-01202015 as presented.

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

4. Ordinance 03-01202015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article Article V, Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1, Generally. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item for a future workshop. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Session - Discussion regarding real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed and Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote). Time 8:19 P.M.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 8:44 P.M. and no action was taken.

Mayor's Report – No report

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Councilor LaFontaine – Teen Life Series at the Auburn Public Library and Saturday is National Read-a-thon day.

Councilor Lee – Bike Ped Committee has not met recently, LAEGC – met with John Holden, the Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting January 27, 2015.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Crowley – Dates to watch, Winter Festival, history of skiing at the Auburn Public Library, Bunko at the Women’s Literary Union, Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on February 11th, Valentine’s Day, Salute to Denny Sullivan Day is March 14th, no committee reports tonight, trash and recycling calls, a newspaper article in regards to follow up from her previous Sewerage report, and calls regarding Great Falls TV.

Councilor Hayes - an announcement regarding the Airport Café which is reopening.

City Manager’s Report – Commended the Police Department on the well organized effort with the Lewiston Police Department, the Lisbon Police Department, the County Sherriff’s office and various State and Federal agencies on the arrest of 24 individuals who were selling drugs in the area.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman - December 2014 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the December 2014 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0.

IX. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker with a unanimous vote to adjourn. Time 9:07 P.M.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 5:49 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilors Young and Crowley had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Ordinance 04-01262015

Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, section 14-275 – Alcoholic Beverages. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, section 14-275 – Alcoholic Beverages as presented.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, 14 Pinnacle Drive – asked if this open the door to all festivals or just this one event.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

II. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). Passage 5-0, time 5:54 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:00 P.M.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2015 VOL. 34 PAGE 97

This meeting was scheduled for 2/2/2015 but due to inclement weather, was postponed until 2/9/2015.

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilors Young and Crowley had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 07-02022015*

Setting the date for the Special Municipal Election for the vacant Ward 5 School Committee seat as June 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the consent item as presented. Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

- January 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of January 20, 2015 as presented. Passage 5-0.

III. Reports*

**For trial period, Council agrees to shift Reports to the last item on the meeting agenda. To do so, a motion should be made "To suspend the rules and move item III. Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII. Executive Session".*

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry to suspend the rules and move item III, Reports on the agenda to immediately after item VIII, Executive Session. Passage 5-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Community Little Theater Presentation – E. Chris L’Hommedieu presenter
- LA Arts Presentation – Josh Vink presenter
- LA Harley and The Wolf Mass Gathering application - was reviewed during the workshop
- Council Meeting Calendar – was reviewed during the workshop

V. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the Community Little Theater and the vacant School Committee seats.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented on the budget, EMS (Emergency Management Services), and the Comprehensive Plan.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Order 06-01202015

Approving the proposed amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Plan from Agricultural/Rural to Low Density Residential for the property located at 113 Woodbury Road. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the proposed amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Plan from Agricultural/Rural to Low Density Residential for the property located at 113 Woodbury Road.

Public hearing – Rick Lanman, Auburn Lewiston Airport Manager and Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road both spoke.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 01-01202015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 4, Planning Board. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 4, Planning Board.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by restoring the original language under section 2-474. Passage of the amendment 5-0.

Passage of Ordinance 01-01202015 as amended 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 02-01202015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-59, Order of Business. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-59, Order of Business.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 04-01262015

Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, section 14-275 – Alcoholic Beverages. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, section 14-275 – Alcoholic Beverages.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by providing a full replacement by redrafting the original version making it easier for applicants (a draft copy was handed out). The amendment had no substantive changes, but rather format changes which create more of a checklist for applicants. The amendment also included 2 minor modifications. 1. On the first line the word “of” should be part of the deletion and 2. A colon should follow the word under on the second line.

Passage of the amendment 5-0.

Passage of Ordinance 04-01262015 as amended 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

5. Order 08-02022015

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents for a license agreement to lease property within the Auburn intermodal terminal.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all documents for a license agreement to lease property within the Auburn intermodal terminal.

Public comment – Andy Titus 14 Pinnacle Drive

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Lee was opposed).

6. Ordinance 05-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.19 - Tree Maintenance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.19 - Tree Maintenance.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed and 4 affirmative votes are required for passage). A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 06-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.21 – Shade Trees. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.21 – Shade Trees.

Public hearing-no one from the public spoke.

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

8. Ordinance 07-02022015

Adopting the proposed ordinance for a Conservation Commission (Part II – Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V – Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 5). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the proposed ordinance for a Conservation Commission (Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V – Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 5).

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed and 4 affirmative votes are required for passage). A roll call vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 08-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article III – Officers and Employees, Division 7 – Tax Assessor, Section 2-256 (a) Powers and Duties. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article III – Officers and Employees, Division 7 – Tax Assessor, Section 2-256 (a) Powers and Duties.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

10. Ordinance 09-02022015

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Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV – Departments, Division 3 – Finance, Section 2-359 -Established. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV – Departments, Division 3 – Finance, Section 2-359 - Established.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

11. Order 09-02092015

Approving the Mass Gathering permit request for LA Harley and The Wolf Country Festival to be held August 1, and August 2, 2015 at the Auburn Lewiston Airport, pending all Ordinance requirements, applicable department approvals and conditions are met. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to approve the Mass Gathering permit request for LA Harley and The Wolf Country Festival to be held August 1, and August 2, 2015 at the Auburn Lewiston Airport, pending all Ordinance requirements, applicable department approvals and conditions are met.

Public hearing – Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road in support, Andy Titus 14 Pinnacle Drive in support, and Dean Staffieri (one of the organizers) commented that he was hopeful that this will be an ongoing and successful event.

Passage 4-1, Councilor Hayes opposed.

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session regarding labor negotiations (Fire), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D). Passage 5-0, time 9:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:57 PM.

Reports*

Mayor's Report – No report (the Mayor was not present for this portion of the meeting).

City Manager's Report – commented on a program offered by the Public Services Department called "Sand for Seniors", and he also advised Council that the Public Services winter

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maintenance and salt budget is close to being depleted due to the number of recent storms. He would like to request money from the emergency reserve fund at the next meeting.

Committee and City Councilor Reports

Councilor Hayes – reported that the Airport restaurant will be opening on the 24th of the month, and in the terminal, a conference room was going to be upgraded with furniture for small group meetings.

Councilor LaFontaine – reported on the School Committee and the National Science Foundation has funded a project designed to close the gap between research and practice in Math and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities in the schools and Auburn was selected as one of three nationwide sites to participate in this grant. The school is also considering placing a sign somewhere in the community and they are hoping that the city will partner in that process. She also commented on the upcoming Farmers Market that will be held at the Library Friday, February 27th.

Councilor Lee – reported on the recent LAEGC meeting and stated that he would be sharing with Council a document that was provided by John Holden, LAEGC President. He also reported that the Business to Business trade show will be held on June 18th and the annual dinner will be held on May 7th. He stated that it would be nice to hold a joint meeting with Lewiston to discuss the Bike-Ped Committee.

Councilor Walker – submitted a written report which has been placed on file.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the upcoming meetings of the LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transportation Center), and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Lee arrived at 8:20 P.M. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 10-02172015*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Kora Shriners for the 2015 circus to be held in April.

2. Order 11-02172015*

Confirming the appointment of Sean Scully as Constable without a firearm as a process server.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the consent item as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - January 26, 2015 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of January 26, 2015 as presented. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained as she was not present at that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition - Auburn Wellness Team

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.19 - Tree Maintenance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.19 - Tree Maintenance.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

2. Ordinance 06-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.21 – Shade Trees. Second reading.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 56, Vegetation, Article II – Trees and Shrubs, Section 56.21 – Shade Trees.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

3. Ordinance 07-02022015

Adopting the proposed ordinance for a Conservation Commission (Part II – Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V – Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 5). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed ordinance for a Conservation Commission (Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V – Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 5).

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

4. Ordinance 08-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article III – Officers and Employees, Division 7 – Tax Assessor, Section 2-256 (a) Powers and Duties. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article III – Officers and Employees, Division 7 – Tax Assessor, Section 2-256 (A) Powers and Duties.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

5. Ordinance 09-02022015

Adopting the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV – Departments, Division 3 – Finance, Section 2-359 - Established. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment change to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article IV – Departments, Division 3 – Finance, Section 2-359 - Established.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business

6. Order 12-02172015

Adopting the lead loan guidelines as recommended by Community Development staff.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the lead loan guidelines as recommended by the Community Development staff.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

7. Order 13-02172015

Adopting the 2014 New Auburn Village Center Plan as an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the 2014 New Auburn Village Center Plan as an amendment to the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed and Councilor Hayes abstained).

8. Order 14-02172015

Approve funding \$250,000 to implement a portion of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically design and permitting of the New Auburn Riverway Road.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve funding \$250,000 to implement a portion of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically design and permitting of the New Auburn Riverway Road.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

9. Order 15-02172015

Approve funding \$12,691 to LA Arts.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to approve funding \$12,691 to LA Arts.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by reducing the amount to \$8,500.

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Motion by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Crowley to further amend with the funding to be taken out of the Economic Development consulting services budget.

Motion on the amendment to the amendment (for the funding to be taken out of the Economic Development consulting services budget) failed 2-4 (Councilors Young, LaFontaine, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Motion on the original amendment (to reduce the amount from \$12,691 to \$8,500) failed 2-4 (Councilors Young, Crowley, LaFontaine, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone allowing time for the City Manager provide funding alternatives. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Young and Gerry opposed).

10. Ordinance 10-02172015

Adopting additional language to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, under section 14-251 (e) (22). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt additional language to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, under section 14-251 (e) (22) as proposed.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

11. Order 16-02172015

Authorize the City Manager to fund the Public Services department with an additional \$150,000 from the Emergency Reserve Account.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Crowley to authorize the City Manager to fund the Public Services department with an additional \$150,000 from the Emergency Reserve Account.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor's Report – discussed scheduling time to talk about the State budget and City impacts, funding LA Arts, and a multi page report he is working on regarding economic development.

City Councilors' Reports

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Councilor LaFontaine – on programs offered at the Auburn Public Library, she has been attending the Lewiston Auburn Public Health ad-hoc committee, and recommended adding signage to the joint workshop with the School Department.

Councilor Crowley – thanked all of the emergency preparedness personnel for readying the community for the blizzard that was expected to hit, congratulated Mechanic Savings Bank for 140 years of service in the Community. They are now in the process of renovating and merging with Biddeford Savings Bank, she spoke about today being Fat Tuesday and talked about Mardi Gras, visiting hours at the Library, National Heart Month, Wear Red Day, dates to watch, budget workshops, Lewiston Auburn Public Health Committee/ad-hoc committee.

City Manager Report – recognized resident Debbie Berry who has been tying mittens, hats, and scarves around light poles for citizens who may not have those items, the Edward Little High School Class A boys and girls basket ball teams are playing in Bangor on Tuesday. He encouraged people to attend if they are able as a show of support. He has requested a meeting with MDOT Commissioner Bernhardt on the New Auburn Bridge and the Intermodal facility at the Airport, he thanked Public Service staff for keeping roads clear, he is still researching the issue brought forward by Dan Herrick at the last Council meeting regarding residents billed by EMS (Emergency Management Services) in error, and there will be a Joint School and City meeting Monday, February 23rd to discuss CIP (Capital Improvement Plan).

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept and place on file the January 2015 Monthly Finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session (taken out of order) – No one from the public spoke

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session regarding labor negotiations (Fire), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D). Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed and Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote). Time 8:27 P.M.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:33 P.M.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young with a unanimous vote to adjourn. Time 9:33 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

The Mayor asked that Council take item 3 out of order to address first on the agenda. There were no objections from Council.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to review and discuss an examination conducted by the City for licensing purposes pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6) (G). Passage 7-0, 7:10 PM.

Council was declared temporarily out of executive session at 8:02 PM and will resume the executive session at approximately 8:30 PM.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- February 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
- February 17, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of February 9, 2015 and February 17, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session

- Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road on tax acquired properties, the Agricultural Resource Protection Zone, Emergency Management Service transport issue.
- Clem Clements, 28 First Street, Lewiston with positive comments on the Norway Savings Bank Arena and the tournaments that are taking place.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 10-02172015

Adopting additional language to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, under section 14-251 (e) (22). Second reading.

Motion by Councilor Crowley seconded by Councilor Hayes to table this to the end of this meeting. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, LaFontaine, and Lee opposed).

2. Order 15-02172015

Approve funding \$12,691 to LA Arts.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to table this item to end of meeting. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

V. New Business

3. Order 18-03022015

Approve consolidating to one voting place for the June 9, 2015 election (pending a statewide election on the same date). Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine for passage of Order 18-03022015 as presented.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

4. Order 19-03022015

Appointing Board and Committee members.

Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to postpone this item to the March 16, 2015 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

5. Order 20-03022015

Authorizing the agreement to share health officer services with Lisbon.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to authorize the agreement to share health officer services with Lisbon.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

6. Order 21-03022015

Authorizing the reallocation of bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for the repurposing of Ingersoll Arena. Public hearing and first reading. *Council may enter into executive Session regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).*

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the reallocation of bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for the repurposing of Ingersoll Arena.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405 (6) (C). Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed), 8:22 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:29 PM.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage of order 21-03022015 as presented, 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

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Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to resume the earlier executive session to review and discuss an examination conducted by the City for licensing purposes pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6) (G). Passage 7-0, 8:31 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:02 PM.

7. **Order 17-03022015**

Potential suspension or revocation of combined massage establishment/massage therapist license of Chinese Massage and Body Work, Inc.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to revoke the massage establishment license issued to Chinese Massage and Body Work, Inc. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

VIII. **Executive Session** - Discussion regarding labor negotiations (Fire), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session regarding labor negotiations (Fire), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed), time 9:08 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:15 PM.

Reports*

Mayor's Report – no report

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Walker - submitted a written report which has been placed on file

Councilor Gerry – reported that she was unable to attend the Auburn Housing Authority meeting last week as she was sick

Councilor Crowley – reported on the Auburn Sewerage District (also submitted a written copy which has been placed on file), discussed their budget, hydrant maintenance, ASD Trustee Jeff Preble's term has expired and he will not be re-applying, CSO Master plan 5 year update, RFQ for team building and leadership development, Sewer tip of the month – flooding basements, Auburn Water District Report (also submitted a written copy which has been placed on file), Water District budget, slow flowing water lines to prevent freezing, mortgage on the Brackett House, FOAA fees, purchase of trucks, Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board, business plan repurposing Ingersoll Arena, the mission statement of the board, special events under recreation or economic and community development, Ward 1 report, thanked Alfreda Fournier for photos, working with Chris Langis (School Committee) regarding communications, dates to watch, Dinny Sullivan Day - A Salute to Neighborhood Businesses.

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Hayes – no report

Councilor LaFontaine – no report

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Councilor Lee – no report

City Manager's Report – no report

IX. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

Ordinance 10-02172015

Adopting additional language to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, under section 14-251 (e) (22). Second reading. This item was tabled earlier on in the meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt additional language to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IX - Mass Gatherings, under section 14-251 (e) (22) as presented.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

Order 15-02172015

Approve funding \$12,691 to LA Arts. This item was tabled earlier on in the meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to approve funding \$12,691 to LA Arts.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D). Passage 4-3 (Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Hayes opposed), 9:35 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 9:44 PM.

Motion to approve funding \$12,691 to LA Arts failed 3-4 (Councilors Crowley, Hayes, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 22-03162015

Appointing the Registration Appeals Board members.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the one consent item, Order 22-03162015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - March 2, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of March 2, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council - postponed to April.

IV. Open Session – Bruce Bickford, Resident of 64 Cameron Lane, State Representative District 63, and Taxation Committee member. Mr. Bickford provided Council with an update on the Governors taxation plan.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 19-03022015

Appointing Board and Committee members.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item to the April 6, 2015 meeting. Passage 6-0.

2. Order 21-03022015

Authorizing the reallocation of bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for the repurposing of Ingersoll Arena. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley authorizing the reallocation of bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for the repurposing of Ingersoll Arena.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lee to suspend the rules and reconsider the vote on Order 15-02172015 for funding LA Arts. Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lee to amend the language of the original order by changing the amount of funding from \$12,691 to \$8,000 for work accomplished this budget year to date and that funding be appropriated from the Economic Development Consulting line of the FY2015 budget.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VI. New Business

3. Order 23-03162015

Authorizing the funding for the Downtown Transportation Center (DATC) related design and construction costs.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone to the next available meeting after more discussion.

Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Young, Crowley, Hayes, and Lee opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve Order 23-03162015 authorizing the funding for the Downtown Transportation Center (DATC) related design and construction costs as presented.

Public comment - Andy Titus 14 Pinnacle Drive

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to postpone to the April 6, 2015 meeting. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

VII. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (C). *This item was taken up at the end of the workshop. Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session for discussion regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (C). Passage 5-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed). Time 6:29. Council was declared out of executive session at 7:09 PM.*
- Discussion regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D). *The executive session was not needed.*
- Discussion regarding economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (C). *The executive session was not needed.*

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported on a meeting with the Economic Development leaders of Poland regarding Economic Development opportunities in Auburn and Poland (April 2 at 7:00 at the airport), there has also been interest from Oxford County communities, he also reported on the passenger rail and an article in the newspaper where comments were

made that the Mayor of Auburn did not weigh in. He communicated that the reason for that was because he was not asked, and Auburn wasn't engaged.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Lee - the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 3/17/15.

Councilor Walker - submitted a written report that will be placed on file.

Councilor Gerry - no report.

Councilor Hayes - no report.

Councilor Young - no report.

Councilor Crowley - submitted a written report which will be placed on file. She thanked volunteers for Dinny Sullivan Day – Salute to neighborhood businesses, next year it will be held on Saturday March 12th, this will be the 5th year for this event and it is the 104th birthday of Girl Scouts, visiting hours, LAEGC is hosting a meeting Tuesday March 31st and people are encouraged to attend, a downtown neighborhood meeting is coming up, she wants to encourage residents to become engaged with City budget discussions, she commented on speed and safety of roads, encouraged residents to use request it report it feature, she thanked finance director for posting the financial reports on the website, she said she was delighted to hear that we are reaching out to Poland and Oxford County, and she wished everyone a happy Easter.

City Manager Report – thanked Councilor Crowley and various staff members for their part with the Dinny Sullivan Day event, he reported that the school and city budget presentations would take place next week 3/23/15, updated Council on an issue that has come up with Health and Human Services and families seeking asylum. Dot Meagher will bring this forward at an upcoming workshop, he also commented on the upcoming meeting with the Town of Poland, and upcoming meetings to be held by AVCOG and the Maine Department of Transportation on future transportation needs. They will be taking public comments.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the February 2015 monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

IX. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road regarding taxes (1.8% increase), Community Little Theater and the development in the downtown area, Agricultural Zone and the 50% rule, the Norway Savings Bank Arena shortfall, and commented on Council reports and nothing being reported on the railroad, airport, and Great Falls TV.

Andy Titus, 14 Pinnacle Drive had a suggestion to recommend budget changes during the workshop.

Alfreda Fournier, 43 Davis Avenue, praised Councilors Walker and Crowley for the Dinny Sullivan Day event and gave thanks to the Public Works Department for a job well done this past winter.

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X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker with a unanimous vote to adjourn. Time 8:19 P.M.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Young to elect Councilor Lee to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

I. Consent Items

1. Order 24-04062015*

Approving the temporary sign request for Safe Voices.

2. Order 25-04062015*

Approving the temporary sign request for Auburn Business Association.

3. Order 26-04062015*

Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue Elementary School (Spring Fest and Auction event).

4. Order 27-04062015*

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Leslie Scott and Robert Scott).

5. Order 28-04062015*

Setting the time to open the polls for the June 9, 2015 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept all 5 consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- March 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of March 16, 2015 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council – John Holden

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street spoke in support of the school budget and doesn't want to see their budget cut.

Joshua Howe, 156 Davis Avenue spoke in support of the school budget and doesn't want to see their budget cut.

Bruce Bickford, 64 Cameron Lane, on funding agencies (Economic Development).

Tracey Corey, 21 Fern St spoke in support of the school budget.

Barry Skilling, 1425 Riverside Drive, commented on the workshop topic regarding storing poles, and also commented on the city and school budgets, and stated that now is the time to make road repairs while fuel prices are down.

Mike Davis, 21 Huston Avenue spoke in support of the school budget and he doesn't want to see their budget cut.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, commented on the Animal Control Officer and he would like to see it put back in the budget.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 19-03022015

Appointing Board and Committee members.

Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Passage 7-0, time 7:41.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to appoint Board and Committee members as follows:

Charles Morrison – Cable TV Advisory Board, term expiration 1/1/2017
Edward Desgrosseilliers – Cable TV Advisory Board, term expiration 1/1/2017
Stanwood Gray – Cable TV Advisory Board, term expiration 1/1/2017
Daniel Philbrick – Planning Board, term expiration 1/1/2018
Evan Cyr – Planning Board, term expiration 1/1/2018
Susan Patneau – Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board, term expiration 1/1/2017
Dana Staples – Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board, term expiration 1/1/2017
Robert Cavanagh – Auburn Sewerage District, term expiration 3/1/2019
Preston Chapman – Auburn Water District, term expiration 3/1/2019
Lane Feldman – Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiration 10/01/2018
Kenneth Sonogere – Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiration 10/01/2018
Elizabeth Shardlow – Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiration 10/01/2018

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

2. Order 23-03162015

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Authorizing the funding for the Downtown Transportation Center (DATC) related design and construction costs (specifically Great Falls Plaza Lot 5 footings).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the funding for the Downtown Transportation Center (DATC) related design and construction costs (specifically Great Falls Plaza Lot 5 footings). Passage 7-0.

V. New Business

3. Order 29-04062015

Authorizing the funding for the Downtown Transportation Center (DATC) related design and construction costs (alternates 1-5 and utilities).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the funding for the Downtown Transportation Center (DATC) related design and construction costs (alternates 1-5 and utilities) with a friendly amendment to correct a typographical error (Alternate 3 notes 1,000 square feet but should read 100 square feet).

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Public Hearing on CDBG's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan/Budget.

Public comment: Camille Parish 42 Lake Street – stated that she was thankful for inclusion of garden spots in the CDBG budget.

5. Order 30-04062015

Approving the Public Services Labor Contract.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Public Services labor contract as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 31-04062015

Rescinding the 2004 Bond Order for the Great Falls Plaza Parking Garage.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Ordinance 11-04062015

Adopting the proposed ordinance language to Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Finance, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 2-487, Bond Authorization. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the proposed ordinance language to Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Finance, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 2-487, Bond Authorization with a friendly amendment to change the use of the word “when” to “on which”.

Sec. 2-487 – Bond Authorization

All bond authorization orders shall include a date *on which* the authorization is automatically cancelled if the bonds have not been issued.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 32-04062015

Approving the addendum to the current Fire Contract (EMS).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the addendum to the current Fire Contract (EMS).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

VIII. Executive Session - None

Reports*

Mayor’s Report - no report

City Councilors’ Reports

Councilor Hayes submitted a written report (Airport Board) which has been placed on file. **Councilor Crowley** gave her Sewer tip of the month (avoid flushing items not designed to be flushed, clean drains once a week), visiting hours at the Library, April is Autism Awareness month, Tuesday April 7th there will be a Public Input Session held regarding yard sales, garage sales, and flea market ordinances.

Councilor Lafontaine announced that The School Department will be holding a Community Conversation meeting on April 16, 2015 at 6pm at Auburn Middle School to discuss the budget, a job fair is to be held on April 10th at Central Maine Community College. There are

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approximately 1200 job openings, and the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee is providing free bus transportation to the job fair.

Councilor Lee reported on the Bike–Ped Committee Lisbon Street recommendation, and encouraged folks to go to Lewiston Council Meeting on Tuesday to provide input.

Councilor Gerry announced that on April 9th LATC will hold its monthly meeting at Auburn Hall at noon in the Community Room.

Councilor Walker reported that the Auburn-Lewiston Airport will be meeting tomorrow morning, and folks are encouraged to attend the meeting (to discuss their budget).

Councilor Young – no report.

City Manager reported on upcoming meetings/workshops, the budget schedule, 4/22 is the next School Committee meeting and Council will be invited to attend to hear their budget discussion, 4/27 police, public services, and fire budgets will be presented, he thanked the Recreation Department for the Easter egg hunt that was held over the weekend, and the South Main Street project will enter into Phase 2 and will start in the late spring or early summer.

IX. Open Session

Katy Grondin, 261 Beech Hill Road and School Superintendant, addressed Councilor Walkers comment regarding health insurance and stated that they are always looking for ways to reduce their health insurance costs. She also mentioned that there will be a \$300,000 savings on their expenditure line this year for health insurance for the School Department.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, commented that the City does not seem to be coordinated when coming up with sidewalk figures, he commented on using CDBG funds for recreation scholarships, and on Council voting in favor of the labor contracts. He stated that Council needs to set priorities and cannot fund everything. He added that School is a priority. He also mentioned that the 1.8% increase is an ordinance, not a pie in the sky number and this is in place to protect our older residents who are just as important as the kids.

Jim Berube, 45 Rosewood Road supports both the school and city budgets and said he is trying to get a better understanding of the budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend the rules and vote on workshop item D a Resolve regarding the Downtown Passenger Rail Study. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adopt a Resolve # 01-04062015 regarding the Downtown Passenger Rail Study as follows:

WHEREAS, the 1998 Auburn Downtown Action Plan for Tomorrow (ADAPT) identified a preferred location for a rail platform/station within Great Falls Plaza area in conjunction with a hotel development. The platform/station was to be developed to provide integration of transportation at the site including automobile access and parking, bus/trolley service, taxis, bicycle access and storage and pedestrian access; and

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WHEREAS, other agencies funded by the City of Auburn pursued as passenger intermodal facility at the Auburn Lewiston Airport, conducting an Environmental Assessment in 2006,

with a focus on serving intercity bus service, a need soon to be met by the construction of a passenger terminal by Maine DOT for buses at Exit 75; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 economic analysis of bringing the passenger services to the Auburn Lewiston Airport over downtown stated that there would be no substantial impacts on minorities or low-income populations, despite up to 50% of downtown households being without vehicles and unemployment rates among the immigrant population being higher than the population at large. In addition, that analysis concluded that “downtown business districts are not likely to be directly affected,” demonstrating that services needed to be directed where they could impact downtown business and residential districts; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Maine DOT conducted the Portland North Study as part of a New Starts Transportation Grant from the Federal Transportation Administration, a study that focused on congestion mitigation; this new study will address a broader set of considerations to include land use, economic development, the environment, congestion mitigation, and economic opportunity for lower income individuals; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail can be an added stimulus for mixed use economic development, as well as a convenient mode for leisure and business travel; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2013, the Auburn Council, along with counterparts in Portland and Lewiston passed a shared resolve on making transit service connections including focusing on helping “employment, medical and entertainment opportunities” in addition to addressing “sustainable practices that enhances livability in all three communities.”

WHEREAS the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual budget resolve noting passenger rail service to the downtown as a priority for the City; and

WHEREAS, the 127th Maine Legislature is considering action that would advance passenger rail service planning to Lewiston-Auburn from Portland;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Auburn hereby expresses the intent to work with the City of Lewiston and the necessary regional, state and federal partners, with a particular focus on private investors and nearby property owners, to explore the transportation advantages, related economic possibilities and financial implications of restoring scheduled passenger rail service to the Cities in accordance with the following:

The City Council directs all of its transportation agencies (Auburn Lewiston Airport, Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company, Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center) to affirm through board resolve, or through the re-alignment of necessary policy documents, within 90 days their support for downtown passenger rail service in Lewiston-Auburn. This will ensure one, consistent voice for Auburn and Lewiston

The City Council commits to identifying local funding, along with Lewiston, as a match towards drawing down state investment in such a planning study. Local funds may include,

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but aren't limited to, use of planning funds allocated to Lewiston-Auburn through the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center, funding from the Cities shared Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Company fund balance, or Auburn's Downtown Tax Increment Finance Development Program account.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

- No Consent items

II. Minutes

- April 6, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of April 6, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Blue Star Flag Presentation – Chief Frank Roma introduced the program.
 - Mayor LaBonté presented Brian Martin, Auburn Fire Fighter and EMT, with a certificate and blue star flag. On April 27th, Brian will be deploying to the Middle East with his unit the 439th Aero-Medical Evacuation Squadron in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel.
 - Mayor LaBonté presented Scott and Nancy O'Brien, parents of Chris O'Brien, with a certificate and blue star flag. Chris is currently a Specialist serving with Bravo Company One 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Third Brigade, Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq.
- Proposed Tactical New Urbanist Projects – Eric Cousens – moved to workshop

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

Larry P. Morrisette, 46 High Street spoke about Child Abuse and Child Abuse Awareness month in Maine.

Dr. Susan Stanford, 33 Goff Street spoke about her taxes and the impact it will have on her if they are raised.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-04062015

Adopting the proposed ordinance language to Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Finance, Division I, Generally, Sec. 2-487, Bond Authorization. Public hearing and second reading.

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Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Public hearing - no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business – No new business

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – Commented on the City of Auburn taking a position in support on the Passenger railway. The Mayor had an opportunity to meet with Francois Robello, the lead developer of the proposed project, along with residents in the Province of Quebec and the Montreal business community that have a strong interest in seeing the Montreal to Boston connection made. Last week he met with Howard, Dick Trafton and John Holden to talk about the Lewiston/Auburn Railroad Company to discuss the role the railroad company could have in passenger rail service. He also commented on the meeting with Poland Officials around Economic Development. There is interest with the Poland Selectman to have a joint committee to talk about shared interests.

Councilor Walker – Announced that United New Auburn Association has a meeting at Rolly's Diner on Tuesday, April 28th and on May 2nd, at 1:00 PM there will be an egg hunt at Walton School; the Neighborhood Watch meeting is 6:00 PM, Thursday, April 23rd at the Tailgate Gourmet.

Councilor Hayes – Commented on the Airport Meeting being held at 8:30 AM, Wednesday, April 22 at Lewiston City Hall.

Councilor Crowley – Commented on Auburn Sewer and Water District meetings. In her Ward 1 she discussed General Assistance program not now being available for certain groups of people. Dates to watch, Thursday, April 23rd is take your daughter or son to work day; Thursday there will be regular visiting hours from 5-7 at the Library; April is Autism Awareness Month; Friday, April 24th the Recreation Advisory Committee and City Council will be having a groundbreaking ceremony at noon at Pettengill Park for the Ingersoll Turf Facility; Saturday, April 25th the community take back medicine program at Bedard Medical; Saturday, May 2nd there will be a May Day celebration at Walton Elementary from 1-3; Sunday, May 3rd is the Empty Bowl Supper at the Unitarian Universalist Church, on the corner of Pleasant and Elm Street. Councilor Crowley commented on cable television and Great Falls TV, data and income levels that she requested for all of Auburn, and calls and e-mail regarding the budget.

Councilor Young – No report

City Manager Report – The City Manager wanted to thank Auburn, Superintendent of Schools, Katy Grondin for organizing the community conversation that took place Thursday at the Middle School, commented on budget process, Airport Board meeting taking place April 22nd, wanted to remind the public that the Auburn School Board would be holding their budget meeting on April 22nd at 7 pm and the City Council and public are invited to attend. Commented on downtown Auburn Transportation Center, groundbreaking at Ingersoll, next Monday a City Council Workshop will be held to discuss Public Service, Police and Fire Departments. The City Manager wanted to congratulate Detective Jason Moore of the Auburn Police Department for

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testifying in Washington, DC regarding the increase of IRS scams with the elderly. Assistant City Manager informed that on May 6th the City will be going through an audit with DEP concerning the MS4 Program Permit and that spring cleanup will begin May 4th and will run for 2 weeks.

Councilor Lee – Wanted to give out a shout to the Auburn Middle School live Tweeters

Finance Director – March 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the March 2015 Monthly Finance report. Passage 6-0.

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

No one spoke.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 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

- April 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of April 21, 2015 with two small corrections:

1. Under Councilor Crowley's report where it states "*she discussed the General Assistance program not being available for certain groups of people*" it should state "*she discussed General Assistance program not **now** being available for certain groups of people*" and;

2. Under the last Open Session, there was a number 6 at the end of the first line which was a typo.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Declaring Friday, May 15, 2015 Bike to Work Day in Auburn
- Recognition – Auburn's Odyssey of the Mind team

IV. Open Session

Larry Morrisette, Auburn resident congratulated the Royal family on the birth of their daughter, and commented that he was happy to see Councilors sharpening their pencils when it comes to people coming forward and asking the Council for money.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 02-05042015

Supporting the formation of a joint committee with the City of Auburn and Town of Poland.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee supporting the formation of a joint committee with the City of Auburn and Town of Poland.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend to add a fourth member (an Auburn resident). Passage 5-2 (Councilors Lee and LaFontaine opposed).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of Resolve 02-05042015 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 03-05042015

Approving the striping changes for downtown streets and use of Festival Plaza for programming that may include food trucks for the Tactical New Urbanism trial period.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker (option 1 in the packet).

Public comment - Jim Drummond, Court St Baptist Church who spoke in support of this item.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 33-05042015

Adoption the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Consolidated Plan and Budget.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the CDBG Consolidated Plan and Budget.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to include option 2 (\$24,000 which will include the Parks and Recreation scholarships).

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Young, Hayes, Lafontaine, and Lee opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes to separate the Consolidated Plan from the budget to consider separately. No second.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young to amend by renaming the New Auburn River Trail line item to the New Auburn River Way/Greenway Acquisition Demolition and Phase I Construction with an increase in funding from \$35,000 to \$200,000 with the additional \$165,000 to be funded through a transfer of \$164,636 from the Sidewalk Project and a \$364 reduction from Shoe-Maker Alley, then an additional friendly amendment was included so rather than take \$164,636 from the sidewalk project fund, they would take \$189,636 (an additional \$25,000) for a total of \$225,000 toward the New Auburn River Way/Greenway Acquisition Demolition and Phase I Construction.

Public comment:

Rob Kilgore, 36 Newbury Street and Citizens Advisory Committee member
Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street and Citizens Advisory Committee member

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Peter Flanders, 99 Lake St and Citizens Advisory Committee member

Motion on the amendment failed 3-4 (Councilor Gerry, Crowley, Hayes, and Lafontaine opposed).

Motion by Councilor Crowley seconded by Councilor Gerry to move the question. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Lee and Walker opposed).

Passage of the Order 33-05042015 to adopt the CDBG Consolidated Plan and Budget as presented 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

4. Order 34-05042015

Authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Tree Nursery Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the Tree Nursery Lease Agreement.

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

5. Order 35-05042015

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to appoint the Board and Committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee as follows:

Cable TV Advisory Board – Robert Gardner, term expiration 1/1/2017

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Auburn Sewerage District – Charles Sheehan, term expiration 3/1/2019

Ethics Committee – Linda Snyder, term expiration 1/1/2018

Conservation Commission – Jeffrey Preble, term expiration 6/1/2016

Conservation Commission – Maurice Keene, term expiration 6/1/2017

Conservation Commission – Ben Fletcher, term expiration 6/1/2017

Conservation Commission – Nichole White-Matson, term expiration 6/1/2018

Conservation Commission – Tizz E.H. Crowley, term expiration 6/1/2018

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes on Resolve 04-05042015 as follows;

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WHEREAS, that the Community Little Theater (CLT), located at 164 High Street is an important part of the artistic and cultural vitality our community and;

WHEREAS, that the Community Little Theater has a 99 year lease with the City to use the premises for their operations and;

WHEREAS, the premises includes more building and land than is required for use by CLT for their purposes and that comes with more expenses than the Theater operations can support, and;

WHEREAS, the City wants CLT to remain at 164 High Street and continue providing productions for the benefit of the community and;

WHEREAS, the City's planning goals for downtown Auburn includes the redevelopment of the Old Edward Little High School, located at 164 High Street and;

WHEREAS, that keeping the Community Little Theater operations at 164 High Street and redeveloping the Old Edward Little High School will require the existing lease between the City and Community Little Theater to be modified.

RESOLVED, the Auburn City Council orders staff to negotiate a Conditional Agreement to Modify the Lease with the Community Little Theater by May 11, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the execution of said agreement, the City will work to develop and execute a developer agreement for the redevelopment of 164 High Street and provides CLT continued use of the Theater space, maintains and improves the structure and reduces CLT's overhead costs.

Public comment – Chris L'Hommedieu, President of The Community Little Theater spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports*

Mayor's Report - no report

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young, no report

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Councilor Crowley, she will give her Water and Sewer reports at the second meeting of the month, her sewer tip of the month “do not pour grease down the drain”, Ward 1 report, Lake Auburn Watershed Protection, Touch a Truck event (Advocates for Children), United New Auburn Association and the May Day event, Congratulations to Four Seasons Farm Market for their 1 year anniversary, Empty Soup Bowl fundraiser, thank you to Mr. Drummond and others who reached out on the traffic pattern on Court Street, dates to watch, Taber’s ribbon cutting, Fishing Derby, Arbor Day, Memorial Day weekend in New Auburn, parade May 23rd, Decoration Day, ABA Citizen of the Year, visiting hours, budget comments from residents, thank you to the person who left her a chocolate May Day treat.

Councilor Hayes, will be providing minutes from the Railroad and Airport minutes.

Councilor Lee, will provide LAEGC report when there is more time and noted the LAEGC dinner.

Councilor Walker, no report

Councilor Gerry, on LATC

City Manager’s Report – (Denis D’Auteuil) on CIP, Great Falls TV, tracking fields rentals, in Spring Clean up mode, coordinating with Public Services and the School Department on flag placement for Memorial Day Holiday as well as a general clean up.

- IX. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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.

I. New Business

1. Order 36-05112015

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented.

Public comment:

- Tom Kendall, 221 Stevens Mill Road and chair of the School Committee, and Peter Letourneau, 38 Field Avenue and member of the School Committee presented a slide show which covered the proposed School Budget and the cost per pupil in various communities as well as the State average.
- Cynthia Jalbert, 11 Shepley Street, spoke in support of the SRO's (School Resource Officers) and School budget and commented that the Council and School Committee need to get together on this and set egos aside. She noted that she moved here years ago because Auburn had good schools but feels that is no longer the case.
- Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street agreed with comments made by Ms. Jalbert and feels that Council and the School Committee need to work collaboratively. He commented that in watching several joint meetings of the Lewiston Council and Lewiston School Committee there was a difference in how they work together. They work as one. He is also in favor of working out the budget for the SRO's (School Resource Officers) because they are needed.
- Jennifer Corey, 1611 Perkins Ridge Road said that she has two students in the Auburn School Department and they deserve better than a reduction of the school budget and all students in Auburn deserve better. She added that that is what the proposed school budget is – a cut and a further deterioration of the schools in Auburn. She said she appreciated the comments made before her and added that it reaffirms things that have been said in the past that people don't want to move to Auburn because of the school system.
- Chief of Police, Phil Crowell spoke about the School Resource Officers and the SRO program. He stated that they are vital to the community, schools, teachers, students and parents. They build relationships and get ahead of things that could potentially take place.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend article 19 to say "That the City of Auburn will reduce the amount raised in excess to the total cost of the funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A Section 15688 to the extent of any unanticipated increases to the adjusted State contribution under the Essential Programs and Services

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Funding model”, so by adding this amendment, any increases they get back that are unanticipated will go toward lowering the mill rate.

The motion on the amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Young, Hayes, LaFontaine, and Lee opposed).

Passage of Order 36-05112015 adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

II. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow. Passage 7-0, time 7:56 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:15 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley that the City Council hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign a conditional agreement to modify the lease with Community Little Theatre in a form recommended by the City Attorney, including the following conditions:

1. The City will enter a forbearance agreement recommended by the City Attorney, that forbears from the collection of a promissory note dated July 13, 2012 for so long as the agreement is in effect, up to 3 years;
2. That authorizes the paving of the City owned parking lot on Academy Street;
3. That requires any developer of the property to incorporate reasonable sound proofing in its finished project, and to require residential tenants to waive noise related complaints against the theatre;
4. That requests the developer build a second floor in the gym for CLT use;
5. That the City and the Theatre shall execute a revised lease for the Theatrical Space as defined in the agreement; and
6. That allows the City to recover its reasonable costs and attorney fees in enforcing the agreement.

This is order 37-05112015.

Public comment: Chris L’Hommedieu, President of The Community Little Theater spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 38-05182015 *

Accepting the transfer of \$3,592.62 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency (Glen Barry).

2. Order 39-05182015 *

Accepting the transfer of \$4,932.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency, and one 2005 Saab 9-3 VIN #YS3FB49S751054079 (Garrett Griffin).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the two consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- May 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the minutes of May 4, 2015 as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week May 17 to May 23, 2015

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

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Order 40-05182015

Authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate of unspent proceeds in the amount of \$766,000 from the City's general obligation bonds. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Finance Director to reallocate unspent proceeds in the amount of \$766,000 from the City's general obligation bonds.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

2. Order 41-05182015

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the Finance Director to execute issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

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

3. Order 42-05182015

Approving the Lease agreement of two buildings for Power & Construction Group.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve the lease agreement of two buildings for Power & Construction Group as presented.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 43-05182015

Approving the Land Lease agreement for Hawkeye Elecnor Group.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the land lease agreement for Hawkeye Elecnor Group as presented.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – No report but he did mention that he was going to meet with the Acting City Manager Howard Kroll and Acting Assistant City Manager Denis D'Auteuil to discuss project planning activities particularly to close the loop on some of the passenger rail discussions.

Councilor Young – No report.

Councilor Crowley gave her Auburn Water and Sewerage report noting that the Auburn Water and Sewerage Superintendant, John Storer has resigned. He has accepted a position out of state. KC Geiger was re-elected as President of the Water District Board of Trustees and Councilor Crowley was elected Treasurer. A written report was provided and placed on file. She also gave her Ward 1 report. She thanked and congratulated the Public Works Department for a successful open house, gave a thank you to the local Girl Scout troops, congratulations to

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petitesbite.com whose site launched today, dates to watch - May 19 Tree Tea and Talk, May 25 is Decoration Day, the original name for Memorial Day, there will be a Remembrance Service at Oak Hill cemetery, and an Open House at the Central Fire Station, Sunday June 14th Flag Day celebration and service at Lake Grove Park starting at 5 PM, visiting hours are at the Foss Mansion tomorrow and the Library on the 28th, the School Budget Validation vote on June 9, 2015 and all voting will be at Auburn Hall, median value of a single family home in Auburn is not \$150,000. Does not have the current value but in 2013 it was \$132,000. She also stated that she thought the information provided about social security benefits at the last meeting was misleading and talked about the 2015 HUD income guidelines.

Councilor Hayes distributed minutes from the April 30th Railroad Board meeting to Councilors as well as the minutes from the Airport Boards March 5th, April 7th, and April 22nd meetings and the Railroad annual breakfast meeting is sometime in June and State Legislators who are sponsoring rail related bills may speak at the breakfast.

Councilor LaFontaine noted that the meeting with the School Committee is on Wednesday, a few things coming up at the Library – thanks to a grant from the Kiwanis, the Library is able to continue the Park and Museum Pass Program, a \$1 million dollar grant has been awarded to the Maine State Library and Cornerstones of Science in Brunswick which helps the Maine State Library create family oriented STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming, coming June 1 is an online auction where you can support your library. Also, coming up on the 28th is a program called *Glimpses of Iran* and there will be a presentation and photos of Iran and Iranian Art.

Councilor Lee had no report but noted that he will be attending the Build Maine Conference on Thursday.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Gerry – there will be a public meeting on the Downtown Transportation Center on Thursday at 6 PM. The meeting is open to the public.

City Manager Report - Howard thanked Denis and his staff on their work coordinating the Public Works Department open house, the Downtown Transportation Meeting is scheduled on Thursday at 6 PM.

Denis noted that Spring Clean Up is officially done with just a few minor things to finish up, Tuesday there will be over 100 high school students who will be going out to Oak Hill Cemetery placing flags, and cleaning up. The Open House was a success, a little over 200 people attended, and he thanked area businesses who donated prizes and food.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the April 2015 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

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

Priscilla Miller, 211 Summer Street thanked everyone for keeping the budget down to the 1.8%.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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. Councilor Hayes had an excused absence. All other councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – There were none.

II. Minutes

- May 11, 2015 Special Council Meeting
- May 18, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of May 11, 2015 & May 18, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Art Therapy – Chief Crowell presented the “Art Therapy Program.”
- Josh Vink, LA Arts presented a proposal to the City of Auburn for 2015-16 funding for two Auburn based initiatives.
- Recognition – Mayor LaBonté publically recognized John Storer, Auburn Water and Sewer District Superintendent for his 13 years of dedicated service to the City of Auburn.

IV. Open Session –

No one from the public spoke.

VII. Unfinished Business

1. Order 40-05182015

Authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate of unspent proceeds in the amount of \$766,000 from the City’s general obligation bonds. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Finance Director to reallocate unspent proceeds in the amount of \$766,000 from the City’s general obligation bonds.

Public Comment – No one spoke

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

2. Order 41-05182015

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley authorizing the Finance Director to execute issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore.

Public Comment – No one spoke

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

VIII. New Business

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend rules to add a Resolve supporting the Joint Charter Commission. There was a 3-3 tie vote (Councilors Lee, LaFontaine, and Crowley opposed) and the Mayor voted in favor to break the tie. Passage 4-3. It will be placed on the agenda as Item #5 under New Business.

3. Order 44-06012015

Approving the liquor license for CAVU Restaurant, LLC., DBA CAVU Café located at 80 Airport Drive, Auburn, Maine. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the liquor license for CAVU Restaurant, LLC., DBA CAVU Café located at 80 Airport Drive, Auburn, Maine.

Public Hearing –

- Delian Valeriani, Manager at CAVU Café.
- Chip Morrison, 46 Lake St. Auburn.

Passage 6-0

4. Resolve 03-06012015

Approving the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2016. Public Hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2016.

Public Hearing – No one spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone the vote to the next regular Council Meeting.

Motion fails 2-3-1 (Councilor Lee, Councilor LaFontaine and Councilor Young oppose; Councilor Walker abstained)

Passage of original motion 4-2 (Councilor Crowley and Councilor Gerry opposed)
A roll call vote was taken.

5. Resolve 04-06012015

Resolve, Expressing the Support of the City Council of the _____ for the Process Now Underway to develop a Plan and Charter for the Possible Consolidation of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn for Presentation to the voters in November 2016.

Whereas, the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn are recognized leaders in the State of Maine for intergovernmental cooperation, working together to cost effectively provide a wide range of services from water pollution control to public transportation; and

Whereas, at a joint Lewiston Auburn City Council meeting held on May 1, 2013, the Councils discussed the concept of municipal consolidation as the next step in cooperation; and

Whereas, following the discussion held at this joint meeting, residents of both Lewiston and Auburn organized successful petition campaigns for the purpose of creating a Joint Charter commission to explore and formalize a consolidation effort; and

Whereas, members of a Joint Charter Commission were elected in June 2014 and have been working diligently since then; and

Whereas, the Commission has tentatively selected the general election of November 2016 as the date where the communities will vote on a charter that would formally consolidate the two communities into a single local government; and

Whereas, it is right and appropriate that the residents of Lewiston and Auburn have the opportunity to vote on whether to approve a joint charter and consolidate the two communities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the _____ that:

We support the process now underway to develop a plan and charter for a consolidated Lewiston Auburn that is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the voters of our community in November 2016. We urge all residents to become informed about and participate in this process in order to be prepared to vote on whether or not to adopt a joint charter and become one municipality.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the resolve as brought forward by the Joint Charter Commission.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to postpone until the next meeting.

Motion fails 2-4 (Councilor Young, Councilor Crowley, Councilor Walker and Councilor Gerry opposed)

Public Comment –

- Chip Morrison, 46 Lake St., Auburn.
- Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane, Auburn
- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Rd., Auburn

- Larry Pelletier, 129 Second St., Auburn

Original motion fails 3-3 (Councilor Crowley, Councilor Lee & Councilor Gerry opposed) Mayor LaBonté abstains from voting to break the tie. Motion failed.

IX. Reports

Mayor's Report – Spoke about attending the groundbreaking at Good Shepherd Food Bank, he received a letter from the Human Rights Campaign stating that they have a ranking system for communities in the country and Auburn is on the list of communities they will be reviewing. He attended the Build Maine Conference that was hosted in Lewiston/Auburn and provided a brief presentation on how the work of place and economic development plays out in Auburn. On Wednesday, Howard and Eric and other staff members will be meeting with Commissioner Bernhardt to have a discussion around transportation priorities in the Auburn Community.

Councilor Young reported that he and his wife attended the Edward Little High School Graduation.

Councilor LaFontaine noted that the Special Municipal Election is being held on June 09, 2015, a few things going on with the Library – the Library has expanded funding sources by creating an on-line auction, the Library has started their summer hours closing at 6:00 pm on Thursday's and 1:00 pm on Saturday's, and a telescope was purchased with the Cornerstones Grant.

Councilor Lee commented on attending the Build Maine Conference.

Councilor Walker noted that he attended the Edward Little High School Graduation.

Councilor Gerry noted that the Special Municipal Election is June 9th, absentee ballots are still available, and commented on the School Budget.

Councilor Crowley wanted to say thank you to the Auburn Fire Department and the many volunteers who participated and presented in decoration day events, she appreciates the residents that attended the service at Oak Hill Cemetery and those that stopped by Central Fire Station, dates to watch – Friday June 5th is the Adult Education Graduation at Edward Little High School, Saturday, June 06 is National Trails Day, Tuesday, June 9th is Election Day, Absentee Ballots are still available, Thursday, June 11th at 5:30 pm there will be a neighborhood info session regarding the State plans for Rt. 4 at CMCC, Sunday June 14th Flag Day celebration and service at Lake Grove Park starting at 5 PM, watch for an announcement by the City of Auburn of a Downtown Auburn Architectural Walk, visiting hours will be Tuesday, June 16th from 2-4 and Thursday June 25th from 5-6 at the Auburn Public Library.

Manager Report – The City Manager wanted to thank the Fire Department, Public Services Department, Edward Little Students and educators that came out to Oak Hill Cemetery and placed flags on Veterans markers, next Tuesday, June 9th is the Special Municipal Election, he wanted to thank the Planning Staff for their ongoing effort of working with Community Little Theatre, Sunday June 14th a Flag Day celebration and service will be held at Lake Grove

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Park starting at 5 PM, he congratulated John Storer for his new position he will be taking in Rochester, NH, he congratulated all Edward Little Graduates, he congratulated Jan Biron for her 30th Anniversary with the City of Auburn, and Norway Savings Bank secured the University of Maine Hockey Coach Red Gendron and Staff to facilitate a clinic a 4 day youth hockey camp from August 17-20.

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

No one from the public spoke.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 51-06152015*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Daniel D. Chabot as Constable with a Firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to approve the two consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- June 1, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of June 1, 2015 as presented. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained because he was not present at that meeting).

II. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Metro Portland - Auburn/Lewiston Options (Greg Jordan)
- Proclamation – Jim Wellehan, recipient of the Maddie Corson Community Catalyst Award
- County Commission/Budget – Andy Titus this item was discussed during the workshop

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

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane commented on the economic development program that was discussed during the workshop. He said that he is still not seeing goals and what we expect to gain or benefit from. He said that he is seeing a lot of “fluff” instead. He does not think anything should be spent unless we see a tangible benefit or goal.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Resolve 03-06012015

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2016. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adopt the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to include the staff amendments as follows:

We the Council of the City of Auburn adopt and approve the following items to the Appropriation Resolve:

RESOLVED, that the following be, and hereby is the Annual Budget and Revenue Estimate for the City of Auburn Enterprise Fund – Norway Savings Bank Arena for the fiscal year 2015 – 2016, which includes the amounts budgeted herein beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

The Enterprise Fund-Norway Savings Bank Arena estimated amount of non-property tax revenue is \$997,000.

The Enterprise Fund-Norway Savings Bank Arena budget is \$1,188,850.

If the Enterprise Fund-Norway Savings Bank Arena has a deficit at the end of the fiscal year, this deficit will be covered by the General Fund and will be considered a loan to the Arena to be paid back in subsequent years.

RESOLVED, that the following be, and hereby is the Annual Budget and Revenue Estimate for the City of Auburn Enterprise Fund – Ingersoll Turf Facility for the fiscal year 2015 – 2016, which includes the amounts budgeted herein beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

The Enterprise Fund- Ingersoll Turf Facility estimated amount of non-property tax revenue is \$214,940.

The Enterprise Fund- Ingersoll Turf Facility budget is \$178,639.

We the Council of the City of Auburn adopt and approve the following items to the Appropriation Resolve:

Create a Capital Reserve Equipment Replacement Fund for the EMS Transport program by transferring any unexpended Capital Reserve Funds at fiscal year end, budgeted in the EMS Transport annual budget, to a separate Special Revenue Fund designated to be used for the replacement of EMS Transport Ambulances, only to be spent with approval from the City Council.

Passage of amendments 6-0.

Public comment - Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road was looking for clarification and asked what were to happen if Ingersoll or the Norway Savings Bank Arena were to lose money? The Mayor provided clarification and stated that as the budget is right now, we are budgeting a deficit for the Norway Savings Bank Arena but not for Ingersoll and if there is a deficit with NSBA, it would be a loan. If Ingersoll had a deficit, it would have to go before the City Council.

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Passage of Resolve 03-06012015 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).
A roll call vote was taken.

VII. New Business

2. Order 45-06152015

Approving the Special Amusement Request for 84 Court Pizza & Restaurant.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Special Amusement request for 84 Court Pizza & Restaurant.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 46-06152015

Approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement request for the Harsh Hotel, LLC., D/B/A/ The Fireside Inn & Suites.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Liquor License and Special Amusement request for the Harsh Hotel, LLC., D/B/A The Fireside Inn & Suites.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 47-06152015

Approving the Special Amusement Request for The Penalty Box.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Special Amusement request for The Penalty Box.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 48-06152015

Approving the request from L/A Arts for funding Concerts in the Park (\$4,000) and Cultural Plan Lewiston/Auburn (\$5,000 in matching funds).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to approve the request from L/A Arts for funding Concerts in the Park (\$4,000) and Cultural Plan Lewiston/Auburn (\$5,000 in matching funds).

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Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to amend by striking the \$5,000 for the Cultural Plan Lewiston/Auburn.

Passage of the amendment 6-0.

Public comment – Dana Staples, 32 Greenville Drive and member of the Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board commented that they would have liked to have had LA Arts meet with the board and it would be good to use CDBG funds toward this.

Passage of Order 48-06152015 as amended 6-0.

6. Order 49-06152015

Approving the request to transfer \$2,240 of FY2015 unallocated “Art” funds for the Art Therapy Program.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve the request to transfer \$2,240 of FY2015 unallocated “Art” funds for the Art Therapy Program.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

7. Order 50-06152015

Approving the Mass Gathering permit for the 2015 Liberty Festival. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the Mass Gathering permit for the 2015 Liberty Festival.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

8. Ordinance 12-06152015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVII, Garage Sales, Section 14-632, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations to include Agricultural Barn Sale. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVII, Garage Sales, Section 14-632, to include

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Agricultural Barn Sale, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations to include Agricultural Barn Sale with a friendly amendment correct a typographical error in the language under section 14-632, the last sentence states “purposes generating more *that* 50% of their household income for 5 years or more. The word “*that*” should be changed to “*then*”.

Public hearing – Roger Gauthier, said he is only asking for 3 more permits that are currently allowed, he has farmed for 38 years there and has given back to the community and he doesn't feel like he is asking too much for this change.

Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors LaFontaine, Lee, Gerry, and Young opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 13-06152015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations (Flea market, craft fairs, swap meets, and bazaars). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations (Flea market, craft fairs, swap meets, and bazaars).

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to suspend the rules to add an item #10 to the agenda, Resolve 05-06152015 Authorizing legal action against Androscoggin County regarding certain elements of the County Charter relating to elected official compensation and benefits and the authority of the County Budget Committee.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adopt Resolve 05-06152015 as follows:

Resolve, Authorizing Legal Action Against Androscoggin County Regarding Certain Elements of the County Charter Relating to Elected Official Compensation and Benefits and the Authority of the County Budget Committee.

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Whereas, in 2012, the voters of Androscoggin County approved a new county charter changing the nature, responsibilities, and composition of both the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) and the County Budget Committee (the Committee); and

Whereas, the Committee's role was redefined from approving all county budget expenditures to advising on such expenditures, but with two exceptions: a requirement that the County elected officials' compensation and benefits be approved by the Committee (County Charter section 3.7) and authorizing the Committee to override specific line items recommended by the Board by an affirmative vote of 11 of its members (County Charter Section 5.5.2); and

Whereas, when the new charter went into effect, the newly constituted Committee and the transitional Board agreed that Section 3.7 of the Charter ultimately meant that the Board could not set its own salaries or benefits since final authority remained with the Committee; and

Whereas, this same understanding was reiterated without objection at the outset, during, and at the conclusion of this year's budget process; and

Whereas, only following final presentation of the budget and the adjournment of the Committee did the Board (upon an opinion solicited from the County's legal counsel) disregard the Committee's action on Commissioner compensation; and

Whereas, the official version of the charter provided to the municipal clerks prior to the charter election and upon which the voters cast their ballots clearly indicated that the County Budget Committee had the authority to change line items in the budget proposed by the Commissioners with a supermajority vote of 11 of its members; and

Whereas, subsequent to the approval of the charter, the Commissioners requested the legislature to make certain "non-substantive" changes to the voter approved charter to address practical problems in implementing the new charter; and

Whereas, one of the changes requested – to amend the charter to transform the Budget Committee into an advisory body only – constituted a substantive change; and

Whereas, subsequent to the legislature's adoption of a resolve directing the Commissioners to amend the charter as requested by the Commissioners, the Commissioners amended the charter to eliminate the Budget Committee's authority to make changes in the budget by a supermajority vote; and

Whereas, Maine Revised Statutes, 30-A M.R.S.A. § 1353, states that a county charter may give the board the authority to appropriate money according to the budget so long as the budget is approved by the finance committee, and the Budget Committee functions as the finance committee under 30-A M.R.S.A. § 1353 ; and

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Whereas, Maine Revised Statutes, 30-A M.R.S.A. §§ 725 and 1352 provide that the Androscoggin County Budget Committee has final approval of the budget unless otherwise provided in a charter adopted by the county.

Whereas, state law also requires that amendments to county charters adopted by referendum must be approved by referendum, a process that was not followed in this case; and

Whereas, the county's municipalities have strongly objected to the County Commission's interpretation of the county charter that, in effect, denies any meaning to Section 3.7 of the charter dealing with the compensation and benefits of elected officials; and

Whereas, the municipalities also object to the Commission taking unilateral action without consultation with its municipalities to pursue a substantive change in the charter to transform the budget committee into a purely advisory body; and

Whereas, the Commission's proposal to place an amendment to section 3.7 of the charter on the November ballot is unacceptable in that it continues to advance the Commission's position that the budget committee is and remains purely advisory; and

Whereas, when presented recently with a proposed charter amendment to clarify the ability of the Budget Committee to make line item budget changes with a supermajority vote, the Commission failed to take action; and

Whereas, these actions of the Commission have undermined the checks and balances intended by the framers of the Charter and the will of the public as expressed in their approval of a county charter that clearly and unequivocally provided authority to the Budget Committee to approve elected official salaries and benefits and to make changes in the county budget with a supermajority vote, actions that have served to undermine the legitimacy of the County's governance structure;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Auburn that the firm of Brann & Isaacson is hereby authorized to initial legal action against Androscoggin County in regard to certain actions of the Commissioners relating to elected official compensation and benefits and the authority of the county budget committee, subject to the participation of the lesser of seven other communities or communities representing two thirds or more of the total municipal assessed value of the county and to share costs and expenses in accordance with the formula used to allocate the County Tax; and

Be It Further Resolved that Lewiston is authorized to act as fiscal agent for the communities joining in this legal action, and the City Manager is authorized to enter into such agreements as the Manager deems necessary to implement the foregoing resolutions; and

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Be It Further Resolved that the Council designates Councilor Gerry as its representative to any meetings of the communities participating in this effort.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes to reconsider a failed motion on Resolve 04-06012015 from the June 1, 2015 Council meeting. This is a Resolve expressing the support of the City Council of the City of Auburn for the process now underway to develop a plan and charter for the possible consolidation of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn for presentation to the voters in November 2016.

There was debate about the vote on that item because the motion to suspend the rules to add the item to the 6/1/2015 agenda was not imposed at the last meeting and did not have the required 2/3 vote of the Council. It has since been brought to our attention that in order to suspend the rules, a 2/3 vote of Councilors present is required. It was determined that because there was not a 2/3 vote of the Council, the item should not have been added and any motion would be a new consideration of that item. Councilor Lee requested this item be placed on the July 6, 2015 Council agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to suspend the rules and add the item to the agenda. Passage 4-2 (Councilors LaFontaine and Lee opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adopt the Resolve as follows:

Resolve, Expressing the Support of the City Council of the City of Auburn for the Process Now Underway to develop a Plan and Charter for the Possible Consolidation of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn for Presentation to the voters in November 2016.

Whereas, the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn are recognized leaders in the State of Maine for intergovernmental cooperation, working together to cost effectively provide a wide range of services from water pollution control to public transportation; and

Whereas, at a joint Lewiston Auburn City Council meeting held on May 1, 2013, the Councils discussed the concept of municipal consolidation as the next step in cooperation; and

Whereas, following the discussion held at this joint meeting, residents of both Lewiston and Auburn organized successful petition campaigns for the purpose of creating a Joint Charter commission to explore and formalize a consolidation effort; and

Whereas, members of a Joint Charter Commission were elected in June 2014 and have been working diligently since then; and

Whereas, the Commission has tentatively selected the general election of November 2016 as the date where the communities will vote on a charter that would formally consolidate the two communities into a single local government; and

Whereas, it is right and appropriate that the residents of Lewiston and Auburn have the opportunity to vote on whether to approve a joint charter and consolidate the two communities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Auburn that: We support the process now underway to develop a plan and charter for a consolidated Lewiston Auburn that is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the voters of our community in November 2016. We urge all residents to become informed about and participate in this process in order to be prepared to vote on whether or not to adopt a joint charter and become one municipality.

Public comment – Andy Titus, does not agree with funding coming from the State not knowing how the money will be spent and does not feel it should be spent to promote the merging of the two cities.

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

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – the Mayor commented on the Resolve that was just passed and the importance of transparency. He stated that the Resolve was brought to Council in a way that was not transparent and questioned at what point did the Joint Charter Commission put on their agenda or discuss a meeting with the Governor or drafting a Resolve.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young, commented on participating in the Auburn Fit Fest.

Councilor Gerry thanked the Mayor for what he said in his report tonight.

Councilor Walker stated that the consolidation will be defeated in the end.

Councilor LaFontaine commented on the Resolve and stated that personal opinions are just that without information to make good decisions and emotions are leading the conversations more than any factual data provided. She encouraged people to be open to information.

On behalf of Councilor Crowley, the Mayor presented the public with her monthly sewerage tip.

City Manager Report - He apologized to Chip Morrison for the comments and discussion regarding the Joint Charter Commission Resolve. He also commented on the recognition

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of the Vietnam Veterans, the Flag Day event and thanked all involved in making that a positive event. He thanked the department heads for the budget in particular Jill Eastman, thanked Greg Jordan for being here tonight, and thanked Council for support given to staff this budget season.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – May 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the May 2015 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

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

Chip Morrison on Concert in the Park in Festival Plaza, an update on the Joint Charter Commission.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mills Road commented on the Joint Charter Commission. He stated that he and 4 other people were going to start a petition to withdraw the Resolve that was just passed. He also talked about the EMS (Emergency Management Services) financial statement that was presented. He asked why the City did not make EMS pay for what they cost us.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Lee had an excused absence. All other councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – There were none.

II. Minutes

- June 15, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of June 15, 2015 as presented. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Crowley abstained because she was not present for the June 15, 2015 meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- They Mayor gave recognition to Dave Gonyea, recipient of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Career Achievement Award noting that Mr. Gonyea is active in volunteer service to the community. He serves on our Recreation and Special Events Advisory Committee whose projects include the Ingersoll Arena retrofit to a surf facility. He is also active in hosting a series on Sports Tourism which helps with economic development and attracting visitors to this area. He has also hosted multiple national championships for college basketball and his teams have not only excelled on the court but off the court and in life.
- Proclamation – National Parks and Recreation Month
- Ingersoll Update - Ravi Sharma & Derek Boulanger
- Workshop item C, Reallocation of Bond Funds for the Fire Station Floor was discussed as there was insufficient time during the workshop to cover this item

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

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 12-06152015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVII, Garage Sales, Section 14-632, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations to include Agricultural Barn Sale. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVII, Garage Sales, Section 14-632, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, to include Agricultural Barn Sale, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations to include Agricultural Barn Sale.

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Motion by Walker and seconded by LaFontaine to amend the last line under section 14-632 (2) by changing from 5 years to 25 years.

Passage of amendment 5-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of Ordinance 12-06152015 as amended 4-2 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 13-06152015

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations (Flea market, craft fairs, swap meets, and bazaars). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Business Licenses and Permits, Article I, In General, Section 14-2, Definitions, and Appendix A – Fees and Charges under Businesses and Business Regulations (Flea market, craft fairs, swap meets, and bazaars).

Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business

3. Order 52-07062015

Establishing the property tax payment due dates and to establish the property tax delinquency and overpayment interest rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to establish the property tax payment due dates and to establish the property tax delinquency and overpayment interest rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

4. Order 53-07062015

Approving the liquor license for Café LA located at 49 Spring Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the liquor license for Café LA located at 49 Spring Street.

Public hearing – Dan Gagnon, owner spoke about Café LA.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 54-07062015

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

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to appoint Jordan Tate and Robert Sipe to the Conservation Commission each with term expirations of 6/1/2016. These are both new appointments.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session

- Discussion on a legal matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed), time 8:00 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:28 PM.

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report-A few weeks ago, he, along with Denis D'Auteuil served as a tour guide for the President of the Maine International Trade Center as well as the Director of the Port of St. John, New Brunswick who is looking to expand its relationships and are seeking opportunities for movement of goods. There is an opportunity to follow up to begin to build a relationship with St. John, New Brunswick. It looks like Lewiston and Auburn may attempt to initiate a sister city relationship with St. John. They are doing a lot with logistics and distribution around their port and also around innovation and economy. On the international relations front, he made his third trip in three months last week to Montreal to meet with Francois Robello, who is the investor proposing the hotel train that would run between Montreal to Boston which would include opportunity to serve Auburn. He also met with the President and COO of the Central Maine and Quebec Railroad. They have interest coming to Auburn to learn more about our freight activity here. In addition, he also spent time meeting with the Mayors of some of the smaller communities between the border and Montreal to see what their interest was in establishing passenger rail service. The conversation turned into a good conversation about hockey. He will be meeting with Mark Gosselin. He feels that there are opportunities to build relationships not only with Montreal but with the smaller communities to encourage them to visit our City in the summer. He also followed up with John Holden regarding our lease arrangement with St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroads for parts of the Lewiston/Auburn railroad assets. We don't have a lease with the intermodal facility at this point and there isn't a lease with the railroad company for the Rangeley branch line. St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad is the longest run of railroad along the

proposed route. They have set high conditions for that track for passenger train service. There is a role Lewiston and Auburn could play in negotiating to make passenger rail between Montreal and Boston a reality. He is hopeful they will continue the dialogue because there are significant opportunities here.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Gerry – stated that she was unable to attend the last Housing Authority Meeting because it was moved from the last Wednesday of the month to July 1st and she had a prior commitment.

Councilor Walker – thanked the people who came out for neighborhood watch for the historical walk led by Alan Manoian. There were a total of 51 starting out on the walk finishing with 48 so it was a good turnout. He also noted that on July 16th two of the St. Louis bells will be moved to Festival Plaza and placed on display for one week.

Councilor LaFontaine – commented on the Library's online auction that raised \$4,700. They have a new website that is more mobile friendly for those who use mobile devices. Their annual book sale is coming up, and they continue with amazing programs. One is Super Hero Human Checker program and for teens, a comic book workshop is coming up. She did not have a school report at this time.

Councilor Hayes – stated he will report at the next meeting.

Councilor Crowley – Recreation Advisory report-she extended two invitations to the community. There will be a ribbon cutting at Pettengill Park at the new softball field Tuesday, July 7th at 5:30 PM, and Wednesday, July 8th at 6PM there will be a presentation on the Sports Tourism Program. Central Maine Community College and the City of Auburn's Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board are co-sponsoring this program. She encouraged people to check the Recreation Services on the city website. It is not just for kids. One program in particular is the Pickle Ball program.

Water District report- The new Assistant Superintendent Michael Broadband was introduced at the Board meeting, the Broad Street water main installation project is done, Lake Auburn appears to be in good shape at this time and no one has seen the presence of algae. The annual audit report is available for review if anyone has an interest.

In regards to the Auburn Sewerage District, Michael Broadband, the Assistant Superintendent was introduced there as well. Sewer service revenues are down, the LA Water Pollution control costs are running higher than budgeted, electrical contracts were discussed for both water and sewer. She provided us with the sewer tip of the month, wet wipes are still a problem and clogging pipes.

Ward 1 report – Councilor Crowley gave thanks to community members who have worked hard for the July 4th celebration. She also commented on the Library Auction. Dates to remember: a ribbon cutting at Pettengill Park ball field on July 7th, a Sports Tourism presentation on July 8th, the Auburn Community Band is performing at Festival Plaza on

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Wednesdays (rain location is the Franco Center), July 14th is Bastille Day, July 15th is Flying Frisbee Dogs (A Wednesday in the Park Program), July 29th the Veayo twins are performing anti bullying music. The School Budget vote is over, but we need residents to stay engaged letting us know what is important to them. She encouraged residents to step up and share their ideas.

Councilor Young had no report at this time.

City Manager's Report – wished a happy 4th of July to everyone and hoped everyone had a good weekend. He noted that today was the first day of employment for the new Norway Savings Bank Arena General Manager, Mark Gosselin. He added that Jeremy Gatcomb will be the General Manager of Ingersoll beginning September 1, 2015.

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

No one from the public spoke.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 55-07202015*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Christopher P. Saunders and Pedro "Efra" Becerra as Constables with a Firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the consent item as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- July 6, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of July 6, 2015 as presented. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained because he was not present).

II. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – National Night Out
- County Dispatch Update – Phil Crowell

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

Larry Morrisette, PO Box 3030 commented on the State Budget and how it affects children.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the Riverside Drive project and the impact the heavy flow of trucks going up and down Second Street is having. He also commented that the June 30th United New Auburn Association neighborhood walk with Alan Manoian was a great learning experience.

IV. Unfinished Business - None

V. New Business

2. Order 56-07202015

Authorizing the reallocation in the amount of \$120,000 of unspent proceeds from the City's 2013 General Obligation Bonds to finance repairs to Central Fire Station Apparatus Bay Floors. First reading and Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the reallocation in the amount of \$120,000 of unspent proceeds from the

City's 2013 General Obligation Bonds to finance repairs to Central Fire Station Apparatus Bay floors.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. Reports –

Mayor's Report – Over the last couple of weeks he has had conversations regarding a racist comment that was directed at an African American woman from Texas by a City of Auburn elected official. He reached out to her to express that in no way does that comment reflect the culture or ethic in this community. She expressed that she was impressed with how the community pushed back and understands that one comment does not represent the people of Auburn. He wanted to thank the Police Chief, Phil Crowell for making time to sit down with the Maine ACLU and himself to discuss the programs the Police Department has created and how their department responds to challenges. The Maine ACLU would like to continue dialogue and engagement.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – He took part in the second Triple Crown Race along with the Mayor and Councilor Lee. One more to go in August; he spent last week in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Councilor Crowley – Gave thanks all that stopped by on Bastille Day in New Auburn; wanted to thank the Auburn Community Band for providing great entertainment every Wednesday night in downtown Auburn. Her next visiting hours will be Tuesday July 21st 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM and Thursday, July 23rd from 5 PM to 6 PM at the Auburn Public Library. Dates to remember: Conservation Commission Meeting will be held on 7/21 at 6:00 PM at Auburn City Hall, Sunday, July 26th is Open Farm Day in Auburn, Wednesday, July 29th the Veyo Twins will be performing at 10:00 AM at Festival Plaza, Thursday, July 30th is National Day of Friendship, Friday, July 31st is the first movie in the park event starting at dusk, this is a free event and the first movie will be "Ratatouille," Saturday, August 1st is a sock hop at Taber's starting at 6:00 PM., Tuesday, August 4th is National Night Out's 12th year. Regarding constituent comments, she has received emails regarding trash on the streets, she has been contacted regarding follow up work on the East Auburn Community School parking lot. Lastly, the Community Development Department is expected to hold a citizens input meeting to develop neighborhood revitalization strategies for downtown, New Auburn and Union Street.

Councilor Hayes – the Railroad Company annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th and the Airport Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 5:00 PM.

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Councilor Lee – commented on social media and he also had an opportunity to speak to the young woman from Texas.

Councilor Walker – the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Thursday, July 23rd at Mr. and Mrs. Kings house located on the corner of South Main Street and Reginald. Next Tuesday, July 28th the United New Auburn Association will be at Rolly's Diner. The Mayor will be speaking.

Councilor Gerry – recognized Mr. Larry Pelletier for his pride in the City of Auburn.

City Managers Report – wanted to share an incident that occurred during the last Council Meeting, 7/6 – Councilor Walker informed him that a woman went into cardiac arrest at Lake View and off duty firefighters called the paramedics and administered CPR immediately. A pulse could not be found but they did not give up, they went to the next level of care. One of the paramedics found a vein in her ankle that had not collapsed. Thanks to all of the events that took place and the training that our firefighters have been put through and not giving up, the woman survived.

Denis – shared that the University of Maine girl's hockey team will be playing Brown University on October 24th at the Norway Ice Arena, also, the Superintendent of Schools, Jim Horn and the National School Board Association (NSBA) are working with the on the Bridge Program which helps utilize some students that are looking for scholarship opportunities. Details of the program are being finalized.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – June 2015 Finance Report

A motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone the June 2015 Monthly Finance Report to the next meeting in the absence of the Finance Director.

Passage 6-0

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street thanked Councilor Gerry for her comments, he talked about the streets where he picks up trash. He also suggested that the walkabouts be put on video (Great Falls TV).

- VIII. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence. All other councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 57-08032015*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Paul R. Carpentier as a Constable without a firearm.

2. Order 58-08032015*

Accepting the transfer of Forfeiture Asset (Jaymel Reese).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - July 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of July 20, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Workshop item C, Petition for Street Discontinuance (Glenn Street) was discussed by Gary Johnson.
- Proclamation – Make A Wish
- Proclamation – Uncle Andy's Digest Night
- Bike – Ped Committee update (Howard Kroll). The 2012 Bike-Ped Committee Resolve #03-192012 lapses at the end of September. The City Manager is recommending extending the committee beyond September of 2015 and making it a permanent committee.

IV. Open Session

- Joseph Roy, owner/operator of a Mobile Food Unit in Auburn – would like us to consider modifying the Mobile Food Distribution Unit ordinance. He would like the ordinance to allow them to park on the streets.
- Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane commented on the Community Gardens workshop presentation. He said his recollection was that Block Grant money was limited and many worthy programs were cut because of limited funding. Now this is coming forward and he would like us to find out where the funding would be coming from before moving forward with this. He also wanted to comment on the Medical Tourism business that was featured in the newspaper. He said he likes what he saw and it looks like a worthwhile project, but he didn't see anything regarding the business aspect of the project. Does the city have any money invested in the project and if so, what will that be? If the old police station is to be used as office space, are we giving it to them or renting to them? Is the building in a TIF district, and if so, will it be a credit enhancement TIF? He also stated that his understanding is that they

have to prove job creation in order to get their green card and he would like to see more on that.

- Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, would also like the information Mr. Titus has requested on the Medical Tourism project. He also commented on Mr. Roy's comments on Roving Diners commenting that "the City of Auburn lowers the boom and cancels everybody's fun" adding that "we need to get away from the first thing being no, you can't do it" and get to a "we don't do it that way yet, but here is how we can change it". He stated that "the people who work in this building need to be more accommodating to people who have ideas that are perhaps not traditional because we could be growing Auburn a lot faster if we didn't always look to say no".
- Randy Smith, Lisbon Falls who is also the owner/operator of Pinky D's food truck spoke about food trucks and the ordinances that pertain to them. He said he has been having discussions with Lewiston on their Mobile Food Distribution Unit ordinance stating when proposing ordinance changes, there are a lot of pieces that can be added to make it work for everybody, including the taxpayer, the restaurants, and food truck operators. He said he also worked with the City of Portland when changes were made to their Food Truck ordinance.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 56-07202015

Authorizing the reallocation in the amount of \$120,000 of unspent proceeds from the City's 2013 General Obligation Bonds to finance repairs to Central Fire Station Apparatus Bay Floors. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the reallocation in the amount of \$120,000 of unspent proceeds from the City's 2013 General Obligation Bonds to finance repairs to Central Fire Station Apparatus Bay Floors.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VI. New Business

2. Order 59-08032015

Authorizing the City Manager to purchase the property at 204 Minot Avenue for \$140,000 for the purpose of improving the Washington Street and Minot Avenue gateway to our community.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to purchase the property at 204 Minot Avenue for \$140,000 for the purpose of improving the Washington Street and Minot Avenue gateway to our Community.

Public comment – Eric Cousens, Deputy Director of Planning and Development spoke, Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, and Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane both commented.

Motion failed 0-6. All Councilors present were opposed.

VII. Executive Session

- Discussion on a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). *Possible action to follow.*

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). Passage 6-0. Time 8:14 P.M.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to move possible action to the end of the agenda after the next open session. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Lee was out of the room at the time of this vote).

VIII. Reports

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – June 2015 Monthly Finance Report (this item was postponed at the July 20, 2015 City Council Meeting).

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the June 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Walker submitted a written report which was included in the packet.

Councilor Gerry – commented on the United New Auburn Association meeting. Mayor LaBonté was the guest speaker at the meeting. Councilor Gerry commended him on his presentation.

Councilor Young – commented that the Community Garden presentation in the workshop made him think of his grandfather, George Young who was a farmer in Auburn. He shared a story about his cousins who lived in town visited his grandfather one day and told him that “he was so lucky to be able to eat all of this free food”. His grandfather corrected them by stating “it wasn’t free, you had to work for it!”.

Councilor Crowley – Auburn Recreation Advisory Report – Phil Savignano, a member of the Recreation and Special Events Advisory Board stepped up and spoke on Sports Tourism when the original speaker cancelled. There are great opportunities for Sports Tourism in Auburn. She spoke about the Movies in the Park series which kicked off. She thanked the Public Services crew, the United New Auburn Association, Walton’s PTO, and the Women’s Literary Union. Box Car Movie Night to be held on Friday, August 14th at Pettengill Park, rain or shine (to be held inside Hasty Armory if it rains), Auburn staff is looking for volunteers to work on the Winter Festival (January 29-31, 2016), the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be Wednesday August 12th at City Hall.

The Auburn Water District met wed on July 22nd, their finances remain strong although water sales are down. Fire hydrants are receiving attention. A workplan to inspect and repair

hydrants is currently underway. The Broad Street water main installation was completed July 1st. She also spoke on the water quality of Lake Auburn and the lead and copper tested that was completed as required.

The Auburn Sewerage District met Tuesday July 21st. The Trustees approved a recommendation from Sid Hazelton to enter into a power agreement. Staff and management at Cascade are working on the odor problem. She also provided her sewer tip of the month. Do not pour fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the kitchen sink, when pulling hair out of tub or shower drains, throw it in trash not the toilet to prevent clogging.

She provided a list of upcoming events happening in the City, encouraged residents to apply to serve on a City Board or Committee – there are several vacancies, and she commented on the Conservation Commission. Their next meeting will be August 18th. A written report was also submitted and placed on file.

Councilor Hayes – reminded everyone that the Airport Board will meet on Thursday night and there will be an upcoming breakfast Railroad meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn.

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté thanked Howard Kroll and Denis D'Auteuil for their work in managing last Friday's press announcement stating there are a lot of moving parts around the project (the medical tourism facility) and he spoke briefly about the project.

City Manager's Report – he thanked Roland Miller on his work on the medical tourism project, he reminded everyone about National Night Out at Festival Plaza on Tuesday, and he thanked Public Services and the Recreation staff for their efforts in putting together the first of the Movies in the Park series. He said the bacteria levels were down at the Municipal Outlet Beach and he would like to work with staff to open the beach up for swimming for the remainder of the summer and will continue having the water tested.

The City Clerk reported that the new Ward lines that were adopted in March of 2014 went into effect 7/1/2015 and notifications would be going out to all voters who have been impacted by the change. In addition, Ward 3 and Ward 4 voting places will be reassigned so voters are voting in the appropriate wards. Currently, Ward 3 voters go to Auburn Hall to vote but Auburn Hall is actually in Ward 4 and Ward 4 voters go to Fairview School to vote but Fairview School is actually in Ward 3. Now, Ward 3 voters will vote at Fairview School and Ward 4 voters will vote at Auburn Hall. Notifications will be sent to all Ward 3 and 4 voters notifying them of the change.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to remove from the table the action of the Executive Session and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract appointing Howard Kroll as City Manager. This is a 5 year contract with an annual salary of \$99,000. Passage 6-0, a roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- August 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the minutes of August 3, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – 80th Anniversary of the Social Security Act
- Ethan Boxer-Macomber and Rick Whiting - 62 Spring Street Potential Project Update

III. 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*.

Melissa Dunn, Tenant Rights Community Organizer for Neighborhood Housing League spoke about a press event she spoke at regarding tenant/landlord issues. Handouts were provided and a copy has been placed on file.

Katy Grondin, Auburn resident and Superintendant of the Auburn School Department talked about the State subsidy and the School Budget. In order to expend any of those funds in the current school year, a referendum vote is required.

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite regarding the Barn project and he would like to see a “punch list”. He talked about the Community Gardens project and would like to see an inventory of property we own and can any of those be sold so funds could be used for revitalization projects. He also commented on the Spring Street presentation would like to hear more about financials and projections, parking and traffic.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the 62 Spring Street presentation and because it was placed under presentations there was no information sheet. If it had been brought up during a workshop, there would be documents to reference. He said the same about the Superintendant who “came up out of nowhere” and “should have been a planned event”. He also mentioned that over the weekend, the United New Auburn Association had a pig roast, bottle drive, and yard sale. He thanked, the Boys and Girls Club and specifically Andrea, Christian, Savannah, Zac, Reginald, and Maurice who helped immensely.

IV. Unfinished Business - None

V. New Business

1. Order 61-08172015

Authorizing the City Manager to purchase property at 14 Newbury Street.

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Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Young authorizing the City Manager to purchase property at 14 Newbury Street.

Public comment – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 62-08172015

Authorizing the discontinuance of Glenn Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the discontinuance of Glenn Street.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 63-08172015

Confirming the City Manager's appointment of Denis D'Auteuil as Assistant City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Hayes confirming the City Manager's appointment of Denis D'Auteuil as Assistant City Manager.

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

4. Resolve 06-08172015

Authorizing the City Manager to request a quote from Androscoggin County for the provision of dispatch services under the fee-for-service program currently offered to other Androscoggin County Municipalities.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes authorizing the City Manager to request a quote from Androscoggin County for the provision of dispatch services under the fee-for-service program currently offered to other Androscoggin County Municipalities.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained).

VI. Executive Session

- Discussion on a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). This executive session was not needed.
- Discussion on an economic development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time 8:11 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:35 P.M.

VII. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor commented that it was nice that there were so many activities and events taking place this past Saturday here in Auburn. He thanked volunteers and businesses who help to make these events happen.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Gerry reported that she attended an event in Lewiston at CMMC. It was a diabetic informational meeting that addressed making better life and food choices. She segued on to the community gardens and farmers markets and how she is personally working on making better food choices in order to improve her overall health.

Councilor Walker thanked everyone for a great weekend. A lot of businesses, business people and volunteers helped the United New Auburn Association on their event that took place over the weekend. It was a great time.

Councilor Lee reported that the last of the last of the Triple Crown series is on Saturday (The Bridge Run) and he welcomed people to join in.

Councilor Hayes had no report.

Councilor Crowley thanked the United New Auburn Association for sponsoring the Garage Sale/Pig Roast event that took place over the weekend, she also thanked the Boys and Girls Club members who helped out, she thanked the children who entered the box car driving contest held on Friday at Pettengill Park, she congratulated Tabers who are celebrating 75 years in business, Top it Off Yogurt Bar and Maine Gourmet Chocolate who are celebrating 2 years in business. She went over dates to watch, including the 95th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. She encouraged women to volunteer to serve on one of the boards or committees of the City. Thursday 8/20 is the deadline for filing nomination papers, 8/21 is the Great Falls Balloon Festival, 8/25 is St Louis Feast Day, Thursday, 8/27 Don Campbell will be performing at Festival Plaza. Monday, September 6th the movie Gone with the Wind will be featured at the Outlet Beach. She went over her visiting hours at the Library. She is working with a couple of constituents on determining if there is a cat leash law in Auburn and consideration of increasing the number of chickens one can keep under our current ordinance. She mentioned that currently swimming is allowed at the Outlet Beach, and she thanked Councilor Gerry for sharing her personal story during her report.

Councilor Young reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society will have the Knight House open during the Balloon Festival and the Great Falls TV Advisory Board will be meeting on Thursday.

City Managers Report reminded everyone that the Great Falls Balloon Festival will be taking place on both sides of the river over the weekend. He congratulated Café LA

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located at the Auburn Public Library on their opening. The ribbon cutting took place last week. There will also be a ribbon cutting for Hartt Transportation. He wanted to wish both businesses the best of luck. He thanked Alan Manoian for his work on coordinating various events at Festival Plaza. Construction projects are taking place in New Auburn and he wanted to let those residents know how much he appreciated their cooperation and understanding during this construction. Great Falls TV will be having their quarterly meeting here at Auburn Hall on Thursday. University of Maine Hockey coach Red Gendron and his staff will be holding a clinic at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He congratulated Denis D'Auteuil on his appointment as Assistant City Manager and he is confident that he will do a great job and he is looking forward to working with him.

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

Tim Goss, 176 Val View Drive expressed concerns about construction projects in the City that are started but not completed. He used Park Avenue as an example. A project on Val View Drive was scheduled to begin this spring but just started a few weeks ago. Why have these projects been put on hold? He commented that if the contractors are too busy, there should be timelines, and there should be penalties for not meeting the timelines given and put back out to bid if needed.

- VIII. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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. Councilor Lee had an excused absence. All other councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 64-09082015*

Approving the temporary sign request for Saint Dominic's Academy.

2. Order 65-09082015*

Setting the date for the election amending the School Budget for November 3, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the two consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – August 17, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of August 17, 2015 as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- LAEGC (Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council) Presentation – John Holden
- Presentation to the Mayor and City Council by Chief of Police Phil Crowell for the support they've given over the years to the PAL Center.

IV. Open Session

Richard Valcourt 29 Marian Drive thanked the Council for work on Broad Street. He commented that the project was complete and looks nice. He asked who decision was it to place 14 parking spaces in the middle of the hill between 6th and 8th Streets and why were they put there. He said that he would appreciate a response to the questions.

Olga Dolgicer, 123 Pleasant Street and owner of the Munroe Inn commented that she has a good rapport with everyone at City Hall, she said that she is pleased with progress of the downtown area, and she spoke about property taxes and commented that the tax roll and the prices attached to the property did not make sense to her. They are higher than what the property is. She wondered where those prices came from. She said she would rather use her own money than use special funds or grants but would like to receive a tax abatement for the property she is investing in. She invested almost \$200,000 in her property which was billed at almost \$200,000 more than what she paid for the property 3 months earlier. She would like to see tax abatements offered. She talked about her experience renovating her house. She commented that code enforcement is strict. She went on to say that city staff is very capable and they do their best to address the issues, and she would like Council to look into a way to adopt a code for historic downtown which allows the department the flexibility to work with her more. She said she opened about 5 work permits and none have closed. They all have problems. She understands that ordinances are involved, but she would like to see this looked into.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, noted that the Council will be changing soon and he wasn't sure if it will be better or worse. He said that he hears people commenting about taxes increasing and stated that this Council has done nothing to decrease taxes. He asked what this Council done in the last 4 years to help lessen the burden of taxes. He thanked the Police Department for setting up patrol in front of one of the schools on Minot Avenue. He thinks an article should be written informing citizens on where the money for the traffic stops go. People think the Auburn is making a lot of money on these traffic stops. He asked the Council what has been done on the agricultural resource zone. Meetings have been held but nothing has been done. He said the same about tax acquired properties stating "we're stagnant". He talked about the \$40,000,000 investment coming in to Auburn and stated that it sounds great but no particulars were given and based on his past experience, anytime you invest, it costs taxpayers a lot of money. He brought up his property at 240 Hatch Road and the zoning/permitting issues with that property. He then went on to talk about how City staff does not get back to constituents when they call the City with a complaint or concern but did go on to say that Public Services, Assessing, the Tax Office, and the Police Department do get back to constituents.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, stated that he agreed with the owner of the Munroe Inn who spoke about code enforcement being restrictive. He went on to comment on Great Falls TV stating that they've lost their lease and have to move. He said it is time to bring this out to the public and get it resolved. He noted that a few things that have come up that Great Falls could help with. One would be marketing the city. They could do a public service announcement to discuss the school budget, and to inform the public about where the traffic stop fines go. He commented that we can use Great Falls TV more than we currently do. They are underutilized.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 66-09082015

Authorizing the City Manager to sign a memorandum of understanding between the City and St. Mary's Nutrition Center dedicating 61 Webster Street as a community garden.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes authorizing the City Manager to sign a memorandum of understanding between the City and St. Mary's Nutrition Center dedicating 61 Webster Street as a community garden.

Bob Stone, 12 Harrison Circle spoke in support of the proposal and stated that he thinks it is a great proposal and a worthy project.

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane, spoke in favor of the project itself but questioned if we could spend time looking into other site options.

Bridget Bartlett, works with the St. Mary's Nutritional Center in Community Gardens noted that many people ask why there aren't any community gardens in Auburn. She said she would encourage Council to think of the long term benefits of this project. It will add value to the community.

Lynn Holland, Education Assistant for the Cooperative Extension of the University of Maine. She commented that with Community Gardens, you grow more than food, you grow community.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road stated that he doesn't mind Community Gardens but noted that the cost we are putting into this is ludicrous. He asked if any farmers in the area have been contacted to help with this project. He said he would be willing to deliver all of the loom and compost and would be willing to till every year to get this started. He said he would build a garden free of charge. He said people would be willing to help, including him but \$26,000 to spend on a garden did not make sense to him.

Kirsten Walter, Director of St. Mary's Nutrition Center addressed the comments about the cost of the project.

Deb Charest, Androscoggin Land Trust, said they support the project and will be partnering with them and will do whatever they can to help.

Grady Burns 25 Hillsdale Street said he was thrilled to hear about this project and is excited to see an investment like this in this neighborhood.

Ken Estes said he lives in the neighborhood and was excited to hear about the project. He said he would like to take Mr. Herrick up on his offer to do some "free stuff", and went on to say that grants are available to offset the cost. He commented that it shouldn't be a free ride and if we can the people involved to invest in the initial set up and get people involved based on their interest, the cost can go away.

Julie Isbill, resident of Brunswick who works for the National Park Service, a community assistance program. This group applied for assistance with this project. They are in support this project stating that Community gardens are just as important as parks and trails, and rivers.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, said he was not going to speak but commented that he was irritated when Mr. Herrick made a good faith offer that was taken as a joke and smirked at. He said it hasn't been taken into account the schools community garden, Auburn Housing community gardens and we can expand on what we currently have and we certainly do not have to spend \$25,000 for a small plot. This proposal is a good idea but has not been whittled down properly. He would like to see more of a grass roots effort and not have it imposed on him.

Passage 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Crowley, Walker, and Gerry 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).

VII. Executive Session

- Discussion on a real estate matter (comprehensive plan/property acquisition) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Motion by Councilor Lafontaine, second by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Passage 5-1 (Crowley opposed). Time 8:43 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:04 PM.

- Discussion on a real estate matter (1 Minot Avenue) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). *This item will be taken up at the September 14, 2015 meeting.*
- Discussion on a real estate matter (review of a proposed lease for a crematorium at Oak Hill Cemetery) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Passage 4-0 (Councilors Crowley and Gerry were not in the room during this vote). Time 9:04 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:25 PM.

VIII. Reports

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – July 2015 Monthly Finance Report.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept and place on file the July 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 5-0 (Councilor LaFontaine was not present during this vote).

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté spoke on the substance abuse and drug trafficking issues in Auburn. Within the next few weeks we will be rolling out a public awareness campaign.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – submitted a written report which was included in the packet.

Councilor Crowley – reported back on the Auburn Sewerage District meeting of 8/18/2015. They submitted the 15 year Clean Water master plan to the Maine DEP, the board approved a new collection policy and procedure for delinquent accounts, they discussed the request from the Auburn City Clerk regarding information sharing, and she provided a sewer tip of the month on sewer rats. She also reported back on the 8/19/2015 Auburn Water District meeting. Their financial position remains stable, they approved a new collection policy and procedure for delinquent accounts, there was a presentation by Western Sampson Engineers on groundwater investigation work, measuring of the lake was held at the end of August and the lake continues to have good water quality numbers and the algae remains low, and they also discussed the request from the Auburn City Clerk regarding information sharing. Written reports were provided and have been placed on file. She also went over her ward 1 report, she thanked Councilor Walker and Peter and Jasmine (Recreation staff) for the work and success of the movies in the Park series, thank you to those who contributed to the success of the Red Table Picnic event, congratulations to Community Little Theater for reaching their 75th jubilee, dates to watch September 9th is the Recreation and Special Events Advisory

Committee meeting, the upcoming Greek Festival in September, September 18th there is an open house and tours of the Foss Mansion, a parade on September 19th. She reported that we are looking for Republicans to work the November 3rd election. She also reached out to Ward 1 residents who would like to come forward to consider declaring themselves as a write in candidate for the Ward 1 School Committee seat. Ward 1 School Committee does not have a candidate running in the November 3rd election. Without a winning write in candidate, it will result in a Special Election. She also discussed visiting hours at the Library.

Councilor Walker submitted a written report which was included in the packet. He also thanked the City Manager for allowing them to do the movies in the parks series, and he reported that the Marshall's Popcorn truck was on display and was also in the Balloon Festival parade.

Councilor Gerry – noted that the LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) would be meeting on Thursday at 12:30 PM (time change) in the Community Room at Auburn Hall rather than AVCOG.

Councilor Hayes – no report.

City Manager's Report – on Thursday the Fire Department will host an Ice Cream Social, following that there will be a fundraiser at Margaritas for the PAL Center, Friday is the 14th anniversary of 9/11. A memorial will be held at the Fire Department. Walton School will also have an assembly that same morning.

IX. Open Session

Timothy Goss, 176 Val View Drive suggested that the reports be posted on the website rather than reading them at the Council meeting. He also commented that at the previous Council meeting, he came forward with a concern and the very next day the project manager followed up with him on his concern and he had all of the information he was looking for. He stated that during the first open session, the former City Councilor made the comment that Council and City staff doesn't do anything. Mr. Goss said he disagreed with that comment.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Order 67-09142015

Approving the sale of city owned property at One Minot Avenue to Miracle Enterprise, LLC for \$500,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to approve the sale of city owned property at One Minot Avenue to Miracle Enterprise, LLC for \$500,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction.

Public comment: David Sawicki, State Representative and resident of Auburn spoke in favor of the sale of this property.

Passage 7-0.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM and was followed by a workshop of the City Council.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. The Auburn Fire Department's Honor Guards presented the colors leading the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 68-09212015*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Charity G. Klinger as a Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes to confirm Chief Crowell's appointment of Charity G. Klinger as a Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- September 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
- September 14, 2015 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 and September 14, 2015 Council meetings. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained as he was not present for the September 8, 2015 meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation for Polish Fire Cadet Mateusz Cizewski
- There was a swearing in ceremony for new hires and promotions of the Auburn Fire Department – Gavin Smith (not present), John Monahan, and Eric Michaud are the new hires (Firefighter Paramedic's), and promotions went to Jake Verrill, and Julian Beale (promoted from Firefighter to Lieutenant), Mike Scott (not present, promoted from Lieutenant to Captain), and Don Flanagan (promoted from Captain to Battalion Chief)
- Sophia Carson, winner of the Auburn Book Project was recognized
- Auburn's Chief of Police, Phil Crowell, discussed Auburn's Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, spoke about an initiative he started picking up litter in New Auburn. He was approached by the Director of the Boys and Girls Club asking if he wanted help from the kids at the Club picking up trash. The Assistant City Manager provided vests, pickers, and buckets and the kids have been helping out picking up litter in the New Auburn area.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – said he wants to keep beating the drum about Great Falls TV. He commented that they should be filming the Auburn Police Departments

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awareness for the Hero Initiative sessions. He also commented that Sophia Carson (Auburn Book Project winner) is a hardworking dedicated young lady who occasionally works on his farm. He also commented that he was out with his motorcycle looking for a place to park and he would like to see Council propose an ordinance where motorcycles can park in those corner spaces. He also spoke about interaction between Council and citizens. He noted that we need to develop a process where citizens concerns can be aired and a response can be aired as well.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 69-09212015

Approving the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council's (LAEGC) request for funding in the amount of \$20,000 towards a grant opportunity to support the marketing plans to attract new business and investment to LA Maine.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Gerry amending the order as follows;

“Ordered that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to document City of Auburn activities related to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), including, but not limited to, engagement of Canadian sporting interests at Norway Savings Bank Arena and Chinese investors as the medical tourism project advances.

This documentation will be provided at a sufficient level that it be utilized as matching funds for a grant of LAEGC to the Maine International Trade Center, and be at a minimum match of \$20,000.”

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

2. Order 70-09212015

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Amendments as presented by the Community Development Director.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the CDBG amendments as presented.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by taking \$70,210 from Homeowner Rehab and \$4,790 from the Homebuyer Program rather than make the transfer of \$75,000 from future income.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Young, Hayes, LaFontaine, Lee, and Gerry opposed).

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Passage of Order 70-09212015 as presented, 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Crowley opposed).

3. Order 71-09212015

Authorizing the Community Development Director to execute and deliver a conditional commitment letter and execute all loan documents necessary to complete the transaction under which the City will lend \$250,000 to Auburn Housing Development Corporation, whose source shall be HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds, to be used exclusively for construction financing for the development of an affordable housing project located at 62 Spring Street in Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry Second Gerry authorizing the Community Development Director to execute and deliver a conditional commitment letter and execute all loan documents necessary to complete the transaction under which the City will lend \$250,000 to Auburn Housing Development Corporation, whose source shall be HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds, to be used exclusively for construction financing for the development of an affordable housing project located at 62 Spring Street in Auburn.

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

4. Order 72-09212015

Adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for the Downtown New Auburn and Union Street areas.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for the Downtown New Auburn and Union Street areas.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane commented on the last order that it was mentioned that 309 rental units in this project area could be rehabilitated for rental units to revitalize the downtown area but they are empty apartments that are not being used right now. He went on to comment that we need to look at all options.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 73-09212015

Approving the Board and Committee appointments as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley Second Crowley to appoint the following;
Asmo Dol, re-appointment to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/1/2020;
Greg Whitney, re-appointment to the CDBG Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/1/2018;

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Celia McGuckian, re-appointment to the CDBG Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/1/2018, and;
Whitney Blondeau, new appointment to the CDBG Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/1/2018.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) to review applicants for the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees. Passage 7-0, time 8:05 PM.
Council was declared out of executive session at 8:27 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to appoint Carrie White, new appointment to the Auburn Water District with a term expiration of 3/1/2018. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Young and Walker opposed).

6. Order 74-09212015

Authorizing the City Manager to purchase the property located at 351 Main Street for \$50,000 and to cause the demolition and stabilization of the site as soon as possible after the purchase.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee authorizing the City Manager to purchase the property located at 351 Main Street for \$50,000 and to cause the demolition and stabilization of the site as soon as possible after the purchase.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Crowley opposed).

VII. Executive Session

Discussion on a poverty tax abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841(2) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session a poverty tax abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Sec. 841(2) with possible action to follow. Passage 7-0, time 8:40 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:51 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to deny the abatement request. This is order 75-09212015. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor commented that he had a productive meeting last week with the City Manager, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee Chair, and

members of the Legislative delegation regarding the next steps with ELHS. Movement has been made on the State priority list and Auburn now sits at #4 on the State list. Discussion on how can we start the process sooner than later without losing our place in line and how can we think of innovative approaches to the school during that period. The working group has agreed to meet once a month going forward, legislators have submitted a place holding bill to freeze the existing list, and the Mayor will be meeting with Scott Brown on how can Auburn can begin planning. There will be more to follow and the Mayor will keep Council informed as they go.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young attended and filmed the (Agren Appliance) open house where Councilor Lee did a great job filling in for the Mayor. It has been posted and he will share the link.

Councilor Crowley spoke about the Hero Initiative, the medicine take back, she reminded citizens that they can subscribe to Auburn email alerts, also on Tuesday, 9/22 at noon there will be a ribbon cutting and launch for The Good Food Bus, Friday 9/25 is last Art Walk for the season, Sunday the 27th the public is invited to honor Norma Rice Gould for 65 years of ministry music at the United Methodist Church, Monday, September 28th is part of the developers Bootcamp event. She thanked Pam Stowe for agreeing to be a write in candidate for the Ward 1 School Committee seat. She also spoke about her visiting hours and constituent work having to do with clear cutting.

Councilor Hayes reported that there were no railroad activities and the Airport Board meeting is coming up the first of October. The Mayor added that there may be an upcoming executive session in October to talk about the Intermodal Facility lease negotiations and the St. Lawrence lease negotiations with the Railroad Company.

Councilor LaFontaine had no report.

Councilor Lee had no report.

Councilor Walker had no report.

Councilor Gerry no report.

City Manager Report congratulated the Fire Department new hires and staff promotions, he thanked staff of Police Department for the Hero Initiative, he thanked the Fire and Police Departments as well as the Mayor for the 9/11 event that took place on Friday, he congratulated Agren Appliance on their renovation project and recent ribbon cutting and what they bring to our community, and he thanked Councilor Crowley for bringing up the Good Food Bus ribbon cutting.

Assistant City Manager – reported that he was just notified by Lowes Department Store that the Recreation Department was just selected as the 2015 Lowes Heroes project recipient resulting in the Tot Lot getting some care including playground chips around the swing set, new sand in sand boxes, painting park benches, repairing and painting

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picnic tables, some yard care, new barbeque pits, a horseshoe pit, and more. He commended the Recreation Staff who have been working with Lowes on this.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – August 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept and place on file the August 2015 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

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

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:17 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. Consent Items

1. Order 76-10052015*

Setting the time to open the polls for the November 3, 2015 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to set the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the November 3, 2015 Election. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - September 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the September 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session

Alfreda Fournier, Androscoggin County Commissioner of District 5, and Davis Avenue resident commended the crew that is doing the street and sidewalk work on Davis Avenue. She also expressed concern that it is just over 3 weeks from Halloween and the crew keeps getting pulled from the project. It should have been a three month job but it is taking longer than that. She commented that there are a large number of trick-or-treaters that go to the Davis Avenue area for Halloween and only ¼ of the street has curbing installed. She has concerns that people may fall and feels that it is a potential safety hazard. She said she hopes the curbing will be completed by Halloween and the equipment is removed adding that kids sometimes play on the equipment that is left when crews are not working. She also noted that she attended the Neighborhood Garden Project open house, and said it was nice to see such a strong sense of neighborhood. She mentioned that they are looking for help to remove some piping which is about 4 ft high with screws that are rusty and stick out. She also wanted to clarify something that came up at a previous Council meeting regarding not having received a quote for dispatch purposes. She did bring this to the Commissioners and wanted to clarify that Council hasn't received a quote because commission hasn't received it yet.

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane commented that he was concerned about the speed we are going with the rail item. He said he was concerned that we would consider funding \$50,000 with State funding over \$400,000 on a study adding that it is a lot of money for the taxpayers of Auburn.

Grady Burns, 25 Hillsdale Street, said he wanted to state his strong support for the passenger rail adding that an opportunity to connect us with Portland is an opportunity we cannot afford to ignore.

Bob Spencer, spoke about building a new high school. He said he has been trying to work with the City on getting a new high school built. He said he gave the City Manager a detailed letter today providing reasons why he thinks it is going to be another 30 or so years before a new high school is built.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 77-10052015

Approving the Liquor License and the Special Amusement Permit for Sapphire Entertainment, Inc. located at 150 Center Street. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the liquor license and special amusement permit for Sapphire Entertainment, Inc. located at 150 Center Street.

Public hearing – Chief Crowell and Lt. Cogle spoke, followed by business owner Jeremy Fitts, 9 Shirley Street, Lewiston and Noah Hogan who is with the private security company based out of Portland who confirmed that the establishment would only be open until 1 A.M. and also spoke of their plans for this establishment.

Councilor Lee suggested adding a friendly amendment to the original motion to adjust the hours of operation from 2 A.M. to 1 A.M. as the closing time with Councilors LaFontaine and Walker both in agreement.

Passage of the order which includes the friendly amendment 6-0.

2. Order 78-10052015

Adopting the amendment to the 2015-16 school budget which authorizes additional expenditures of up to \$200,404 for school purposes with no increase in local taxes.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the amendment to the 2015-16 school budget authorizing additional expenditures of up to \$200,404 for school purposes with no increase in local taxes.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

3. Ordinance 14-10052015

Adopting the new general assistance appendices A, C, and D for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley adopting the new general assistance appendices A, C, and D for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 as presented.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

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

4. Order 79-10052015

Adopting the Great Falls TV Inter-local Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee adopting the Great Falls TV Inter-local agreement as presented.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

5. Order 80-10052015

Authorizing the relocation of the Great Falls TV Facility from Central Maine Community College to Auburn Hall and the studio facility to be temporarily relocated to the Auburn Library.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley authorizing the relocation of the Great Falls TV Facility from Central Maine Community College to Auburn Hall and the studio facility to be temporarily relocated to the Auburn Library.

Motion by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by including a 12 month report back provision on the temporary location.

Motion on the amendment failed 2-4 (Councilors Crowley, LaFontaine, Lee, and Gerry opposed).

Public hearing - Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library regarding the use of the Library studio.

Passage 6-0.

6. Order 81-10052015

Authorizing the modification of the tax increment finance (TIF) relationship and credit enhancement agreement (CEA) approved by the City Council in Order 74-09082014 to change the term from 20 to 15 years and to clarify that the developer's proceeds can be used for both credit enhancement and operating subsidy, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents needed to implement the TIF and CEA.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Gerry authorizing the modification of the tax increment finance (TIF) relationship and credit enhancement agreement (CEA) approved by the City Council in Order 74-09082014 to change the term from 20 to 15 years and to clarify that the developer's proceeds can be used for both credit enhancement and operating subsidy, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents needed to implement the TIF and CEA.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke .

Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayors Report – commented on the railroads and the future use of railroads in and out of Lewiston and Auburn and on outstanding rail issues which includes both passenger rail and freight rail activity.

Councilor Young – brought up a constituent question on whether people receive free Cable TV, and as far as he knows, that is not the case. Free Cable TV service is not offered.

Councilor Crowley – reported that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the best way to fight breast cancer is to have a plan to catch the disease in the early stages. This includes regular breast exams, mammograms, and self examinations. On Thursday, October 8th, there will be a fall program at the Women’s Literary Union featuring staff from Donna’s Greenhouse on “putting away your garden” and preparing it for the winter months. On Friday October 9th there is a Grand Opening of the new Ingersoll Indoor Turf Facility at 5:30 PM. Later that evening a concert will be held at the Franco Center in Lewiston where Auburn resident Rebecca Leonard will be performing. On Saturday, October 10th the public is invited to attend a tour of the Knight House in Auburn. On Wednesday, November 11th from 3-6 PM she will be hosting a “thank you” open house for residents in Ward 1, City staff, community members, and friends she has made over the last 4 years while serving as City Councilor. Visiting hours will be Tuesday, October 20th at 1:30 PM at the Auburn Library. She ended by providing the sewer tip of the month regarding sump pumps.

Councilor Lafontaine commented that she is happy to support of the \$50,000 expenditure for the Rail Study. She said that she unfortunately will not be here on the 19th to vote but feels that it is important that Auburn is involved in the process. If we do not support the funding, another community like Augusta or Bangor will step up to the plate and get the funding, and Auburn would lose this opportunity.

Councilor Lee also commented on the passenger rail stating that nuance is good and should be embraced. We should be part of the nuance discussions.

Councilor Walker stated that he thinks the rail will be a great thing, and something that our grandchildren and great grandchildren will benefit from and added that he thinks he will vote in support of it.

Councilor Gerry stated that she will support the passenger rail study when the vote comes, but she would have preferred that the Auburn delegation would have come forward sooner before budgets were finalized. She also noted that the Androscoggin County Budget Committee met last Wednesday. They will be meeting every Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 PM at the Court House. She noted that Beth Bell gave an overview of the County budget and gave a thorough presentation. As it stands right now, if left as it is the budget stands at a 4.6% increase over what was put into effect for the last budget.

City Manager’s Report – He welcomed home two City employees. Scott Laliberte (Auburn Police Department) and Brian Martin (Auburn Fire Department) are returning from military duty. He also noted that there will be a ribbon cutting event on Friday, October 9th at 5:30 for the grand opening of the new Ingersoll Indoor Turf Facility. On Friday, October 23rd, the University of Maine Women’s

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Hockey team will be playing Brown University at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. Tickets can be purchased on the City website or at the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

IX. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road received an email alert from the city on Board and Committee vacancies, and with tonight's vote on the Cable TV Advisory Board, and he would like to see the vacancies updated. He also commented on the railroad stating that "it cannot be funded in a vacuum". We need something that will bring people here. There has to be a reason for the train to come here, and "not just the romantic idea".

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. The 077th Composite Squadron Color Guard presented the colors leading the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor LaFontaine had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 82-10192015*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Ski Association.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Ski Association as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- October 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry accepting the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Council meeting. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained as he was not present for the that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation - Extra Mile Day, November 1st, 2015
Mayor LaBonté wanted to publicly recognize a few individuals for their contributions to the community and for going the “extra mile”.
Those recognized were:
John Wing (Public Services staff member)
Leroy Walker (City Councilor)
Larry Pelletier (Auburn resident)
Connie Bilodeau (Auburn resident)
- Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week
- Norway Savings Bank Arena Update – Marc Gosselin

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

Alfreda Fournier, 43 Davis Ave. and District 5 County Commissioner thanked Marc Gosselin for his work at the Norway Savings Bank Arena adding that Marc is a “good leader who thinks out of the box”. She also thanked Mr. Wing who is “ever present on the streets”. She also thanked City Manager Howard Kroll and City Engineer Tony Beaulieu who both went out to inspect the progress of the work being done in the Davis Ave. area project. As a result of that, the work is progressing and she commented that “it will be safe on Halloween night” in that area.

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Matt Darlington, 12 Newbury Street spoke in regards to a proposal he forwarded regarding some land that the City has recently acquired and he was hoping it would appear on a future agenda.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 14-10052015

Adopting the new general assistance appendices A, C, and D for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes adopting the new general assistance appendices A, C, and D for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 07-10192015

Approving Tree Inventory and 2016 TD Green Streets Program Grants.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley approving the Tree Inventory and 2016 TD Green Streets Program Grants.

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

2. Order 83-10192015

Authorizing the City Manager to fund \$50,000 for the passenger rail study.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the City Manager to fund \$50,000 for the passenger rail study.

Public comment –

Jarod Golden, State Representative spoke in support of the study and provided a letter which has been placed on file.

Paul Landry, co-chair of the Business Advocacy of the local Chamber, Chuck Gill, Central Maine Medical Center Vice President of Public Affairs, Paul Weiss, Cumberland resident and member of the Maine Rail Transit Coalition and Chair of the Maine Sierra Clubs Transportation and Energy Task Force and was on the Technical Advisory Committee of the State of Maine Rail Plan all spoke in support of the study.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street stated that would be supportive unless it is between Rail Service and the new High School in which case he would go for the High School.

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Bob Stone spoke in opposition of funding this study.

Amanda Burgess, student at the Muskie School of Public Service and ELHS graduate, Wayne Werts, 556 Pownal Road, and also served on the 126th Legislatures Transportation Committee, Grady Burns, 25 Hillsdale Street all spoke in support of the study.

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane stated that he would liked to have more time before having to make a decision because there are still a lot of unknowns.

Linda Wooten, Auburn resident commented that she was concerned about a passenger rail bringing an influx of homeless people here from Portland, Boston or other areas and would like Council to consider that.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 84-10192015

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

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

4. Order 85-10192015

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

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

5. Order 86-10192015

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 Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.

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

6. Order 87-10192015

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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 Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller Co., a Division of Schnitzer NE located at 78 & 80 Hotel Road.

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

7. Order 88-10192015

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Crowley to amend by adding the condition that the unsafe structure would be removed within 60 days. Passage of the amendment 5-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Passage of the Order as amended 6-0.

8. Resolve 08-10192015

Authorizing the City Manager and/or his designee to negotiate and execute a ground lease agreement with Cremation Care of Maine, LLC for a Crematorium at Oak Hill Cemetery with possible executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the City Manager and/or his designee to negotiate and execute a ground lease agreement with Cremation Care of Maine, LLC for a Crematorium at Oak Hill.

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

VII. Executive Session - none

VII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – Encouraged everyone to show their support for the University of Maine who will be here (Norway Savings Bank Arena) this weekend. He also noted that there will be a Celebration of City employees and all of the work they do on Wednesday, October 21st. He asked that the City Manager report back at the next Council meeting on employees recognized. Also on Wednesday at 3PM in Great Falls Plaza, there will be a press conference to make an announcement about public transportation and an exciting opportunity coming to the downtown area.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Androscoggin County Budget.

Councilor Walker – Talked about Santa Claus coming to Auburn, Lewiston, and New Auburn area. The request to come from Lewiston, through New Auburn on the 28th has been denied. The United New Auburn Association will have their own parade on December 5th with Santa coming to the New Auburn area. He said he would like to propose that Auburn to have their own parade next year, separate of Lewiston.

Councilor Lee – commented on how fantastic the new Ingersoll Turf Facility is. He also noted that he will be attending the Candid Candidates event scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th.

Councilor Hayes – read his departure statement (he is not running for municipal office this year). He thanked Ward 2 residents for the opportunity to be a Councilor for the past 11 years, he provided his thoughts regarding the Lewiston/Auburn merger discussion, he noted that he sees that the relationship with Lewiston has eroded, he said he is hopeful that future Councils will work more constructively within and for the betterment of Androscoggin County and refraining from thinking that Auburn should splinter off from Androscoggin County and he encouraged Lewiston and Auburn residents to read a paper dated back to the 1960's called the Rockland Papers or Rockland Experience regarding discussions between Lewiston and Auburn at that time. Council should allow the manager to truly manage and work collaboratively with Lewiston.

Councilor Crowley – Auburn Water District report – there will be a community presentation on November 5th at Auburn Hall. Steve Norton will be presenting findings of the Lake Auburn Sediment Sampling Project. The Board of Trustees met on Sept. 16th, and the budget forecast is favorable. They are discussing rate increase in 2017.

The Auburn Sewerage Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. They will not meet budget at year end, and there is discussion of a rate increases of as much as 10% by mid 2016. Tentative sewer projects include South Main Street, Highland Avenue, Lake Street, and Park Avenue. The new delinquent account procedure is now in effect, a new Superintendent should be hired soon, and she provided her sewer tip of the month.

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting scheduled for October was cancelled due to no quorum. This is the third or fourth month there has been no quorum and work is being delayed. She is urging the City to post openings based on the current ordinance in order to increase membership.

Ward 1 Report- she gave thanks to various community groups for getting the message out for Breast Cancer Awareness month. She talked about the Lake Auburn Community Center's Pink Bridge, October 20th absentee voting at Schooner Estates, City Hall is open for absentee voting and October 29th is the deadline to request an absentee ballot. Wednesday, October 21st is an Employee Appreciation event for city employees. The Great Falls TV meeting is held on the same night and she would encourage the meeting

be taped. October 28th is a meeting of the Parks sub-committee. Friday October 30th there is a Pink Ribbon Tea and all Girl Scouts and former Girl Scouts are invited (Woman's Literary Union located in the Foss Mansion). Juliette Low, the founder of girl scouts of America died of Breast Cancer and the date was chosen because October 30th is her birthday. The women's hockey program will be on Friday night at Norway Savings Bank Arena. Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. She encouraged folks to get to know the candidates who have stepped up to serve. November 11th from 3-6 PM at the Foss Mansion she will be hosting a small thank you reception for staff, constituents, and friends who have helped her during her term in office. She also wanted to reach out for a program called Coats for Kids where people can donate warm clothes for needy – the contact is Natalie Ray at Great Falls Credit Union.

Councilor Young – attended the Dempsey challenge and got the Mayor on video during his run.

City Manager Report – Thanked the Council and Marc Gosselin for University of Maine Women's hockey team that is coming to the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He commented on the grand opening of the new wing at Central Maine Community College. There is also a ribbon cutting event at IHOP at 11AM on Thursday, and there will be an Open House at the Fire Department on Saturday, October 24th.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – September 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept and place on file the September 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0.

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

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane, commented on the County Budget Process and the litigation going on.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2015 VOL. 34 PAGE 192

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 89-11022015*

Confirming the appointments of Wardens and Ward Clerks.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Hayes confirming the appointments of Wardens and Ward Clerks. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - October 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the October 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as corrected (two spelling errors). Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session

Alfreda Fournier – 43 Davis Ave., commented that Halloween went off without a hitch in the Davis Avenue area thanks to Howard Kroll and Tony Beaulieu.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

2. Order 90-11022015

Accepting First Flight Drive as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker accepting First Flight Drive as a City Street.

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

3. Order 91-11022015

Authorizing the request for funding – LA ARTs.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee authorizing the request for funding LA Arts.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Crowley, and Walker opposed).

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayors Report – The Mayor reminded everyone of the November 3, 2015 Election tomorrow and encouraged residents to come out to vote. He gave kudos to Mark Gosselin and the staff at the Norway Savings Bank Arena for a first class event (the University of Maine Women’s Hockey team vs. Brown University on October 23rd to a sell out crowd), and also noted that same night the Edward Little High School football team won the game against Lewiston High School’s team. He then went on to thank Councilor Walker and members of the New Auburn Neighborhood Group and businesses for the Halloween event in New Auburn. Also thanks to Center Street Dental and the Norway Savings Bank Arena for the candy buy back program.

City Councilors’ Reports

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Androscoggin County budget.

Councilor Walker – encouraged residents to come out to vote tomorrow.

Councilor Lee – stated that the most important thing facing the future of this community is education. He talked about the budget cap (Consumer Price Index). He would like Council to repeal that budget cap. He also commented that the Superintendent and School Committee should commit to a transparent process when presenting the budget to the council. Those are two things that should happen in the beginning of the next budget process.

Councilor Lafontaine – echoed Councilor Lee’s comments and also reminded residents about changes to Ward 3 and Ward 4 voting locations. Ward 3 now votes at Fairview School and Ward 4 now votes at Auburn Hall.

Councilor Hayes – no report.

Councilor Crowley – thanked residents and visitors who honked their horns and waived during the rally for local law enforcement. She thanked the United New Auburn Association and all of the New Auburn businesses that participated in the Halloween event. She thanked all candidates running for office and urged voters to go out and vote. There is a “Bunko” event at the Foss Mansion. There is also a used book sale that will take place before and after. On Thursday the 5th there will be a presentation at Auburn Hall by Steve Norton from University of Maine sharing the findings of the Lake Auburn sediment sampling project. On Tuesday Nov. 10th at the Park Avenue Elementary School there will be an event honoring Veterans. Also on the 10th is a Veterans event at the Auburn Public Library. On Wednesday, November 11th at the Woman’s Literary Union building, she will host a small thank you event for staff, constituents, family and friends, which will also be her last regular visiting hours as Councilor. The Community Little Theater will be featuring The Adams Family from November 5th through the 16th. The Auburn Water District consists of 612 public fire hydrants and 154 private ones. They are flushed biannually. City of Auburn has several boards and committees that citizens can volunteer to be members of. The deadline to submit applications is Monday November 23rd. The Appointment Committee will be meeting on Monday Nov. 30th at 5:30 at Auburn Hall. She also thanked all Veterans for their service.

Councilor Young – Great Falls Board will meet Thursday. He also commented on the number of Birth vs Death records that are issued in Auburn.

City Manager's Report – he wished success to the candidates running in the Nov. 3rd election, he thanked the New Auburn Association and businesses for going above and beyond in making the Halloween event in New Auburn a success, he wanted to recognize and thank all Veterans, he thanked the Norway Savings Bank Arena staff for the University of Maine Women's Hockey team event. They had a successful game and played in front of almost 1000 people. The University of Maine Baseball team coaching staff is going to be visiting the Ingersoll Indoor Turf facility and may consider holding a clinic next summer. He also noted that the Great Falls TV agenda is now posted to the website.

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

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor LaFontaine to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2015 VOL. 34 PAGE 195

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- November 2, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil, presented Councilors Gerry, Lee, LaFontaine, Hayes, and Crowley each with a plaque thanking them for their years of service as City Councilors.

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street took a moment to thank the City Council for their service to the City of Auburn.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 92-11162015

Accepting Hickory Drive as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept Hickory Drive as a City Street.

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

2. Order 93-11162015

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Master Lease Agreement for Cellular Micro-site Locations on City poles or Structures with Portland Cellular Partnership, a Maine general partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Master Lease Agreement for Cellular Micro-site Locations on City poles or Structures with Portland Cellular Partnership, a Maine general partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

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

3. Resolve 08-11162015

Support and approve staff to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Walker to support and approve staff to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Grant, and the Resolve will include the cost analysis for equipment and staff time being committed as part of the FY16-17 budget which totals \$32,285.01.

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

VII. Executive Session - none

VI. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – no report

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Center. Their audit will be included in the AVCOG audit. She also wanted to thank the Auburn residents for the support they've given her during her time as City Councilor.

Councilor Walker – Thanked the outgoing Councilors for their service.

Councilor Lee – Wanted to thank the following groups of people – the current Council, City staff, and the residents of Auburn.

Councilor LaFontaine – Expressed her appreciation to the residents and voters of the City, congratulated the new Councilors, thanked the current Mayor and Council, and provided words of advice to the new Council to keep communication open and honest, respect the roles as fellow Councilor, Mayor or City Staff, honor the work of the School Committee, work together with collaboration and conversation, not confrontation. She also thanked City Staff for the work they do.

Councilor Hayes – Thanked Ward 2 residents for giving him the opportunity to serve, he thanked City Staff, and he said that he echoed the comments made earlier, in particular working in collaboration both inside the City and outside not only with Lewiston but regionally as well.

Councilor Crowley – Recreation Advisory Committee – Ravi Sharma submitted his resignation and the City is recruiting a new Director to fill his role, Jasmine McCloughlin (Recreation Specialist) has been working on the holiday celebration and is leading the work on Winter Festival. Auburn Water District Report – revenue remains favorable and it is expected they will have about \$800,000 on hand at year end. The overall water quality of the lake remains excellent as compared against historic measures. November 19th meeting will focus on the budget, and the Board of Trustees for both Water and Sewerage have hired Sid Hazelton as the Superintendent of the Districts. Auburn Sewerage Report – she thanked the Mayor for providing her the opportunity to serve, the

financial position of the district has been greatly impacted by the significant reduction in service for Cascades Auburn Fiber and they will likely not meet budget targets, she gave her sewer tip of the month – Do not put egg shells down your sewer system (garbage disposal). Ward 1 report – thanked family, friends, and constituents who attended the Veterans Day thank you event, she thanked all of the Veterans who have served our country, November 17th she will be delivering dictionaries to all 3rd graders at East Auburn School, Thursday, November 19th is Dedication Day, November 28th will be the Festival of Arts and Lights as well as the Parade of Lights in the downtown area. The City is seeking applicants to volunteer to serve on Boards and Committees. She reminded residents of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. She talked about the history of the Thanksgiving Holiday and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Young – Great Falls TV Advisory board has been meeting every week. They think they will meet the deadline for their by-laws to be approved. He noted with sadness that the Chair of the committee (Ed Desgrosseilliers) has submitted his resignation and Phil Nadeau has stepped into that role. The Androscoggin Historical Society will be meeting to talk about media formats (pamphlets, leaflets, postcards, etc.) and will have some on display.

City Manager Report (Assistant Manager, Denis D’Auteuil) – Great Falls TV move is complete with just a few minor issues to walk through. He also thanked all of the outgoing Councilors for their service and he is also looking forward to working with the incoming Council.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – October 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Crowley and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept and place on file the October 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

Alfreda Fournier, 43 Davis Avenue thanked the Council for their service and for keeping in mind the needs of the residents. She commented that she found an old news clipping which had to do with teaching students about city government and in looking at it she saw a collegiality of city, school, and county. It was a triangular connection that operated as a unit, and for the betterment of the community. She said she is hoping to see that again moving forward.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor LaFontaine and seconded by Councilor Crowley to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

City Manager Howard Kroll 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. Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to elect Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

I. Consent Items

1. Order 95-12212015*

Confirming Mayor LaBonté's recommendations and appointments for Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to move item to new business. Passage 5-1 (Pross against) (Mayor Pro Tempore Young did not vote)

2. Order 94-12212015*

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept Chief Crowell's appointment and re-appointment of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department. Passage 6-0 (Mayor Pro Tempore Young did not vote)

II. Minutes

- November 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker accepting the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Council meeting. Passage 6-0 (Mayor Pro Tempore Young did not vote)

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Bond Refunding – Jill Eastman

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept the Bond Refunding report. Passage 6-0 (Mayor Pro Tempore Young did not vote)

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Order 96-12212015

Approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Lost Valley. Public Hearing.

No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Grady and seconded by Councilor Titus approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Lost Valley. Passage 7-0

2. Order 97-12212015

Authorizing the City Manager to accept title to the Oak Hill Cemetery property and properly record that document at the Registry of Deeds.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and Seconded by Councilor Walker to accept title to the Oak Hill Cemetery property and properly record that document at the Registry of Deeds. Passage 7-0

3. Order 95-12212015 (Moved from consent agenda)

Confirming Mayor LaBonte's recommendations and appointments for Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to confirm Mayor LaBonte's recommendations and appointments for Boards, Committees and Commissions. Passage 7-0

VII. Executive Session - none

VIII. Reports

Councilor Pross - There is a meeting on January 06 at 6:00 PM at the West Auburn Congregational Church to address the Summer Street Extension.

Councilor Titus - Wanted to thank everyone for help with the transition and to encourage constituents to contact him.

Councilor Young - Great Falls TV is slowly moving along with writing bylaws and once complete will present to Council. The transition with the moving of the stations is going well.

Councilor Gilbert – Attended a transportation committee meeting.

Councilor Walker – Wanted to remind people about the New Auburn meeting at Rolly’s Diner on January 28th; on January 7th there will be a meeting to discuss the master plan for the village area at the Boy’s and Girl’s Club at 6PM. Doug Greene will be speaking.

Councilor Burns – Wanted to thank to staff for shepherding the Council Inauguration.

City Manager – Denis D’Auteuil, invited Sid Hazelton, Auburn Water District to come in to explain the upcoming rate increase and to outline what his communication will look like during the process. There will be a public hearing at the Auburn Public Library on January 19th at 5:30 PM. The City Manager wished everyone Happy Holidays; recognized Local 797 firefighters who collected gifts to distribute to kids in the community; police department hosted a Christmas party at the Pal Center; Auburn Hall will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on New Year’s Day and on December 30th the University of Maine Baseball team will be at Ingersoll Arena holding a free baseball clinic.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – November 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the November 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, welcomed and congratulated new councilors. He also said there was a problem with water in the Barker Arms parking lot and asked if anything would be done.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 01-01042016*

Appointing Warden's and Ward Clerk's for 2016-2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone appointing Warden's and Ward Clerk's for 2016-2017. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- December 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns accepting the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month – Jamie Ricker, Trish Grant and Chief Phil Crowell spoke on human trafficking.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Order 02-01042016

Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and a Tax Levy Therefor. First Reading, Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and a Tax Levy Therefor as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

2. Resolve 01-01042016

Supporting Staffs pursuit of the Maine Fire Service Institute (MFSI) 2016 Facilities Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and Seconded by Councilor Walker supporting Staff's pursuit of the Maine Fire Service Institute (MFSI) 2016 Facilities Grant. Passage 7-0.

3. Resolve 02-01042016

Supporting Staff's pursuit of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker supporting Staff's pursuit of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the resolve to include the Auburn Police Department's ATV shall be offered for sale, if the price were acceptable to staff, and proceeds of the sale would go toward the funding of the local match for this grant. Passage 5-2 (Councilor Burns and Councilor Titus in opposition).

Public Comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented that he would like to see the City look at more options before spending money.

Passage of Resolve 02-01042016 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus in opposition).

4. Ordinance 01-01042016

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-58, Time and place of regular meetings. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-58, Time and place of regular meetings as presented and to dispense the requirement of readings on two separate days.

Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

VII. Executive Session - none

VIII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – Provided an update on the committee structure piece he’s working on and hopes to have an electronic version to staff by tomorrow; dates have been selected for the Neighborhood Conversations starting this Thursday, January 14th and meeting for 4 consecutive Thursday’s - January 14th , January 21st , January 28th & and February 4th at various school locations.

Councilor Young - Thanked Mayor LaBonté for his appointment to a new committee.

Councilor Pross - Thanked Mayor LaBonté for his appointment as Mayor’s Representative to the School Committee. He attended a meeting in December and will be attending one this week. On January 6th at 6:00 PM there will be a meeting at the West Auburn Congregational Church to look at proposed changes in use to the Summer Street extension. The meeting coincides with the Police Department’s Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Councilor Stone - No report.

Councilor Titus - No report.

Councilor Gilbert – No report.

Councilor Walker – Provided a reminder about the meeting to discuss the New Auburn Village Plan at the Boys and Girls Club this Thursday at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Burns – No report.

City Manager – Provided a reminder of the Airport Board meeting this Thursday at 5:00 PM to go over the annual budget; LAEGC will be meeting on Friday, January 8th at 7:30 A.M. to discuss The Miracle Enterprise Project taking place here in Auburn; and January 29th the City of Auburn will be holding Winterfest.

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

Joe Gray, Soper’s Mill Road – Inquired about the Committees purpose and asked if the meetings will be open to the public.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 25, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 205

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 03-01252016*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointments of Constables with a firearm for the City of Auburn.

2. Order 04-01252016*

Confirming the appointments of Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil, to the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee with a three year term which will expire on January 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Norway Savings Bank Arena Update - Mark Gosselin

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road – commented on the Neighborhood Revitalization item that was presented during the workshop stating that he did not believe this initiative would get to the root of the problem noting that he feels that crime isn't actually the root of the problem in those neighborhoods – poverty is. He added that we should focus on the poverty issue. He said he wanted to talk about “an easy way to save nearly \$1 million dollars in the budget” which is through the 9-1-1 center, stating that we pay the County for services that we do not use. He suggested that we develop a policy giving them a deadline to figure out how they can support us with 9-1-1 service. He also suggested that we look at a way for fewer outside entities to control our destiny and to take control of what is inside of our city.

Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road – commented on the snow removal that was done just a few days before we had 50° weather when the snow was melting, noting that this was costly for the tax payers of the City. He would like to know why they did it.

He talked about the Firefighter Grant that was voted on by Council at the previous Council meeting stating that he hopes the grant doesn't get approved. He spoke about the way items get placed on an agenda and commented that he would like to see tax acquired properties put back on the agenda, as well as Agricultural Zoning.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 02-01042016

Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and a Tax Levy Therefor. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds and a tax levy therefor.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business - None

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – noted that first Neighborhood Conversation meeting was held last Thursday. He said it was not a perfect format but it was helpful and he expects it will get better as they progress. He said he will not be able to attend the next one due to medical reasons, however Councilor Pross and the City Manager will help to facilitate that meeting in his absence. He mentioned that the Danville Junction Grange is up for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. He noted that next year, 2017, marks the 150th anniversary of the end or annexation of Danville. There may be opportunities to work with Danville residents, the Grange and the State Preservation office to find a way to celebrate that milestone anniversary and to celebrate our history. He reported that Auburn has been awarded with a half million dollar grant for Hampshire Street in 2018. He provided documents for Councilors to review on the Council Committees. He would like the committees to kick off with a meeting in February. If all Council Committees are able to meet in February, he would like Council to meet on February 29th for Council goal setting and a work plan.

Councilor Burns – he thanked staff for taking the time on another Saturday for the Orientation tour which he found very informative.

Councilor Walker – his written reports are included in the agenda packet but he wanted to add that tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner, the United New Auburn Association will meet. Guest speaker will be Mamie Ney, the Library Director. The Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the St. Louis Church building at 6:30 on Thursday evening.

Councilor Gilbert – also wanted to thank staff for the Saturday orientation tours.

Councilor Titus – agreed with Councilor Gilbert's comments as well. He noted that he attended the Joint Charter Committee meeting. The draft charter is on line, and he encouraged residents to check it out. He said he is looking forward to more Neighborhood Conversation meetings. There hasn't been an AVCOG Executive Committee meeting yet – the next meeting is scheduled for February.

Councilor Stone – echoed the comments on the orientation tour, and said it was great. The Airport Board met, and a lot of issues are involved in putting together a workable budget. Wednesday morning he is meeting with Bonnie Hayes, Ward 2 School Committee representative to talk about Council and School relations. He will not be able to attend the East Auburn Community Conversation because he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting. He attended the Joint Charter Committee meeting along with Councilor Titus. He said he has a lot of questions and concerns. He urged everyone to take a long, hard look at the proposed by laws.

Councilor Pross – echoed the previous comments that were made on the Neighborhood Conversation meeting held last Thursday. The School Committee is deeply into union contract negotiations, which will be a major cost driver of the budget. He has encouraged School Committee members to reach out to their corresponding Councilors as he did to Councilors at the last Council meeting in order to open up the dialogue before we get into budget discussions. He noted that the School Committee did adopt a formal policy regarding the administration of medical marijuana to minor students in the schools which protects the city and schools from liability issues. He commented on a presentation that was given at the previous School Committee meeting. It was an in depth presentation on the proficiency based diploma implementation plan. He also reported that he let the school committee know about the restructuring effort of the Committees of the City Council in order to be more effective policy makers.

Councilor Young – he attended the meeting of the Great Falls TV advisory board, and the members thought it would be their last meeting but new members have not been appointed yet. The by-laws have been drafted and will be presented to the new board for approval and eventually to the City Council. He also noted that the chapters have been added to Great Falls TV website after a transmission failure.

City Manager Report – City Manager, Howard Kroll thanked staff and Councilors that attended the Council Orientation workshop and tour on Saturday. He reminded everyone of the upcoming United New Auburn meeting at Rolly's on Thursday. He mentioned that the Joint Charter Commission consultant will be interviewing department heads. He echoed the positive feedback from the Neighborhood Conversations meeting that was held last week at Edward Little. He wanted to remind everyone that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week is our annual Winter Festival. He thanked the Police, Code, and CDBG Department for their NRU (Neighborhood Revitalization Unit) presentation. He noted that Sabrina Best started today as the new Recreation Department Director, and Michael Chammings is the new Economic Development Director for the city.

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Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the December 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager Kroll called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present, Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone seconded by Councilor Pross to nominate Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 6-0 with Councilor Young abstaining.

I. **Consent Items - None**

II. **Minutes**

- January 25, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns accepting the minutes of the January 25, 2016 City Council meeting. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young did not vote).

III. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

Auburn Police Department Badge Pinning Ceremony

New Hires: Patrol Officer Pedro “Efra” Becerra-Aviles, Patrol Officer Daniel Chabot, Patrol Officer James Davison, Patrol Officer Christopher Saunders.

Promotions: Sergeant Kristopher Bouchard, promoted from Corporal to Patrol Sergeant; Sergeant Matthew Dailey, promoted from Corporal to patrol Sergeant; Sergeant Jason Moore, promoted from Corporal/Detective to Patrol Sergeant; Sergeant Chad Syphers, promoted from Corporal/Detective to Patrol Sergeant.

Certification: Chaplain Roger Cousineau.

Council Communication – Business License Denial (Indeego Spa)

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Mamie Ney – Director of Auburn Public Library, invited everyone to attend a Lincoln Birthday Celebration at 3:00 PM on February 12th at the Library. The movie Lincoln will be featured. She also gave special thanks to Tizz Crowley, Councilor Walker, and City Manager Howard Kroll for their help in putting this event together.

City Manager, Howard Kroll, introduced Sabrina Best, our new Recreation and Special Event Director.

V. **Unfinished Business – None**

VI. **New Business - None**

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VII. **Executive Session** - Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young did not vote). Time 7:36 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Young declared Council out of executive session at 8:11 PM.

VIII. **Reports**

Councilor Burns – no new committee reports at this time, but he stated that he is looking forward to working with Councilors Stone and Pross on the policy committee (Economic and Community Development).

Councilor Walker - no new committee reports at this time, but he noted that the meeting for the Transportation committee is set up for either the 25th or 26th of February.

Councilor Gilbert - she will be attending three meetings this week but has nothing new to report for this month.

Councilor Young - no committee report at this time.

Councilor Titus – the Finance and Administration Committee will be meeting on February 18th, the Public Safety committee has not scheduled a date yet but should be confirmed soon. He noted that there was a meeting at ATRC having to do with the Downtown Transportation Center tomorrow.

Councilor Stone – he is looking forward to meeting on the 18th with the Finance & Administration Committee. He also noted that he met with his coordinating School Committee member, Bonnie Hayes, and it was a worth-while effort.

Councilor Pross – Last Thursday on the 28th the second Neighborhood Conversation meeting was held at the East Auburn Community School. He facilitated the meeting in the absence of the Mayor. He received positive feedback. The focus was on both the schools and city based projects. They also talked a bit about the East Auburn Community School and how it stands out in terms of its size overall as far as student population goes and how it measures out compared to other elementary schools. One thing in particular that interested him was that the poverty rate at that school is 41%. He encouraged Councilors again to reach out to their corresponding School Committee members, if they haven't already, to talk about issues before budget conversations begin. Lost valley had a wonderful night at the Winter Fest on Friday. He attended with his daughter and it was a fun time. He thanked city staff for doing a great job putting that together and for making it a success. He also thanked Lost Valley for hosting a wonderful night.

City Manager – thanked the Recreation Department staff for Winter Fest, in particular, Jasmine McLoughlin who really made it happen. All in all it was a great event. Norway Savings Bank Arena opened up for free skating. Tomorrow is a meeting at Androscoggin

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Valley Council of Governments, the LATC will be voting on taking proceeds money out of their reserve account to put toward the Downtown Transportation Center. Thursday at Walton School is the next Neighborhood Conversation meeting. He is expecting a good turnout. Also on Thursday the Airport Board meeting will be at 5PM to discuss the budget. He also mentioned the upcoming meetings with Joint Charter Commission. They've hired a firm out of Rochester, New York that will be interviewing, staff, department heads in particular, and the Mayors of both cities.

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

No one from the public spoke.

- X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 05-02222016*

Appointing Mary LaFontaine as the Chair of the Registration Appeals Board with a term expiration of 3/1/2020.

2. Order 06-02222016*

Accept and place on file the FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

3. Order 07-02222016*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,050.10 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Superior Court Criminal Action Docket No. CV-15-745 Thomas Murphy).

4. Order 08-02222016*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Francis M. Carignan as Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus to pull order 07-02222016 off the Consent agenda and add it under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to accept the remainder of the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- February 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Fund Balance Analysis Presentation – Jill Eastman, Finance Director

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Larry Pelletier 129 Second Street – had questions regarding the school department's fund balance and wondered how it tied into this discussion. The School Department's fund balance is restricted. The total fund balance does include the School Department's.

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Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road – commented that the last time he came before council he had a concern about removing snow just before a warm up. He said he did receive a call from the Director of Public Works but went on to express his dissatisfaction with the answer he was given.

Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road – stated that he would like to see the screen in Council Chambers used more during meetings. He added that new information is presented at meetings after the agenda has already posted and he finds that to be very discouraging. In regards to the 3.5 million dollar deficit, he noted that it is less than 5% of the budget which he said “is not that big of a deal - it can be made up”. He said that he found it striking that in 2011 expenditures were \$70 million and in 2015 it was \$78 million. He said it is too much and “frivolous spending has to stop”.

V. **Unfinished Business** - None

VI. **New Business**

1. **Ordinance 02-02222016**

Adopting the amendments to Chapter 20, Article IV – Housing Code. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to adopt the amendments to Chapter 20, Article IV – Housing Code, draft #2 as presented.

Public hearing:

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road questioned who was going to police this. He commented that there are a lot of issues with this proposal and it should be looked at before it is passed.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street stated that he purchased his home in 1982 and has been able to maintain it over the years. He added that it is now in serious need of paint or siding but they cannot afford it at this time. He asked what kind of assistance is out there for residents to be able to maintain their properties.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented that the packet is not well organized. Draft 1 and Draft 2 should be separated by a page rather than noted at the bottom of the pages. He went on to comment that he agrees with Mr. Herrick and this ordinance would not be enforceable. He also questioned who determines what is considered “substantial” and what is not? He noted that the city should do something about structural problems, not paint.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to strike section 12-226 on page 7 under Maintenance that states “free from substantial chipping and peeling paint” and refer this issue to Community and Economic Development Committee to further workshop with CDBG and Code Enforcement to come up with a plan regarding the paint issue.

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Passage of amendment 4-2 (Councilors Stone and Pross opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 02-02222016 (draft 2) as amended 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Ordinance 03-02222016**

Adopting the amendments to Chapter 44, Article IV – Solid Waste. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns adopting the amendments to Chapter 44, Article IV – Solid Waste.

Public hearing:

Larry Pelletier stated that he applauds them for what they are trying to do but wondered how we would be able to enforce this ordinance.

Dan Herrick stated that he cannot see this happening. He had concerns with trash cans in the road, having to purchase trash cans for his tenants and finding a place to store them. He went on to say that he doesn't support this.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Young and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Order 07-02222016* (this item was removed from the Consent Agenda)

Accepting the transfer of \$2,050.10 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Superior Court Criminal Action Docket No. CV-15-745 Thomas Murphy).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the transfer of \$2,050.10 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Superior Court Criminal Action Docket No. CV-15-745 Thomas Murphy). Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – he thanked Councilor Young for serving as Mayor Pro Tempore while he was out on medical leave and thanked the rest of the Council and staff for accommodating his slow movement while he was getting himself back to health. He highlighted some of the work that has been happening over the last week or so in Auburn which has brought in out of town money. We hosted the 44th Annual Lion's Tournament at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, and we were part of a nearly 60 game tournament between our facility and the Portland area which brought teams from all over New England and Canada. He stopped in to see how activities were going and found it impressive. There were visitors from Connecticut that went to the mall, spoke with a business there and it turned into a lead for a new advertiser. Also, Auburn played host at

the Central Maine Community College to the Yankee Small College Conference Basketball Elite 8 tournament. He gave kudos to Dave Gonyea, the men's basketball coach and athletic director, at CMCC. They are starting a hockey program later this year and already have commitments from Quebec and as far away as Sweden. He added that good things are happening and progress is being made.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Stone noted that there was a father daughter dance at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He said he thought it was an innovative use of the facility. The event was sold out.

Councilor Pross reported that Washburn School has a program called "Open Door Wednesdays" which is an opportunity to get families involved and interested the education of the children and in what is happening in the school. He commended Laura Shaw and Michelle Gagne for their good work in instituting this program. He also reported on the February 3rd School Committee meeting.

Councilor Young reported that he attended at both class A and B indoor track. The Portland Press Herald noted that Bates College was located in Auburn. He congratulated the ELHS girls indoor track team for winning the class A Indoor Track Championship. They will be recognized at an upcoming council meeting.

Councilor Titus attended the AVCOG executive committee meeting. They did get the word that Verso Paper will not be going out of business and it looks like they will actually be hiring. He said he also learned that there is a "Sports Commission" through AVCOG. He is hoping they can help to promote the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Councilor Gilbert was invited to a senior's banquet at Pettengill Park through the Recreation Department. She thought the event was super, stating the Director knocked herself out putting it together. She added that she is glad to see that Auburn is a senior friendly town.

Councilor Burns reported that the Board of Directors of the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council met February 5th. He was in attendance as the Council Rep, commenting that it was a good meeting. There was a brief discussion about Auburn Council's ongoing discussions with them regarding the scope of services. The Marketing Committee reported on their ongoing work in a community branding effort.

City Manager Report – He also spoke about the Father-Daughter dance that was held at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He thanked Sabrina Best and Jasmine McLoughlin from the Recreation Department for their efforts putting the event together. The event was a success and sold out. He also spoke about the large tournaments that were held at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He congratulated the St. Dom's Women's hockey team for winning their state championship, the ELHS boys alpine ski team for winning their state championship, and the ELHS girls indoor track team for winning their state championship, and the ELHS girls basketball team who won the Eastern Maine finals and will be going on to the state championship this weekend. He spoke about the Industrial

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Park grant. We are trying to get the grant closed out and get our money back. This will be scheduled for a future workshop.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross to accept and place on file the January 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0.

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

Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road, stated that for the last couple of years a number of residents have been trying to get city staff to “start with yes, as opposed with starting with no” commenting that tonight was a good example of that. He added that “we can’t keep looking at the negative things and try to beat everyone in the city down”.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Library Director wanted to remind everyone of their annual Indoor Farmers Market coming up over the weekend.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Gilbert and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 09-03072016*

Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue Elementary Schools April Festival.

2. Order 10-03072016*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Maine Home Show.

3. Order 11-03072016*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Kora Shrine Circus.

4. Order 12-03072016*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Business Association.

5. Order 13-03072016*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,857.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Superior Court Criminal Action Docket No. CR-15-309 Mustafa Abdi).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Burns was not present for this vote).

II. Minutes - February 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Pross accepting the minutes of the February 22, 2016 City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

The Mayor gave recognition to the Edward Little High School Girls Indoor Track Team for their State Championship victory and to the Edward Little High School Boys Alpine Ski Team for also winning the State Championship. The coaches and members of the teams were present.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Mary LaFontaine, Western Avenue – opened by commenting that she loves this community and chooses to live here and we are doing some really great things. She noted that she sat in the Ward 3 Council seat for 4 years and understands the work and understands that decisions that are made are not easy decisions to make and when decisions are made to fund or not fund a program or department, it comes with a cost. She asked that Councilors approach their decisions in a couple of ways. Approach decisions as a whole community,

seek out opinions, fact, data, and historical perspective. Don't listen to just one group. Consider the greater community and future of this community. The business community needs support from both cities. When she moved to L-A in 1988, she saw it as one community. She lives in Auburn, works in Lewiston, and shops, dines, and recreates in both. While many decisions they make are for Auburn specifically, many decisions will be about the greater community. She asked that they consider why decisions were made previously, and honor consistency and dependability. She spoke about property valuations and the work of the Growth Council. She commented that we now have a different leader at the Growth Council and there is good work going on. She spoke about the impact on businesses and the community if Auburn were to defund the Growth Council and asked that they honor the commitment that was made, do complete research, talk to a variety of people before a decision is made.

Alan Hahnel, Chairman of the Board of Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council. He wanted to express his concern that Auburn is looking to move backwards in terms of Economic Development in the Lewiston – Auburn Community. He mentioned the topic of rescinding the \$50,000 for the Rail Study. He added that there are rumors that Auburn wants to defund LAEGC, and the message is that Auburn does not care about Economic Development and that perception is not good for the community.

Lincoln Jeffers, Economic Development Director in Lewiston, stated that as a rule, he tries to not speak at Auburn Council meetings but with rumor that Auburn is looking to defund the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council, it compelled him to speak. He spoke in support of the LAEGC and John Holden and the work that is being done. He noted that he agreed with the comments Mary LaFontaine made.

Stephanie Gelinias, Lewiston resident – stated that she believes this is not just an Auburn discussion, as the dialogue that is occurring has ramifications that go well beyond Auburn and Lewiston and beyond. The LA Metro Chamber released a strong support statement for LAEGC stating that they should be allowed to continue doing the important work they are doing. She noted that LAEGC was the first resource she accessed when she started her business years ago and that is where she refers others. She added that now is not the time to withdraw from LAEGC and now is the time for Lewiston and Auburn to support joint efforts.

Gabrielle Russell, a downtown resident of Lewiston and owns a building on Lisbon Street - noted that she grew up in Auburn and works in Auburn. She expressed her strong support for the work that LAEGC is doing now. She reached out to John Holden when she was looking for a tenant for her Lisbon Street building. He responded right away and within 2 weeks she had a lease agreement. She added that she also worked with LAEGC to get a small business loan and noted that she couldn't have made it happen without John Holden and the staff at LAEGC.

Carl Shalene, commented that we need to understand that what is good for Lewiston is good for Auburn and what is good for Auburn is good for Lewiston. He spoke in support of LAEGC adding that Lewiston and Auburn are better together and we need the Growth Council.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **Ordinance 02-02222016**

Adopting the amendments to Chapter 20-Housing Code. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the amendments to Chapter 20-Housing Code which would include the amendments made at the 2/22/2016 Council meeting.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

2. **Ordinance 03-02222016**

Adopting the amendments to Chapter 44 – Solid Waste. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adopt the amendments to Chapter 44 – Solid Waste.

Public hearing:

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street asked who will be responsible for enforcing this.

A gentleman that did not identify himself spoke asking who is responsible if tenants do not put their trash out in the trash cans and he went on to talk about enforcement of this proposed ordinance amendment.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road – asked where this proposal originated adding that he has never heard a complaint about trash strewn across city streets. He also asked who would be responsible for enforcing this.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Young, Stone, and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. **New Business**

3. **Ordinance 04-03072016**

Adopting amendments for a Form Based Code and Zoning Map for portions of Downtown Auburn and New Auburn. The Form Based Code Text Amendment will replace Article IV, Division 14, Central Business District, Sec. 60-546, amend related sections of the Zoning Ordinance and create 5 new Form Based Code Districts (T-4.1, T-4.2, T-5.1, T-5.2 and T-6). Public hearing and first reading.

The notification on this hearing was sent to property owners within the affected area and 100 feet around the area affected but it was determined afterwards that the ordinance states that notification has to go out to owners within and 500 feet around the affected area. Because of that, this item will be postponed and will be going before the

Planning Board for a further public hearing. An update on this item was provided but action will be postponed until after giving full and proper notice.

Public comment – Chris Branch of Sebago Technics, was representing the Hilton Garden. He spoke in support of the Form Based Code and feels that the area that the Hilton Garden is in would be better fit by being in the T-6 instead of the T-5.2 classification.

Adam Lee, Main St – stated that he commends highly the Form Based Code and encouraged expansion on the T-6 classification in the downtown area.

4. Order 14-03072016

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

Council may enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Board and Committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee. Passage 7-0.

5. Order 15-03072016

Approving to discontinue the use of Fund Balance to balance the General Fund budget over the next 2 fiscal years, FY 17 and FY 18 as recommended by the Finance Director.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to approve to discontinue the use of Fund Balance to balance the General Fund budget over the next 2 fiscal years, FY17 and FY18 as recommended by the Finance Director.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Executive Session

Discussion on a poverty abatement case # 2879-16 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement, pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow. Passage 7-0, time in 8:12 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:32 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the poverty abatement, case #2879-16 in the amount of \$456.00. Passage 7-0.

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

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Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Passage 7-0, time in 8:34 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:17 PM.

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonte wanted to clarify a comment that was made during open session that Auburn is viewed poorly in regards to economic and business development. He stated that nothing is further from the truth. He spends a lot of time interacting and working with businesses and investors in the State. Auburn and Lewiston-Auburn are seen as a place for opportunity. People see Auburn as a place that is wide open for business and there is a lot in the pipeline.

Councilor Young – reported that last week was a busy week. One meeting cancelled, and one gave just a couple hours notice of another meeting. He was unable to attend due to such short notice. He noted that last weekend he visited two out of three caucuses. He was a guest at one and participated at the other. Pictures can be found on Flickr.

Councilor Walker - working with Tizz Crowley on the Denny Sullivan celebration. He encouraged people to check out the City website and Great Falls TV to find out what is happening.

City Manager – noted that next Monday will be first CIP presentation. It will be in draft form, and he is looking for feedback from Council and the public. He also noted that the Council Committee meetings are ongoing.

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

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 17-03212016*

Amending Order 14-03072016 which was previously adopted at the 3/7/2016 City Council meeting to reflect the corrected term expiration date for the re-appointment of Robert Bowyer (Planning Board) to 1/1/2019 (previously adopted as 10/1/2019 in error).

2. Order 18-03212016*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Randall Burnham as Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

The Mayor provided recognition to the St. Dominic's Academy Girls Hockey Team for winning the State Championship.

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

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 03-03212016

Supporting staffs pursuit of the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns supporting staffs pursuit of the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

3. Ordinance 04-03212016

Amending the ordinance regarding parking standards for junk cars. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the ordinance regarding parking standards for junk cars as presented.

Public hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, commented that some residents in outlying areas have unregistered, uninspected vehicles that are used as plow trucks or for personal use on their own property and will never be placed on the road. He said that he has a truck on his property that has a refrigerated rear end that he leaves parked in his yard. The truck doesn't move but he uses the refrigeration portion as a cool room. He added that it is serving a good purpose and not doing any harm and went on to question "why would you want to take that away?" He stated that these changes target certain people.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported that he had an opportunity to sit with the management team and staff from Planning and Development, Public Services and the Maine Department of Transportation, to talk about a number of infrastructure projects. They discussed the New Auburn redevelopment efforts, and the Lown Bridge investment the State plans to make and other ways the State might be able to invest with us to implement those neighborhood recommendations. There are good ideas on the table to bring more State money to Auburn. There was significant discussion about Miracle Enterprises and the infrastructure needs on Minot Avenue. He added that staff did an excellent job laying out the case and securing MDOT's quick response to doing what we need to do to pursue State construction money and federal resources. He wanted to publicly give kudos to staff for their work in moving these things forward.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Burns – reported on the last meeting of the Council Committee (Community and Economic Development) which was held on March 17th. He stated that they covered a lot of ground, and will be bringing forth four items to move forward to the Council at large. They discussed a proposal from Derek Boulanger putting out an RFP for a solarized power project for Auburn to pool their resources to get discounted solar panels for residential use with the City acting as the facilitator of that process, they went over the draft of the CDBG budget and they opted to move the draft forward to the entire Council for a workshop. They also voted to move forward on the Adaptive Re-Use Ordinance that has been proposed which allows for the re-use of using historical

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buildings, and finally, they discussed the on the ongoing issue for the Transportation Center sewer system. There was also a lengthy discussion with John Holden (President of LAEGC) to discuss their draft marketing plan and the relationship between Council and LAEGC.

Councilor Walker – reported that on March 24th all Neighborhood Watch groups will be meeting at Sherwood Heights School at 6:30PM, on March 29th the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly's Diner at 6:00 PM. He added that the Council Committee he is on (Transportation and Environment) is moving forward and making progress with the 9-1-1 mission that they've taken on. They are meeting with the County Sheriff. They will be meeting again on the 24th of March at 4:00 PM at Auburn Hall.

Councilor Gilbert - no report

Councilor Titus - no report

Councilor Stone – reported on the Community and Economic Development Council Committee discussion with John Holden regarding LAEGC. He has been getting phone calls, emails, and requests for meetings from many people. He said it was a productive discussion which can be seen on the Great Falls TV website and anyone interested in seeing the discussion should tune in. He said there was a very in depth marketing plan presented by Mr. Holden but the one thing he did not hear was any mention on what LAEGC commits to do in terms of adding dollars to Auburn's taxable valuation. He said in the future, if we are to continue with LAEGC we've got to have some sort of a written commitment from them to generate real taxable dollars.

Councilor Pross – also reported on the discussion with John Holden regarding LAEGC. He also encouraged members of the Community interested in the topic to go to the Great Falls TV website to review the recording of the March 17th meeting. He commented that LAEGC is acting as the agent, by contract, with the Auburn Business Development Corporation with regard to the management of the Industrial Park and has been doing so since the Industrial Park was initially acquired. He said it appears they are wearing two hats; one is working for ABDC and the other for the taxpayers of Auburn to promote economic development. He went on to say that we've lost tax revenues and the City of Auburn has suffered as a result of LAEGC's failure to record a sub division development plan for the Industrial Park (from 2006 to date). Lots are being marketed in that sub-division without a recorded subdivision plan. He added that it calls into question not only state law which prevents marketing a subdivision without a recorded subdivision plan, but it has also cost the taxpayers of Auburn who have taken a large portion of the liability of funding the development over the years for not having those lots individually assessed. He said it raises the question; who the Growth Council is working for in this case - the taxpayers of Auburn or the Auburn Business Development Corporation?

He also provided a School Committee update. At the last School Committee meeting they spent a lot of time talking about the proposed budget scenarios, the Superintendents budget which would be a 4.8% increase from the previous year, they looked at what that

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would look like if they stuck to the CPIU and what it would mean in the budget. It would be a reduction of 1.5 million dollars and it would be taking a huge step backwards. That doesn't take into account the revenue they would be losing from the State side for not meeting the State Essential Program and Services (EPS) requirements. They also looked at a budget meeting the EPS which would be an increase of 3% on the school side which would allow them to continue to draw down the State funds they are relying on for revenues. He also sits on the Finance Committee of the School Department and they've been looking closely at cost drivers and ways to gain efficiencies in the future.

Councilor Young – reported on the Transportation and Environmental Council Committee. They were able to move forward on the Woodlot Management Ordinance proposal which will be placed on a future Council agenda. The Committee was not ready to make a recommendation on the Solid Waste and Recycling contract item yet. The Recreation and Special Events Committee item was crossed off the list. The Council Committee has decided to continue with the current ordinance that is in place rather than trying to re-invent the wheel. The Summer Street extension reconstruction project is shovel ready has already been approved by council. There was an update on Route 4 and were told they are still waiting for bids to go out.

City Manager Report – he called Eric Cousens up to provide an update on the Downtown Transportation Center Sewer issues. While installing the water line last fall, they found that they cannot connect into the Esplanade's line as they originally thought because of issues with that line. Another option was a continuation of the line to another manhole closer to the Hilton but there is a 24 inch water main owned by the City of Lewiston which is directly in that path. They looked at gravity flow to Turner Street and found that they would have to go approximately 19 feet deep to achieve gravity flow. After doing some test borings they found that there is ledge which would be very cost prohibitive. The Planning Department has been working with the Sewer District to come up with a pump solution. Three options were discussed. One is a pump system that would serve the future development-the Transportation Center and mainly two other lots in the development, another is a pump station which is much smaller and would be privately owned by the Transportation Center and serves only the Transportation Center, and the 3rd option would be to install a pump station serving only the Transportation Center so a septic system might be an option, however the City would be spending funds on something that does not serve the rest of the development. The pump station that would be publicly owned and taken over by the Sewer District would be able to service the larger development but they would charge the city a fee of \$50,000 on top of the construction cost to accept that pump station. A policy was set several years ago by the Sewer Board not to accept any new pump stations, however an exception was made a few years ago with the Town of Poland who was charged a \$50,000 fee, so precedence has been set in order to accept a new pump station. The Sewerage District is here to serve the sewer customers in the City of Auburn and staff will be asking them to reconsider that and treat Auburn differently.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross to accept and place on file the February 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road wanted to thank the Councilors for bringing to light the LAEGC issues discussed earlier. He also commented on the schools needing money, yet Council keeps growing government on the City side. He added that they have to stop the spending. He commented on the SAFER grant, stating it is not just \$22,000 for equipment. He asked if anyone has read the SAFER agreement noting that there were so many questions that still had to be answered. He asked if the Summer Street extension project could be held off for another year. He also commented on Code Enforcement stating that Council keeps giving Code Enforcement more authority. He said he knows of at least 4 different people who have tried starting or expanding their businesses and Code Enforcement is stopping them by not allowing them to do certain things. He said he has contacted city staff and administration but he has no patients and wants to “see it ended now”.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 19-04042016*

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 14, 2016.

2. Order 20-04042016*

Approving the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the June 14, 2016 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Titus absent).

II. Minutes - March 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns accepting the minutes of the March 21, 2016 City Council meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Reine Mynahan presented the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget to Council.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

KC Geiger – 1464 Pownal Road, and Auburn Water District President, he wanted to comment on the Mayor's comments from the last meetings "off agenda" discussion when he stated the city should "take over the Water and Sewer District and eliminate the redundant capacity of staff and equipment and we'd save taxpayers and ratepayer's significant money and end the racket". He also encouraged the Mayor to attend a few meetings to see how well run the Water and Sewer Districts are. A copy of his statement was provided and placed on file.

Peter Murphy - 15 Fairview Avenue and a volunteer board member of the Growth Council and Auburn Business Development Corporation. He stated that he is in favor of the Growth Council and explained his recent experience with them and what it meant to his business. He said that his experience with the Growth Council has been positive and has resulted in real economic growth. He also wanted to mention that the Auburn Business Association is sponsoring the Auburn Citizen of the Year on May 5th at Martindale adding that he would love to see them all there.

Jessica Michaud -180 North River Road, urged the City Council to accept the School budget.

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Korin McGuigan, 444 Turner Street, stated that she has 2 children in the Auburn School District and wants them to have a great education and the great support of the community. She stated that she has the conversation with her husband often, “do we stay or do we go”? She went on to say that she loves the community and wants the ship to turn. She said she supports the teachers and the community and supports Superintendent and School Committee.

Michelle Scott and her son Quinn who is a third grader at Park Avenue School spoke. Michelle stated that she and her wife have lived in Auburn for 13 years and long before having children, they voted every year to support the school budget. She said they too have had the discussion about whether they stay in Auburn or leave. They do not want that. Her son has had phenomenal teachers and is flourishing at Park Avenue School. Quinn spoke stating that he really likes his school and said he heard that they might take away the Library Teacher. He said she is good for him and she teaches them good literacy skills. He said that she helps them with the book fair and helps them pick out good books to read adding that he hopes we keep the library teacher.

Lisa Mayer -1 Roosevelt Street, stated that this is not just a school decision it’s a business decision. She said she is hoping Council will pass the Superintendent’s budget and keeps the Library, Music, and Art programs.

Erin Breau - 225 South Main Street supports the proposed budget adding that she has kids in the Auburn School system and wants them to continue to get a good education adding that she supports the increase in the School budget.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 04-03212016

Adopting the ordinance regarding parking standards for junk cars. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the ordinance regarding parking standards for junk cars as presented.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business

The Mayor requested that without any objections he was taking item #2 (Order 21-04042016) under new business out of order and acted on before the hearing. There were no objections from Council.

2. Order 21-04042016

Approving the issuance of a Special Amusement and Liquor license to Firehouse Grill located at 47 Broad Street. Public Hearing.

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the issuance of a Special Amusement and Liquor License to Firehouse Grill located at 47 Broad Street.

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

Hearing on the appeal of the denial of a business license for Indeego Spa (owner Lanli Liu) pursuant Chapter 14 Section 14-39 (a). Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(G).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(G) to hear the appeal of the denial of a business license for Indeego Spa (owner Lanli Liu). Passage 6-0, time 7:56 PM.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:10 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone that the City Council deny the applicant, Lanli Liu's appeal on the denial of a business license for a massage establishment license, Indeego Spa, located at 405 Center Street because incomplete and false information was knowingly provided to the Auburn Police Department in support of the application.

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

VII. Executive Session

Discussion on a real estate matter (Auburn Intermodal/Port of Auburn), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(C) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(C) to discuss a real estate matter with possible action to follow. Passage 6-0, time 9:12 PM.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 9:32 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt Resolve 22-04042016 to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport as follows;

Be it resolved by the Auburn City Council that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport to lease real property north of Lewiston Junction Road for the Maine Intermodal Transportation Facility, as shown on Exhibit A as parcels I, II, and III, at a rent of \$1 per year for a term of 99 years.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonte reported that CMCC is pursuing an EDA grant for their Precision Machining Technology Lab on its campus. As part of the process, they have to demonstrate to EDA that they have worked to raise public awareness and the local elected body is aware of the project. He would like the minutes to reflect that. He provided a fact sheet that has been attached to the minutes and placed on file in the Clerk's office.

Councilor Young – reported that earlier in the meeting that we were not being recorded live on Great Falls TV but he did get a report that 10 minutes into the meeting we did go live. He also commented that Great Falls TV is supposed to have a meeting on Thursday however he has not seen a posting that a meeting is scheduled. He also hasn't heard whether or not the Lewiston Auburn Public Health Committee was meeting or not. He has not seen anything posted for that either.

Councilor Burns – reported that the Citizen's Advisory Committee met last week to discuss the CDBG and Home budget. The room was full and it was a robust discussion. The meeting lasted for approximately 3 hours and they went over the budget line by line. He thanked the members of the CAC for their hard work. He also reported that last Friday was the monthly meeting of the Lewiston Auburn Growth Council. There was a long discussion among members there as they went over the draft scope of service and metrics on how they are going to evaluate their performance.

Councilor Walker – reported on April 21st at 6:00 PM is the MMWAC (Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation) kickoff. Joe Kazar will be here at Auburn Hall. The public is invited to attend. Joe will be retiring soon so it will be a good time for people to come and speak to Joe. It is the kick off for Earth Day in the City of Auburn.

City Manager – reported that he was gone last week on active duty in Virginia and he is glad to be back. He noted that there would be a meeting next Monday where he will roll out the Municipal budget and hopefully come up with a schedule on department and agency budget presentations.

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

No one from the public was present to speak.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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 and requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of Joshua Titus, son of Councilor Andy Titus.

Councilor Titus had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Order 23-04112016

Appointing Jonathan P. LaBonté to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company Board of Directors for a term of 3 years from 2016-2019 and he shall be authorized to vote the shares held by any shareholder.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Jonathan P. LaBonté to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company Board of Directors for a term of 3 years from 2016-2019 and he shall be authorized to vote the shares held by any shareholder.

Passage 6-0.

II. Presentations: The City Manager presented the FY2017 Budget.

Public comment:

Alfreda Fournier, resident of 43 Davis Avenue and Androscoggin County Commissioner suggested better communication in regards to the County. The Mayor invited her and other County Commissioners to attend the Council meeting when joint services are discussed.

Carl Shaline suggested that budget information is easily accessible and available on the website, and on facebook for residents who cannot make it to the meetings.

Gary Simard, 157 Cook Street commented that he would like to hear the pros and cons of combining the Police and Fire Departments to one Public Safety department.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 24-04252016*

Appointing Election Clerks to serve a two year term from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker appointing Election Clerks to serve a two year term from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2018 as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- April 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Portrait presentation - former Mayor John Linnell

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

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library invited residents and the Council to visit the Library to see the exhibit called *Discover Nassau - From Our Town to Outer Space* that opened last week. The exhibit will be at the Library until July 8, 2016.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 25-04252016

Approving the issuance of a Special Amusement permit to MVL, Inc., DBA Tio Juan's Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, an existing business, located at 180 Center Street. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the issuance of a Special Amusement permit to MVL, Inc., DBA Tio Juan's Margaritas Mexican Restaurant located at 180 Center Street.

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

2. Public Hearing on the FY17 City Manager Budget

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Larry Pelletier, Second Street – commented that the City Manager and Council has some tough budget decisions to make and asked if we could go back to the drawing board with the school budget stating what they are asking for is well deserved and that it is time to do something positive with the school budget.

Ron Potvin, Northern Ave. homeowner, resident of Lewiston and former Auburn City Councilor, expressed that when Council is faced with tough decisions that other Councils have had to face, keep in mind the level of service we have now and what it is providing. If the proposed cuts are to do something a different way to try to get to the same point, he feels it might be worth a try, adding that there are a lot of proposed cuts and by reducing them, whether it is this Council or a future Council, they may want to put them back. He warned them to be careful “not to slice the bone”. One in particular for him is the Auburn Public Library. He said he has spent a lot of time at the Library and sees it as not just a Library, but a Community Center adding that he supports the Library.

Pat Gautier, 136 Pride Road – shared some thoughts that she wanted Council to consider. She expressed that the Council needs to fund our City and asked them to stop using retired people as an excuse to not raise taxes to fund our City. She said she will be retiring in June and doesn't want to see taxes go up but realizes that sometimes you have to. Over the last decade or more, our City has cut budgets and services and we are now paying dearly for that. She asked that they please consider getting rid of the CPIU ordinance, to reconsider the cuts to the Library, to pass school budget as presented, avoid cutting positions, programs, and readjusting staff assignments, restore LAEGC and AVCOG funding, restore positions that have been cut on the city side and reconsider them individually. Do what is necessary to keep our City moving forward and sometimes that means that you have to raise taxes.

Wayne Werts, 556 Pownal Road, commented that the City Manager has done the best he can with the direction he was given and has done a good job and he wanted to be sure that his comments do not reflect badly on the City Manager. He understands the fund balance is a big issue and is lower than we want it to be adding that we did not get here over night. He agrees that we have to get it back to where it needs to be but said that we should walk and not sprint back to get there. He suggested looking at a long term strategic plan to get it back to where it needs to be. He commented on the Fire Department and asked why the one department that brings in a million dollars in revenue is the department that gets cut? He understands the process and reasoning behind a Public Safety Department noting that we tried doing this several years ago and why would it work now when it didn't work then? He doesn't feel that it would be efficient or cost effective suggesting that Council looks at that hard. He went on to add that the cuts to LAEGC and AVCOG represent two very short term gains for a long term negative to this community with what these organizations can for this community. He went on to talk about the educational budget. He said that he has not had a chance to really look at it closely but feels that the lack of funding would be worse than funding education in this community.

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Adam Lee, Main Street, said that Wayne said a lot of what he wanted to say but he wanted to comment on the fund balance issue. He said the City Manager's budget letter noted that this was required by ordinance which he said was incorrect. It is a policy that was passed by resolution in 2011. Ordinance is defined as the authoritative law of a municipality and a resolution is not law but merely a form in which a legislative body expresses an opinion. It is a policy passed by resolution, not an ordinance. He talked about how that resolution and how the fund balance number came to be adding that Council can change that the policy in addition to the number of years it would take to *walk* back to a meaningful number when it comes to the fund balance.

Lisa Mayer, 1 Roosevelt Ave. spoke in support of the school budget. She said she started working at St Mary's Hospital recently and they have a lot of meetings because they are having a difficult time attracting and retaining doctors in this area. One of the reasons is because of cuts made to the school budget.

Gary Simard, Cook Street, asked why the Fire Chief position was eliminated before Council has even made a decision to merge the Police and Fire Departments? He went on to say that taking the Fire Chief out of the picture isn't right and the public will not know what the true consequences are of this merger. He said again, he would like to know all of the pros and cons of the changes being made adding, in his opinion, this does impact public safety.

Bob Gardner, a resident and taxpayer of Auburn, said he is sorry to learn of position Council is in by having to make some serious cuts that can handicap operations that residents normally count on. He commented positively on the Library adding that "it is a treasure".

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – the Danville Junction Grange has officially been listed on the National Register of Historic Places as of April 5, 2016.

He spoke about the Bike-Ped Committee which was formed by resolution and had a sunset clause when formed and had the Mayors of each City reporting back to Council on next steps. He said he has concerns of the current structure and the use of everyone's time. The suggestion he is offering members of the board, all highly capable citizen volunteers on the committee, to empower them to do the work called out and rather than ask a City Councilor to attend those meetings and have the Bike-Ped Committee become a direct report to the Transportation and Environment Committee. One of those members would be expected to attend the monthly Transportation and Environment Committee meeting to report to them.

He provided an update to the TIF workforce training initiative discussion that was talked about at the joint meeting with school department. It is still moving forward but needs additional work. Because no other community has considered doing what we are proposing to do, the DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development) staff wants to work with us to ensure that the metrics we will use can be replicated elsewhere. Unfortunately the news story that ran inferred that we were looking to subsidize the school operations with TIF accounts and that you cannot do. The perception was out there and DECD received many calls as a result.

Last week he attended the LARC (Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation) meeting. They talked about renegotiation of a contract with the Growth Council, and the creation of a land sub-committee.

Tomorrow from 2-5 NEPRA (Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority) staff and board members will be coming to Lewiston - Auburn to kick off the service development plan effort. The City of Lewiston is taking lead with State Representative Golden, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the forum and the meeting is open to public.

On Wednesday morning the University of Southern Maine hosts a monthly corporate partners' breakfast in Portland, and the Mayor will be serving on a panel discussion to talk about the role of Transportation Development for Economic Development for the City of Auburn.

Later this week, he and Doug Greene will be attending a meeting with the New England Chapter of the Congress of New Urbanism which will include an opportunity for the Mayor to speak on a panel at the conference on what is happening in Auburn.

This morning the City broke ground on the Barker Mill Trail Extension. It is an eight foot trail segment. It is expected to be completed within a couple of weeks. There should be an upcoming ribbon cutting.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Burns reported on the Community & Economic Development Committee who met last week. There was a presentation to discuss the proposed structure of the new department as well as an overview of budget. They also had an overview and discussion with Reine Mynahan, Community Development Director regarding proposed amendments to a number of programs that are administered by her department. Several proposed amendments were provided to allow more access to these programs.

They heard an update on the FERC licensing issue relating to the Barker Mill Dam. It looks like there have been a few snags, but the Committee recommended Council action.

They also had a short discussion with John Holden regarding the potential repercussions if the LAEGC was not funded in this current budget cycle.

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Friday before last, LAEGC had a meeting in which the issue of Auburn's funding came up. The meeting centered around examining the prospect of the loss of funding and what it would look like for the organization.

Councilor Pross added that a suggestion came up during the Council Committee meeting for a formal process or procedure after a Council Committee deliberates an issue, and comes out with a vote and recommendation to the full Council which would be to include on the info sheet in the Council packet, a separate line item listing which committee vetted the policy issue and if they have made a recommendation.

Councilor Walker noted that most of his reports are in the packet, but he wanted to add that the United New Auburn Association has a meeting on the 26th of April at 6pm and the new Recreation Director, Sabrina Best will be speaking. The Neighborhood Watch Group meeting is on April 28th at 6:30pm at the St. Louis building, the Public Safety Committee Group will meet May 4th at 5:30 here at Auburn Hall.

Councilor Gilbert met with the LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee), the bus station is really coming along ahead of schedule and will hopefully be opening in July. They will be meeting with the Environment and Transportation Committee meeting on May 18th at 5:30. She attended first Airport Board meeting as a board member adding that they have a lot of work that has to be done there.

Councilor Young – asked if there was a conflict with the May 4, 2016 Transportation and Environment and Public Safety and Community Services meeting and there is. They may look into rescheduling the Transportation and Environment meeting.

Councilor Titus commented on the budget stating that his philosophy is that things have to change. We need to have measurable goals and we have to follow through with those goals. Change is always difficult, but the discussions are healthy. He offered his phone number and email address adding that he would like to hear from folks to understand where they are coming from.

He said that he will be attending the Western Avenue Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday at 6pm, and the public is invited to attend.

The Finance and Public Administration Council Committee met in March and discussed EMS and EMS billing and a possible ordinance and will continue that discussion on May 12th. The Committee also discussed tax acquired properties.

Councilor Stone also reported on the Community & Economic Development Council Committee meeting. He commended Councilors Burns and Pross. They tackled a number of items. He also expressed appreciation to Michael Chamings, Eric Cousens and staff for the work they've done. They are working together as a good team. He added that the Finance and Public Administration Committee would be meeting soon.

He praised the Public Services Department with their efforts in helping a resident on Silver Street up by Taylor Pond who reached out to him regarding a drainage issue on her

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Property. He met with the City Engineer, Tony Beaulieu, and the resident and by mid afternoon they had a cost estimate. They did make it clear to the resident that everything for this year was already in the hopper and the work would not be happening this season.

Yesterday was the 33rd awards banquet for the Lewiston Auburn Sports Hall of Fame, which is the only one in Maine. There were four inductees. He noted that it means a lot to them for their home community to recognize them. They have a lot of paraphernalia and would like to have a facility or a couple of accessible rooms in Lewiston or Auburn to set up a display. If anyone knows of any space that could be used please contact him with that information adding that he thinks it could be a tourist attraction.

Councilor Pross wanted to let everyone know that the Summer Street extension work has begun over by West Auburn Road. He thanked Dan Goyette and the Engineering team for getting that going.

On May 21st from 9:30am to Noon at the Lake Auburn Community Center on North Auburn Road, the Lake Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group will be holding the first annual "Trash Off" to clean up litter and debris.

He thanked the Auburn Police Department who responded to a vandalism call at the Taylor Pond Yacht Club. Damage was done to some of the buildings out there. It is being investigated and the private non-profit group is working to try to get that damage cleaned up.

On June 25th the Androscoggin Land Trust is hosting its first annual Boats and Brews Paddling River Race, open to kayakers and canoers starting at Festival Plaza and going down to the Durham Boat Launch. It is being held in conjunction with the Great Falls Brew Fest. This will be a huge day for Lewiston and Auburn and a great event for the community.

He wanted to let everyone know that the Auburn School Committee continues to work on the union contract issue with the teachers.

Councilor Young reported that the Transportation and Environment Committee met. They are still discussing recycling, and single sort. He attended the Great Falls TV Committee meeting and talked about filling those vacant seats.

City Manager Report – he brought up public comments made at the last meeting regarding the Water and Sewer Districts having to do with comments the Mayor made at a previous meeting. The City Manager wanted to set the record straight on those comments and is hoping to create better working relations with them and encourage a meeting between Council and the Water and Sewerage Districts. Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil, went over some issues that have occurred and also encouraged a joint meeting between Council and the Water and Sewerage Districts to open communications and try to get this moving in a positive way.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – March 2016 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the March 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

Larry Pelletier talked about St. Louis Church and what to put in there. They are searching for developers to help them.

Gary Simard commented that 7-8 years ago the City went through this with cuts. People were scared and they lost a lot of good, valuable people. Some were hired back because the City needed their expertise. He said he would expect that employee morale is pretty poor wondering who is next. He stated that the employees are the City. Let them work for us the best we can, don't over work or make them feel like they will be laid off.

Annette Auger, Elm Street said she worked for State of Maine years ago, and they were all subject to furlough days and asked if anyone has thought of that? She said she feels it is better to have a job and it is one way to cut the budget.

Alfreda Fournier, 46 Davis Avenue said she had a nice conversation with the City Manager, and learned a lot in terms of how stuck we are now. She said this is an accumulative situation that we can't ignore it because it pushes it further down the road. She commended him for grabbing the bull by the horns and making some hard decisions. She did suggest that they take a look at fund balance numbers and if something were to be added back in, she would like to see library funding put back in.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- April 11, 2016 Special Council Meeting
- April 25, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Pross was not in the room for this vote).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Pross was not in the room for this vote).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Presentation - Auburn's Odyssey of the Mind Team

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

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 04-03072016

Adopting amendments for a Form Based Code and Zoning Map for portions of Downtown Auburn and New Auburn. The Form Based Code Text Amendment will replace Article IV, Division 14, Central Business District, Sec. 60-546, amend related sections of the Zoning Ordinance and create 5 new Form Based Code Districts (T-4.1, T-4.2, T-5.1, T-5.2 and T-6). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt amendments for a Form Based Code and Zoning Map for portions of Downtown Auburn and New Auburn. The Form Based Code Text Amendment will replace Article IV, Division 14, Central Business District, Sec. 60-546, amend related sections of the Zoning Ordinance and create 5 new Form Based Code Districts (T-4.1, T-4.2, T-5.1, T-5.2 and T-6).

Public hearing – Chris Branch with Sebago Technics who was there on behalf of the Hilton Garden Inn stating that they are very supportive of this recommendation and gave thanks to the Planning Board for their work on this.

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

VI. New Business

2. Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Budget

Talia Chamberlin, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Androscoggin County and a student of the program, Theresa Winslow spoke in support of the program.

3. Order 26-05022016

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fee for the New Auburn Little League, a non-profit organization (Sherwood Heights and Pulsifer Park) for the 2016 season.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the request to waive the business licensing fee for the New Auburn Little League, a non-profit organization (Sherwood Heights and Pulsifer Park) for the 2016 season.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone until we negotiate and formalize a Memorandum of Understanding or a lease with the New Auburn Little League. Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Young, Stone, Titus, and Gilbert opposed).

Passage of original motion 6-0.

4. Order 27-05022016

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fee for Kiddo's, LLC , a for-profit organization.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young to approve the request to waive the business licensing fee for Kiddo's, LLC, a for-profit organization. Motion failed 0-6.

There was consensus from the Council to refer this to the Community & Economic Development Council Committee to add this to a future agenda to review the ordinance (Sec. 14-31) and business licensing fees.

5. Resolve 04-05022016

Authorizing the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the City Council to FERC requesting that KEI provide at least 60 days notice to the City for recreational flow studies related to the relicensing of the Barker Mill Dam.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the City Council to FERC requesting that KEI provide at least 60 days notice to the City for recreational flow studies related to the relicensing of the Barker Mill Dam. Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session

Discussion on a real estate/economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(C). Passage 6-0, time 7:51 PM.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:03 PM.

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – The Mayor provided Council with a Power Point Presentation “Breaking Down the Culture of Low Expectations – Rebooting Auburn’s Growth Plan”.

Councilor Young – reported on a few date changes with upcoming meetings.

Councilor Gilbert – reported that the biggest complaint she is getting from people is how to find information on our website as to when meetings are scheduled. Assistant City Manager, Denis D’Auteuil explained how to get to the event calendar on the city’s website.

City Manager – No report.

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

No one from the public was present to speak.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 28-05162016*

Amending Order 14-03072016 which was previously adopted at the 3/7/2016 City Council meeting to reflect the corrected term expiration dates for the appointment of Tizz Crowley (Auburn Water District) and Heidi McCarthy (Auburn Sewerage District) to 3/1/2020 (previously adopted as 3/1/2019 in error).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns amending Order 14-03072016 which was previously adopted at the 3/7/2016 City Council meeting to reflect the corrected term expiration dates for the appointment of Tizz Crowley (Auburn Water District) and Heidi McCarthy (Auburn Sewerage District) to 3/1/2020 (previously adopted as 3/1/2019 in error). Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- May 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week
- Proclamation – Women’s Lung Health Week
- Proclamation – National Kids in the Park Day
- Proclamation – Lucia Cowles
- Edward Little Student Briefing on Recent Washington DC trip

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

Sue Patneau, President of the First Auburn Senior Citizens Group city of Auburn provided an overview of the history of that group and how they came to be. She said they would like Auburn to continue to be an aging friendly community providing social and recreational activities for them. She recommended that the City make a formal commitment to the aging population. She said they need a special place that belongs to them - a senior center, a place where seniors can go for programs and services that will become more and more necessary as our population ages.

Belinda Gerry, 143 Mill Street respectfully requested that the rules be suspended so that they could continue the discussion on the CIP and the \$90,000 funding for the Senior Center so the seniors could speak during open session or make a motion to take the

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agenda items out of order because many of the seniors will not want to stay late while waiting until the CIP item comes up on the agenda.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street gave praise to the high school students who were out doing community service in the City.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 04-03072016

Adopting amendments for a Form Based Code and Zoning Map for portions of Downtown Auburn and New Auburn. The Form Based Code Text Amendment will replace Article IV, Division 14, Central Business District, Sec. 60-546, amend related sections of the Zoning Ordinance and create 5 new Form Based Code Districts (T-4.1, T-4.2, T-5.1, T-5.2 and T-6). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker adopting amendments for a Form Based Code and Zoning Map for portions of Downtown Auburn and New Auburn. The Form Based Code Text Amendment will replace Article IV, Division 14, Central Business District, Sec. 60-546, amend related sections of the Zoning Ordinance and create 5 new Form Based Code Districts (T-4.1, T-4.2, T-5.1, T-5.2 and T-6).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business

2. Order 29-05162016

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

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to appoint the Board and Committee members as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 30-05162016

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Supplemental Lease Agreement for Cellular Micro-site locations on city poles or structures with Portland cellular Partnership, a Maine general partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Supplemental Lease Agreement for Cellular Micro-site locations on city poles or structures with Portland cellular Partnership, a Maine general partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Order 30-05162016 (B).

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

4. Resolve 05-05162016

Clarifying that the resolve passed under the previous City Council (Resolve 04-06012015) does not authorize city employees to perform support activities for the Joint Charter Commission.

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

Public comment:

Gene Geiger, Lewiston resident and Chair of the Joint Charter Commission, Dave Burke, 38 Harmons Corner Road, Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street, Charles Morrison, 46 Lake Street, Eliot Epstein, 8 Cushman Place, Mary LaFontaine, 113 Western Avenue, Leonard Kimble, 63 Olive Street, and Donna Steckino, Maple Hill Road all spoke in opposition of the resolve.

Ron Potvin, Auburn property owner and resident of Lewiston spoke in favor of the resolve.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Burns, Titus, and Young opposed).

5. Order 31-05162016

Adopting the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Consolidated Plan and Budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adopt the CDBG consolidated plan and budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend the order to ensure that the Hampshire Street reconstruction meets the needs of the neighborhood by re-allocating \$312,050 from the Sidewalk Project to the Hampshire Street Project.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order to establish the Storefront Traffic Accelerates Revitalization (STAR) Program using \$200,000 under Economic Development Programs out of the CDBG Budget which would be re-allocated to the STAR Program.

This CDBG Program would establish forgivable loans for up to \$50,000 based on several criteria:

1. Location in a storefront location within one of the three target areas
2. Loan must be matched dollar for dollar

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3. Loan terms would be established following those used in the Gardiner Growth Initiative

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order by establishing the Neighborhood Challenge Grant Program under the Rehabilitation Loan Program designating \$25,000 out of the \$250,743 of the Rehab Loan Program to be earmarked for a Neighborhood Challenge Grant with staff to work out the program details which would then be presented to Council for approval.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend by establishing an Auburn Cooperative Housing Program by re-allocating \$225,000 from the proposed purchase of two single family dwellings under the HOME budget to provide purchase/rehab/technical support for cooperative housing in the Target Area.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of Order 31-05162016 as amended 7-0.

6. Order 32-05162016

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to adopt the School Budget for FY17 as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Titus, and Gilbert opposed).

7. Order 33-05162016

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

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the Finance Director to execute issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore.

Public comment - Belinda Gerry spoke in regards to the funding for the Senior Center stating that she does not support moving the Senior Center to the old St. Louis Church building which was discussed during the workshop.

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to amend by increasing the reclamation and resurfacing line item from \$900,000 to \$3,000,000. Passage of the amendment 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Young opposed).

Passage of order 33-05162016 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll vote was taken.

8. Order 34-05162016

Authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate \$353,845 of unspent proceeds from various City General Obligation Bonds to a portion of the Capital Improvement Projects for FY 17.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate \$353,845 of unspent proceeds from various City General Obligation Bonds to a portion of the Capital Improvement Projects for FY 17.

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

9. Resolve 06-05162016

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2017. Public Hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2017.

Public comment – John Holden, 19 Second Street and President of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council, spoke on the Growth Council and Economic Development noting that the LAEGC staff are committed and dedicated to their work for this Community – Lewiston and Auburn, and the work of the new Growth Council is just getting started.

John Turner, 46 Rubellite Lane spoke about the Growth Council and Economic Development in Lewiston and Auburn. He said he feels it would be a mistake for Auburn to withdraw from the Growth Council.

Gary Simard, Cook Street stated that the consequences of the cuts that are possibly being made in this budget are still unknown, specifically the Fire Department and Code Enforcement. He commented that with a city this size, specialized people should be dealing with specialized codes. He also commented on the proposal to merge the Planning and Economic Development Departments stating that he did not think it was a good idea to do that. He also added that he would like to hear more from the City Manager on City Programs.

Ron Potvin spoke about Consumer Price Index and what the intent was when the ordinance was adopted. He went on to note that he thought that a reasonable override

for this budget year would be appropriate given the circumstances and to restore some of the reductions that have been made.

Belinda Gerry had questions regarding how the proposed budget would impact the mil rate.

Charles Morrison spoke in support of the Growth Council stating that today's Growth Council is better it would be a disaster for this Community to lose them.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for the vote). A roll call vote was taken.

10. **Order 35-05162016**

Adopting the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns to adopt the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

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

VII. Executive Session - Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A).

Due to the late hour, the Mayor asked if Council would forego reports tonight. Councilor Walker and Stone withdrew their motion to enter into executive session in order to take the last open session out of order, before entering into the executive session. All were in favor.

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

Larry Pelletier, Second Street talked about the upcoming School Budget Validation Referendum Election and what can be done to get voters out to vote. He encouraged Council to get the word out to voters in order to have a better turnout.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A). Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for the vote), time 10:30 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:50 P.M.

IX. Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MAY 31, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 249

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Councilor Burns had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session

To discuss real estate negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Pross to enter into executive session to discuss real estate negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C). Passage 6-0, time 8:15 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:50 P.M. and no action was taken.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 36-06062016*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 14, 2016 Election.

2. Order 37-06062016*

Approving the temporary sign placement request for the Great Falls Model Railroad Club.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- May 16, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- May 31, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2016 and May 31, 2016 meetings as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Immigrant Heritage Month, Guests Fatuma Hussein, Director of the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, and Debbie Cleveland from the Auburn Public Library spoke
- Communications – Liberty Festival Mass Gathering/Special Event Application

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – spoke about activities that are taking place under the Main Street Bridge and by Bonnie Park in the evening. He said in his opinion, the City should invest in cameras so that we can see who is causing these acts.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 33-05162016

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

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the Finance Director to execute issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore.

Public hearing – Belinda Gerry, 143 Mill Street spoke in support of the renovation of Hasty Armory in the parks garage for the new senior center.

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Pross to amend by funding \$137,466.13 a hard wood floor to cover the ice in order to be able to hold other functions at the Arena.

Motion failed 3-3-1 with Councilors Young, Titus and Stone opposed and Councilor Gilbert abstained.

Passage of Order 33-05162016 as presented 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 34-05162016

Authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate \$353,845 of unspent proceeds from various City General Obligation Bonds to a portion of the Capital Improvement Projects for FY 17. Second reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors.*

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the Finance Director to reallocate \$353,845 of unspent proceeds from various City General Obligation Bonds to a portion of the Capital Improvement Projects for FY 17.

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

3. Resolve 06-05162016

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2017. Second reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 4 Councilors.*

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to postpone the second reading until the June 20, 2016 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

VI. New Business

4. Order 38-06062016

Waiving the Flea Market licensing fee for Four Seasons Market from June through September of 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to waive the Flea Market licensing fee for Four Seasons Market from June through September of 2016.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road and owner of Four Seasons Market asked that Council deny the request adding that they did not make the request.

Motion failed 1-5-1 (Councilors Pross, Stone, Titus, Gilbert, Burns opposed, Councilor Young abstained).

5. Resolve 07-06062016

Supporting staffs pursuit of the Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker supporting staffs pursuit of the Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant.

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Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road wanted clarification on this item.

Passage 5-0-2 (Councilor Pross and Walker abstained).

6. **Order 39-06062016**

Terminating the LA Public Health Committee Interlocal Agreement between Lewiston and Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to terminate the LA Public Health Committee Interlocal Agreement between Lewiston and Auburn.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

VII. **Executive Session - None**

VIII. **Reports**

Mayor's Report – No report.

Councilor Pross – wanted to remind the public of an upcoming Route 4 Safety meeting that is to be held on Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Room of Auburn Hall.

Councilor Stone – wanted to publicly recognize the 14,000 American men that were killed 72 years ago during the Invasion of Normandy commenting that they should not be forgotten. They deserve more and need to be recognized.

Councilor Titus – informed the public of some upcoming meetings. The first is a Community Watch meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday and the second is the Finance & Public Administration Council Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, June 9th at 5:30 P.M.

Councilor Burns – reported that the LAEGC met this past Friday. He will be forwarding the agenda and attachments from that meeting to the Council.

City Manager – thanked Public Services staff for the work they did to get the flags up and lawn mowed at the cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day. He also mentioned the Route 4 Safety meeting. He also thanked Councilor Stone for mentioning D-Day and the men that sacrificed their lives adding that they should be well respected.

Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil proposed meeting with each chair of the Council Committees to set a schedule that is permanent and to develop a plan on agendas and how they are set and to look at the Boards and Committees that fall under each of the Council Committees, hold workshops with them and to discuss a 12 month work plan in order to provide direction.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman -April 2016 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept and place on file the April 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road spoke about business licensing in Auburn. He also talked about a recent experience he had trying to pay for a parking ticket.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- June 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

Mamie Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library wanted to remind residents that the Discover Nasa exhibit will be closing on July 8, 2016.

Kathy Shaw, owner of Four Seasons Market invited everyone to attend the Farmers Market on Wednesdays. They will be located on the water below Festival Plaza.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Resolve 06-05162016

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2017. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend by implementing traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety on Mill Street in New Auburn, to be funded in the amount of \$20,000, from the Downtown TIF.

This amendment would fund the installation of traffic calming measures, including authorizing a raised crosswalk, to be installed on Mill Street, with a focus on the mid-block crossing from Third Street to the historic Pontbriand Building that is now home to Selco.

The amendment would also fund a pedestrian activated crossing signal to further raise driver awareness of pedestrians seeking to cross this street.

Public comment- no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to amend by adding \$52,756 from the General Fund to fund the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Pross, Stone, Walker, and Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend by restoring funding in the amount of \$233,559 from the General Fund for L-A 911.

Public comment –no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to amend by restoring \$26,000 in funding to the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) through TIF accounts.

Public comment –no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by restoring \$45,900 in funding to the Auburn Public Library through General Fund revenue.

Public Comment - Sonya Buck, President of the Board of Trustees spoke in support of the amendment; Barbara Trafton, Highland Avenue and Trustee of the Library Board also spoke in support of the amendment.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend by restoring \$120,271 to the Fire Department budget through the General Fund.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the amendment by reducing the amount of the proposed increase from \$120,271 to \$60,000.

Passage of the amendment to the amendment 4-3 (Councilors Young, Gilbert, and Burns opposed).

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

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend by restoring \$160,610 in funding LAEGC (the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council) from TIF account revenue.

Public comment – Joanne Campbell, 1 Fairview Court and Chair of LAEGC Board of Directors, and Stephanie Lewis, 65 Tournament Drive and the Vice President of LAEGC read a statement from John Holden; Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, had a question regarding the proposed amendment (if the Growth Council Board would be reviewing itself). Councilor Burns provided the answer to his question.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Pross, Stone, Titus, Gilbert, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend to include funding of \$100,000 for a full time City Solicitor position to be funded by adding \$80,000 to the General Fund and taking \$20,000 from the Legal Services Budget .

Public comment – Tim Doughty, Cherry Vale Circle questioned why we needed in house legal service adding that he it sounds expensive and he did not think it would be effective. Councilor Pross addressed his concerns.

Passage 6-1(Councilor Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend by funding \$5,000 to be funded from the Downtown TIF account to establish a New Auburn Village Outdoor Farmers' Market pilot program.

Public comment – Kathy Shaw, owner of Valley View Farm and Four Seasons Market spoke in favor of the amendment.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by funding \$86,818 for a full time Special Projects/Grant Administration position within the Economic and Community Development Department, with a base salary of up to \$60,000 plus benefits, who shall report to and work under the supervision of the Economic and Community Development Director and be a non-union position, to be funded by TIF Funds.

Public comment- no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend to invest Recreation Special Revenue Funds into basketball court improvements at “The Gully” in the amount of \$12,000, to attract additional programming

opportunities and enhance the ability of the courts to support youth skills development.

Public comment – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street talked about “inadequate” lighting at this particular basketball court.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2017 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Without opposition from Council, item 6, Order 44-06202016 was taken out of order.

Order 44-06202016

Approving the Mass Gathering Permit for the 2016 Liberty Festival. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the 2016 Liberty Festival.

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

Without opposition from Council, item 5, Order 43-06202016 was taken out of order.

Order 43-06202016

Establishing the Economic and Community Development Department which will combine the Economic Development, Planning and Permitting, and Community Development Departments into one.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker establishing the Economic and Community Development Department which will combine the Economic Development, Planning and Permitting, and Community Development Departments into one.

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

Without opposition from Council, reports were taken out of order while waiting for the City Attorney to arrive.

Mayor – no report.

City Councilors – no report.

City Manager – commended City Staff for putting together an impressive presentation to the Krispy Kreme Company who was doing location research in Maine. The presentation went extremely well.

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Finance Director, Jill Eastman – May 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept and place on file the May 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Without opposition from Council, the second open session was taken out of order. No one from the public spoke.

The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess while waiting for the City Attorney to arrive.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM.

The Mayor asked if there were any representatives present for 16-18 Newbury Street, 12 Patton Street, or 180 Station Road properties. There were not.

Order 41-06202016

Disposition of building located at 16 Newbury Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order of Demolition for 16-18 Newbury Street.

Passage 7-0.

Order 40-06202016

Disposition of building located at 12 Patton Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Pross to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order of Demolition for 12 Patten Street.

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

Order 42-06202016

Disposition of building located at 180 Station Road under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order of Demolition for 180 Station Road.

Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Walker and Pross abstained).

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 5:38 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Councilor Burns and Stone had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session

To discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A). Passage 5-0, time 5:40 P.M.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 6:12 P.M. and no action was taken.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 45-07112016*

Appointing Robert Stone as the MMA LPC (Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee) member for the 2016-2018 term.

2. Order 46-07112016*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Devon A. Bohacik as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Burns was not present for the vote).

II. Minutes

- June 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- July 6, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2016 and July 6, 2016 meetings as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Burns was not present for the vote).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – asked about his recent inquiry regarding surveillance cameras being placed in certain areas of the City. He referred to a recent incident where a piano was vandalized in Festival Plaza.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 05-07112016

Adopting the Woodlot Management Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item until the July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 47-07112016

Adopting the collection policy for Emergency Management Services.

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the collection policy for Emergency Management Services.

Public comment - Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road stated that he thought this item should also be postponed. He asked if we had a person on staff to do this extra work or would we have to hire someone. He also had concerns about balance billing and why there was a provision for the Fire Department to have first right of refusal for large scale events and asked what was considered a large scale event? He said he did not think the policy was well written.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to postpone this item as well. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Pross, Young, and Walker opposed).

3. Order 48-07112016

Authorizing the Finance Director to dispose of the tax acquired property in accordance with the City of Auburn Policy regarding the acquisition and disposition of Tax Acquired Property.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young authorizing the Finance Director to dispose of the tax acquired property in accordance with the City of Auburn Policy regarding the acquisition and disposition of Tax Acquired Property.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

4. Order 49-07112016

Amending Order 30-05162016 (b) which was previously adopted at the 5/16/2016 City Council meeting (Verizon wireless micro site lease agreement at 650 Center Street) to reflect a change to the proposed lease rate and annual adjustment.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend Order 30-05162016 (b) which was previously adopted at the 5/16/2016 City Council meeting (Verizon wireless micro site lease agreement at 650 Center Street) to reflect a change to the proposed lease rate and annual adjustment.

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

VII. Executive Session

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

This item was taken up during the workshop.

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

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

Passage 7-0, time 7:22 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:48 P.M.

- Discussion on a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 5-0-2 (Councilor Gilbert abstained, Councilor Walker was not present for the vote). Time 7:49 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:07 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from City Manager Howard Kroll dated July 1, 2016 with Friday, September 9, 2016 being his last day. Passage 7-0. This becomes Order #50-07112016.

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported that he had outreach from Genesee & Wyoming, the parent company of St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad regarding a bill in Congress they are seeking support for that would extend a tax credit for short line railroads with a push to make it permanent. He said that he wrote to Senators King and Collins asking to them sign on as sponsors for that legislation. Senator Collins has agreed. He is still waiting to hear from Senator King.

He also reported that June was pride month and our local LGBTQ community and the Unitarian Universalist Church on Spring Street quickly showed support and held a vigil after the tragedy in Orlando. He noted that it was clear at that there is a hole in the Auburn Lewiston area with the LGBTQ community and he offered to lend his support to show that municipal government in Auburn and as Mayor wants to show support and have an open door. A small email chain has been set up and he will host at least the first meeting which is scheduled for July 25th at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Room in Auburn Hall adding that this will be the first of many meetings.

He added that he had a great meeting with Maggie Davis, Bill Grant and Jim Horne, who reached out to see how they could be helpful with the workforce initiative.

Last, he noted that he sent a memo to the Economic Development Administration in Philadelphia about the income re-utilization plan for the Industrial Park and received

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some clarification on the matter adding that he will be sharing that communication with the Council.

Councilor Pross – thanked the Mayor for seeking out on his own on the restructuring of the income reutilization plan and for getting clarification from the EDA adding that it is an important step forward.

Councilor Burns – LAEGC met on Friday July 1st as a result of Auburn not funding them for FY17. The Board passed a change in their bylaws stating if a City does not fund the growth council equally as the other City, the directors that serve on the board by virtue of their position within the City are assigned as suspended directors until equal funding is restored.

Councilor Gilbert - reported that she attended the Airport meeting and learned of problems in the area of Foster Road and no one seems to be taking ownership of who owns the land and of the problems there and she wanted residents to know she is working on it.

Councilor Stone – asked the City Manager about the status of an agenda request form that he and Councilor Walker submitted for a workshop regarding the provisions of 30-A Sec. 2152 on the Joint Charter Commission. He would like to workshop that item.

Councilor Titus – informed the public of Finance & Administration meeting that is to be held on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. here in Council Chambers.

City Manager – wanted to thank the Council and staff for their support during this process adding that Auburn is on the move to doing great things and he is looking forward to seeing that come to fruition.

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street thanked City Manager Howard Kroll for everything he has done for the City and for his service to this country.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager Howard Kroll 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. Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to nominate Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. There were no other nominations. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- July 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the closing of Cascade Fiber adding that they were applying for a tax abatement for a large amount of money. He also commented on the sulfur problem at the lake a few years and said these were two things the Council should consider.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-07112016

Adopting the Woodlot Management Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adopt the Woodlot Management Ordinance.

Public hearing – Dave Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue and member of the Forest Board has no concern about Council making the determination of funding but he did have concerns because of the nature of harvesting revenues which tend to be periodic. The Forest Board would like some assurance of some revenue over the next 5 to 10 years before another harvest is done. He is concerned that if the money is put into the general fund for the budget, it could disappear within a year and with the exception of tax revenue, there would be no money left for the Forest Board. Some communities set aside a dedicated amount for the purpose of supporting the forest.

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

2. Order 47-07112016

Adopting the collection policy for Emergency Management Services.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to adopt the collection policy for Emergency Management Services.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to postpone this item to the first meeting in September (September 12, 2016).
Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Young opposed, and Councilor Walker abstained).

VI. New Business

3. Resolve 08-07182016

Supporting the Industrial Park Income Reutilization Negotiations.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker supporting the Industrial Park Income Reutilization Negotiations.

Public comment –no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 51-07182016

Approving the request to waive the fees for the Team McKesson Flea Market fundraiser for the Dempsey Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone approving the request to waive the fees for the Team McKesson Flea Market fundraiser for the Dempsey Center.

Public comment –no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Pross, Titus, and Burns opposed).

VII. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D).

Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Young and Gilbert abstained). Time 7:30 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:30 P.M.

- **Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)**

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Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A).

Passage 5-0 (Councilors Burns and Stone were not present for the vote). Time 8:31 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:07 P.M.

VIII. Reports

A. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor's Pross, Stone, Titus, and Gilbert had nothing to report.

Councilor Walker reminded the public that next Tuesday night the United New Auburn Association would be meeting at Rolly's Diner in New Auburn. Doug Greene, City Planner will be speaking at the meeting. He also wanted to remind everyone that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church in New Auburn.

Councilor Burns announced to the public of the next Community and Economic Development Meeting which is to be held on Thursday (July 21st), at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers in Auburn Hall.

B. City Manager Report – Reported that Deb Grimmig, long time Human Resource Director for the City is retiring. Friday, June 22, 2016 is her last day. He added that the she has been with the City for over 35 years. The City is losing a very dedicated employee, one he respects, adding that she will be missed.

He noted that the Police Department is going through their CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) recertification.

He also announced that on Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Community Room, the Mayor and Police Chief have invited the public to come out to let their voice be heard regarding what has taken place over the last few weeks with Police Officers across the nation. He also offered his condolences to Police Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

C. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – June 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone until the next meeting that the Finance Director is in attendance.

Passage 7-0.

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

No one from the public spoke.

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- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager Howard Kroll 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. Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to nominate Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. There were no other nominations. Passage 7-0.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- July 18, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – National Night Out
- Proclamation and Presentation – Make a Wish Maine (Sonya Purington spoke)
- Norway Savings Bank Arena Update – Marc Gosselin

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the workshop item regarding crosswalk painting.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-07112016

Adopting the Woodlot Management Ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to adopt the Woodlot Management Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to amend by adding section 3.11 to the definitions of this ordinance that would read “timber harvest special revenue account a special revenue account whose funds are restricted to use in improving the community forest, funding the community cords account, the support of departments managing harvested woodlots and projects that may promote conservation and reduce any municipal energy costs or promote the cost of renewable energy”.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

The motion to amend failed 3-4 (Councilors Stone, Titus, Gilbert, and Walker opposed).

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Passage of the main motion 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 52-08012016

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment to Article 19 of the MAP Auburn Command Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment to Article 19 of the MAP Auburn Command Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

2. Order 53-08012016

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with I.A.F.F. (International Association of Firefighters) Local 797 for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with I.A.F.F. (International Association of Firefighters) Local 797 for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – the Mayor was not present to report.

Councilor Burns – reported on the Community and Economic Development Council Committee meeting that was held in July noting that their next meeting is to be held on August 18th at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of Auburn Hall.

Councilor Gilbert – reported that the Airport Board was meeting this week and would be discussing the selling the mining rights adding that she is not in favor of that until property rights in that area are taken care of.

Councilors Stone – had nothing to report.

Councilor Titus - had nothing to report.

Councilor Pross – reported that the School Committee's sub-committee on Finance will be meeting on August 2nd adding that he would report back after that meeting.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Marshall's Popcorn Truck was going to be on display at the National Night Out event on August 2nd.

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City Manager – congratulated Marc Gosselin, the General Manager of the Norway Savings Bank Arena on what he has been able to accomplish with the arena floor and the contract with Central Maine Orthopedics. He commended Deb Grimmig, Denis D’Auteuil, and Captain Mike Scott for their efforts during contract negotiations. He also wanted to remind residents that Tuesday, August 2nd was National Night Out at Festival Plaza. Friday through Sunday is Auburn’s Summer Festival. August 13th is the date for the Color Me RAD 5k event. Jim Horn, Aspirations Director at ELHS brought forth some ideas on working with the City and the technical school in Lewiston on constructing some homes on some of the vacant lots in Auburn.

Economic and Community Development Director Mike Chammings spoke on wanting to begin the process of an Agricultural Study.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman -June 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the June 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

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

David St. Germain, Morris Auto Parts, talked about the renewal of their auto graveyard/junkyard license. He stated that they are not really a junkyard/auto graveyard, but more of an automotive recycler and he would like the city to recognize him as such. He added that enforcement of the 100 year flood plan should be looked at, adding that the laws were written back in 1971.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, raised concerns about allowing the Mayor Pro Tem to vote and allowing Council to vote to go into executive session during a workshop. He also commented on the newly adopted woodlot ordinance and the community cords program.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- August 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

Alfreda Fournier, 43 Davis Avenue, commented on the litigation that is going on between the County and Municipalities, stating that she thought it was time for discussions to take place adding that she would be happy to answer any questions regarding the issue.

Tim Doughty, 75 Cherry Vale Circle commented on his tax bill the homestead exemption.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road spoke about a piece of property in Auburn and zoning issues with that property. He also provided Council with a handout relating to this property.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, also commented on the zoning issue.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 06-08152016

Zoning amendment for Evergreen Subaru from Suburban Residential to General Business. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the zoning amendment for Evergreen Subaru from Suburban Residential to General Business.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Burns and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 54-08152016

Casting votes for members of the Androscoggin County Budget Committee. Council may enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to cast votes for members of the Androscoggin County Budget Committee voting for Andrew Titus of Auburn to be the District 5 representative and Norman J. Beauparlant of Poland and Steve Bolduc of Mechanic Falls as the District 6 representative.

Public comment – Alfreda Fournier, 43 Davis Avenue.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda (Order 55-08152016 confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Tyler Ham as Constable with Firearm for the City of Auburn). Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt Order 55-08152016 confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Tyler Ham as Constable with Firearm for the City of Auburn. Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

VII. Executive Session – None

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – the Mayor spoke on the topic of creative crosswalks. He also provided hand outs to the Council.

B. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – reminded everyone that the Transportation and Environment Council Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 8/17/16, and the Great Falls TV Advisory Board bylaws will be reviewed by the committee. The Downing Shoe Shop and Knight House will be open on Saturday 8/20/2016.

Councilor Stone asked about the status on the Park Avenue construction.

Councilor Titus – reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Watch Group on Sunderland Drive will be meeting on the 6th of September, the Finance and Public Administration Council Committee met on August 11th and he provided an update. Their next meeting is to be held on September 8, 2016.

Councilor Gilbert – reported that the LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) will be meeting at 6PM in Room 204 at Auburn Hall and will be meeting in Lewiston at 2PM on the same date (Thursday 8/18/2016).

Councilor Walker announced that the Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting on August 25th at Mr. and Mrs. King’s house on South Main Street, and the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at Rolly’s Diner at 6PM.

Councilor Burns reported that the Economic and Community Development Council Committee will be meeting at 5:30 on 8/18/16. He also had an opportunity to present a framed copy of the proclamation declaring 8/13 as Make a Wish Day at the second annual Make a Wish block party at Macs Grill.

C. City Manager Report

Sue Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk addressed concerns that were brought up by a resident at the 8/15/16 Open Session regarding whether or not the Mayor Pro Tem is allowed to vote, and whether or not it is legal to hold an executive session during a Council workshop.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director went over the final budget numbers and discussed the overlay account which is used to cover abatements.

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

Joe Gray Sopers, Mill Road thanked the Mayor for his update on creative crosswalks. He said he would encourage this Council to watch the last Planning Board meeting. They did a great job talking to each other and working out the issues. He also noted that there was a resident that was opposed to the Evergreen Subaru Zoning item however she was not present for this meeting.

Mike Sargent, Main Street expressed pleasure on the Mayor’s report about creative crosswalks. He said he was excited about the idea of Rainbow crosswalk supporting GLBTQ Community and supports the idea and suggested that the scope not be limited to only the best practices of the cities included in the Mayor’s report.

Leroy Walker spoke saying he was sorry to see that the Joint Charter Commission will not be bringing the Consolidation Plan to a vote this November.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 275

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 56-09122016*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,601.00 in forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Anthony Barrome).

2. Order 57-09122016*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,561.00 in forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Hector Jimenez).

3. Order 58-09122016*

Setting the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the November 8, 2016 election.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- August 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Pross abstained as he was not present for that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

- Public Input – City Manager Search
No one from the public spoke
- Open Session
No one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 06-08152016

Zoning amendment for Evergreen Subaru from Suburban Residential to General Business. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Ordinance 06-08152016.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Burns and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

2. Order 59-09122016

Approving the City funding request for the Spring Street project, contingent upon passage of Orders 60-09122016 and 61-09122016.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of Order 59-09122016 adding the funding source as Home funds.

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

3. Order 60-09122016

Amending the Downtown Development and TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District #10 removing the parcel at 62 Spring Street (Municipal Tax Map 240-Parcel 257). Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 60-09122016.

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

4. Order 61-09122016

Establishing an Economic Development and TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District #20 to designate the parcel at 62 Spring Street (Municipal Tax Map 240-257). Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 61-09122016.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend by reducing the capture amount of the TIF percentage from 76% to 50%.

Motion to amend failed 2-5 (Councilors Young, Pross, Gilbert, Walker, and Burns opposed).

Passage of the main motion 7-0.

5. Ordinance 07-09122016

Amending the Colonial Ridge Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning map from Industrial District to Suburban Residential. Public hearing and first reading.

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

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

VII. Executive Session – None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – the Mayor thanked the Auburn Fire Department for the 9/11 ceremony and blood drive that was held on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Councilor Young – reported on the Lake Auburn Half Marathon that took place on September 11, 2016.

Councilor Pross – reported on the School Committee noting that school is back in session and the School Department went through a bid process for bus transportation and the contract was awarded to Ledgemere Transportation. He also reported on the Lake Auburn Half Marathon, and on a personal note, on the Auburn Police Department working with him and his family in getting their lost dog back home.

Councilors Stone – reported that reconstruction had begun on the remaining portion of Park Avenue.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Finance and Public Administration Council Committee meeting that took place on September 8th and also commented on an incident he observed involving a police officer trying to catch a small dog that had gotten loose.

Councilor Gilbert – had nothing to report at this time.

Councilor Walker – reported that South Main Street is still being worked on, and also reported on the Hampshire Street project.

Councilor Burns – reported that the Appointment Committee met just prior to the Council Meeting to make nominations which will be going before the full Council at the next meeting for appointments to be made. He noted that he was appointed as Chair of that committee. He also thanked everyone who applied to serve on a board or committee adding that there were still vacancies to fill and he encouraged people to apply.

City Manager – Acting City Manager Denis D'Auteuil wanted to remind residents of a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 PM at the Hasty Community Center to talk about the proposed Senior Center. He provided an update on the Park Avenue project. He also wanted to let citizens know that September 17th is Auburn River Day which will be a great community event with lots of activities for everyone, and he talked about the next Police Academy that will begin on September 20th.

He also wanted to do a 6 month check in on Council Committees and is looking for Councilors to provide him with feedback on how they are working out, what they are seeing, what they like or don't like, and with any comments they may have.

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

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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ATTEST

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 279

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 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

- September 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Auburn Book Project Winner
Cooper Dunn, winner of the Auburn Book Project for a book he wrote and illustrated called “Danger Off the Coast” was presented with a Key to the City by Mayor LaBonté. There will be a sale and book signing at the Auburn Public Library at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 29, 2016.
- Assessing and Abatement Presentation – Karen Scammon, City Assessor

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

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street voiced his concerns about the Parks Department no longer existing. He said in his opinion, he feels that we need that department back in full swing in order to better maintain our park areas.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented that recently he worked on a large project on Riverside Drive. When he started the project, he had to pull permits. He said that he called Karen Scammon who worked with him adding that she did an exceptional, professional job.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 07-09122016

Amending the Colonial Ridge Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning map from Industrial District to Suburban Residential. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Ordinance 07-09122016.

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

VI. New Business

2. Order 62-09192016

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

Council may enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 62-09192016.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to postpone the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board appointments until the 10/3/2016 Council meeting.

Motion failed – 3-4 (Councilors Young, Titus, Walker, and Burns opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion failed for lack of a 3/5 vote, 4-3 (Councilors Pross, Young, and Gilbert were opposed).

Passage of main motion 5-2 (Councilors Stone and Titus opposed).

Public comment – Dana Staples asked why only 6 appointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were made if there are 7 vacancies and there were more applications that were submitted. Councilor Burns, Chair of the Appointment Committee stated that the Ordinance only allows 2 representatives from each Ward and many of the applicants were from the same Ward.

VII. Executive Session

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

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

Passage 7-0. Time in 7:55 PM.

The Mayor declared Council out of executive session at 8:20 PM.

VIII. Reports

- A. Mayor's Report** – the Mayor reported on the City Manager search. On 9/26/16 at 5:30 PM there will be a Council Workshop where they will go into executive session to review the applications. There were 40 applicants. The Office of Tourism hired a new marketing firm out of New York to do State promotions. They will be in town mid week next week to take photos featuring the River and river based recreation. The photos will be used as part of the ad that is being used to promote the State. He also wanted to thank staff, the United New Auburn

Association, Androscoggin Land Trust, Rolly's Diner, Shaker Hill Outdoors, Councilor Walker who was involved in putting together and attended Auburn River Day event.

B. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Stone – reported on the Audit Committee meeting. The Committee met with auditors Runyon, Kirsteen, and Ouellette. There were no significant audit findings and everything is in order. The audit is ongoing. The auditors will be back in November. He also reported on the progress of the Park Avenue project.

Councilor Gilbert – reported on the public meeting on the proposed Senior Center.

Councilors Titus, Young, Walker, Burns, and Pross had nothing to report at this time.

C. City Manager Report – reported that the Good Food Council is looking for support from the cities of Lewiston and Auburn to adopt and support the Good Food Charter, a policy statement that promotes healthy food.

D. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – July 2016 and August 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns to accept and place on file the July 2016 and August 2016 Monthly Finance Reports.

Passage 7-0.

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

Michael Chammings, Director of Economic and Community Development wanted to thank the Assessing and Clerks staff for helping to prepare documents needed .

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 282

Mayor LaBonté 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.

I. Consent Items

1. **Order 63-10032016***
Adopting the By-laws of the Auburn-Lewiston Advisory Cable TV Committee.
2. **Order 64-10032016***
Approving the temporary sign request for St. Dominic Academy's Annual Holiday Festival.
3. **Resolve 09-10032016***
Supporting the LA (Lewiston Auburn) Good Food Charter.
4. **Order 65-10032016***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.
5. **Order 66-10032016***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.
6. **Order 67-10032016***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.
7. **Order 68-10032016***
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.
8. **Order 69-10032016***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, DBA Morris Auto Parts & Sales, located at 940 Washington St. N.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- September 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Tizz E.H. Crowley was presented with the Spirit of America Award

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- Eric Cousens discussed State Stormwater Standards (this item was carried over from workshop)

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

Steve Damien, South Witham Road asked if improvements could be made on the South Witham Road to fill in some of the ruts.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, complimented the Auburn Police Department for doing a good job they did during the Dempsey Challenge event. He also commented that he was disappointed that there wasn't an opportunity for public input during the workshop discussion. He also asked why he was not appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Committee when appointments were made a few weeks ago adding that there were 3 vacancies, and only his application.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, commented on the last Planning Board meeting and the discussion on the 1863 Pownal Road property. He said that he was also disappointed that there wasn't an opportunity for public input during the workshop discussion tonight adding that he does not support funding the Agricultural Study.

V. **Unfinished Business - none**

VI. **New Business**

9. **Ordinance 08-10032016**

Adopting the General Assistance Appendices A and C, effective 10/01/2016 to 9/30/2017. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage of Ordinance 08-10032016.

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

10. **Resolve 10-10032016**

Initiating the public process to consider an amendment to the General Business Zoning District to modify the light industrial use group.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Resolve 10-10032016.

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

VII. **Executive Session - None**

VIII. **Reports**

Mayor's Report – the Mayor had a power point presentation in regards to the new high school.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – reported on the Dempsey Challenge. Pictures can be found on mainerunningphotos.com.

Councilor Pross – no report

Councilor Stone - reported that the Park Avenue project is coming along. He also reminded everyone that the University of Maine Women's Hockey league will be coming to the Norway Savings Bank Arena and people should get their tickets soon.

Councilor Titus – also reported on the Dempsey Challenge, and reported on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee meeting.

Councilor Gilbert – reported on the Environment and Transportation Council Committee's last meeting.

Councilor Walker – reported on the South Main Street project.

Councilor Burns – no report

City Manager – also reminded citizens that the University of Maine women's hockey team will be here on the 15th, Central Maine Community College has also started a team this year. Friday the 14th is their first game at the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

He also handed out to Council the tentative fourth quarter Council calendar so they can see what is coming up adding that it is a draft and is subject to change.

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

No one from the public spoke.

- X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 285

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 70-10172016*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the November 8, 2016 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- October 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor walker to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Auburn Police Department Badge Pinning Ceremony
 - Patrol Officer Travis M. Barnies
 - Patrol Officer Devon A. Bohacik
 - Patrol Officer Jonathan P. Edwards
 - Patrol Officer Andrew W. Jarman
- Proclamation - Food Day
- Community Little Theater Presentation

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

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road thanked the Public Services Crews for doing an exceptional job on an issue that he has been dealing with for a while.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 08-10032016

Adopting the General Assistance Appendices A and C, effective 10/01/2016 to 9/30/2017. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of Ordinance 08-10032016.

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

VI. New Business

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to accept the report. Passage 7-0.

3. Order 71-10172016

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for TY Auto located at 249 Merrow Road. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 71-10172016.

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

4. Ordinance 09-10172016

Amending the zoning map in the area of 1863 Pownal Road. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Ordinance 09-10172016.

Public hearing – John Shumadine, Attorney from Murray, Plumb & Murray and a representative of Jenis Holding Company, recommends postponing this item to allow time for the interested parties to work together to come up with an agreement to conform this property.

Heaven Love, previous owner of the property, commented that nobody was willing to work with her to get this property conformed adding that as a result, she got rid of her home because she felt her hands were tied.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented on the proposed Agricultural Study that is on the agenda, and he recommended that Council postpone this item until the Agricultural Study is done (if approved).

Jim Mcphee, 72 Hillcrest Street, representing Gary McFarland, the current owner of 1863 Pownal Road. He commented that he and Mr. McFarland have made repeated requests to Jenis Holding Company to convey property to make the property whole again with no luck. Mr. McFarland is more than willing sit down with the Jenis Holding representative in order to make this right. He suggested that this item be postponed to allow time for parties to sit down and discuss further.

John Mclean, owner of 741 Broad Street spoke regarding item #9 on the agenda.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, suggested this item be postponed until the two parties can work this out.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item until the next meeting (November 7, 2016). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

5. Order 72-10172016

Authorizing the Finance Director to appropriate \$40,000 of unallocated bond proceeds for the purpose of funding the necessary technical assistance to complete a study and plan of Auburn's Agricultural and Resource Protection District.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of Order 72-10172016.

Public comment:

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, stated that he was not in favor of this study.

Robert Spencer, advised that he did an analysis on properties in the South Auburn area. He spoke of the 50% rule stating that it should be lifted and in doing so, the value of the properties increase.

Kirsten Walters, St Mary's nutrition center spoke in support of the study.

Jim McPhee, spoke in opposition of the study.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, said that the 50% rule is the biggest roadblock. The 10 acre minimum is another roadblock. He does not think the study is needed adding that it is a "complete waste of money".

Motion was made by Councilor Gilbert and seconded by Councilor Pross to postpone this item until the next meeting (November 7, 2016). Passage 4-3 (Councilors Stone, Titus, and Walker opposed).

6. Ordinance 10-10172016

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 2, Subdivision 1, Sec. 60-1301 (4) to update references to State Stormwater Standards to allow the City to maintain Delegated review Authority. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of Ordinance 10-10172016.

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

7. Order 73-10172016

Authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Downtown Auburn Transportation Center Ground Lease.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert for passage of Order 73-10172016.

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

8. Order 74-10172016

Authorizing the Acting City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) and the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gilbert for passage of Order 74-10172016.

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

9. Order 75-10172016

Disposition of building located at 741 Broad Street under dangerous building statute.

Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Parties with interest: Eric Cousens, Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development, and John McLean, property owner.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of Order 75-10172016 accepting the findings of facts, conclusions of law and the conditions of the order as laid out.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Executive Session - none

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – asked that we keep Kim Taylor, Principal at Sherwood Heights School, in our thoughts and prayers as she grieves the loss of her husband.

B. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Walker - October 29th is Hello-ween Day in new auburn.

Councilor Burns – gave thanks to the Clerk’s office for their service when he went in to request an absentee ballot and he reminded residents that they have until Thursday, November 3rd to request an absentee ballot.

Councilor Gilbert – reminded residents of the ribbon cutting for the bus station (Downtown Auburn Transportation Center) on Thursday at 3pm on October 20, 2016.

C. City Manager Report

He complimented the Norway Savings Bank Arena staff for putting on two great games. Central Maine Community College Mustangs had their first game, and the Lady Black Bears topped Boston College, ranked 5th in the nation, with 36 seconds left in the game. There were over 775 attendees. It was a great event.

On October 20th, the Tax Office is closed due to a software upgrade. The Clerk’s office will be open for voting only.

He also reminded the public of the joint workshop with the School Department which will held on Wednesday.

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road said that he hopes we do not charge the owner of 741 Broad Street for the demolition of his property.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 290

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 76-11072016*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Ski Association.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage of Order 76-11072016. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- October 17, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Extra Mile Day

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, thanked staff for doing a great job with the follow up on an issue that was discussed at the last Council meeting.

Bob Spencer, commented on the public meeting that will be held in regards to the Agricultural Zone study. He would like the discussion to include people that are looking to buy property in the South Auburn area, he would also like there to be a time limit set on how long people can speak during the public comment period, and he would like to see someone other than the Mayor run that meeting.

Wayne Souza, Auburn resident – commented on the amount of exhaust caused from the number of vehicles that are driven in the Auburn area.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 09-10172016

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

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to postpone this item again until the December 5, 2016 meeting. Passage 6-0.

2. Order 72-10172016

Authorizing the Finance Director to appropriate \$40,000 of unallocated bond proceeds for the purpose of funding the necessary technical assistance to complete a study and plan of Auburn's Agricultural and Resource Protection District.

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Motion was made by Councilor Pross. There was no second.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing City Staff to issue an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the purposes of soliciting proposals to complete a study of Auburn's Agricultural and Resource Protection District without the authorization of funding.

Public comment:

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, said that he wants no part of this study.

Kirsten Walter, St. Mary's Nutritional Center, said that she has spoken to farmers who are supportive of the study if it is looking at the broader picture rather than just looking at the ordinance.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Stone opposed).

3. Ordinance 10-10172016

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 2, Subdivision 1, Sec. 60-1301 (4) to update references to State Stormwater Standards to allow the City to maintain Delegated review Authority. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Ordinance 10-10172016.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

4. Order 77-11072016

Waiving fees for the annual Sixth Street Congregational Church Fair and Bake Sale.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 77-11072016.

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

5. Order 78-11072016

Reimbursing St. Dom's Academy for the Flea Market/Craft Fair fees for their annual St. Dom's Holiday Festival held on 11/5/2016.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 78-11072016.

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

6. Order 79-11072016

Adopting the Program Guidelines for the Storefront Traffic Accelerates Revitalization (Star Program). Public hearing.

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage of Order 79-11072016.

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

7. Order 80-11072016

Adopting the Neighborhood Challenge Grant Guidelines. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 80-11072016.

Public hearing:

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – commented that he finds it troubling that the grants are in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 adding that not all projects will equal those amounts. He said he feels that the guidelines are too stiff.

Wayne Souza, Auburn resident stated that he agrees with Mr. Gray's comments.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend by splitting one of the \$5,000 grants into five \$1,000 grants. Passage 6-0.

Passage of Order 80-11072016 as amended, 6-0.

8. Public Hearing – Cooperative Housing Program

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to open the public hearing. No one from the public spoke.

9. Public Hearing – Allocation of CDBG funds for the Hampshire Street Reconstruction Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to open the public hearing. No one from the public spoke.

Public hearing-Dan Goyette, PS director – provided council with an update on the project.

10. Ordinance 11-11072016

Amending Chapter 60 Zoning, Section 60-1 Definitions, Section 60-499 General Business Use Regulations and Section 60-525 General Business II Use Regulations to modify the light industrial use group to allow for industrial uses whose main process includes fabrication and not limit the use to the assembly of prefabricated parts if certain conditions are met. First Reading and Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Young for passage of Ordinance 11-11072016.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

11. Order 81-11072016

Authorizing the Acting City Manager to sign the contract between the City of Auburn and Community Concepts Financial Corporation (CCFC).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 81-11072016.

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

12. Order 82-11072016

Amending the original assessed value (OAV) included in the TIF #19 District's application that was found to be incorrect due to a typo (\$1,178,340 instead of the correct OAV of \$1,278,600).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 82-11072016.

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

13. Order 83-11072016

Authorizing the Acting City Manager to add additional language to the Development Program for TIF #20. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage of Order 83-11072016.

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

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – reminded people to go out and vote tomorrow.

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Pross – no report

Councilor Stone – reported that he has been getting a number of calls regarding drivers that are speeding. He urged the public to slow down and pay attention while you are driving.

Councilor Titus – provided an update on the Androscoggin County Budget.

Councilor Gilbert – reported that there will be a public meeting on the November 17, 2016 for proposed changes to Beech Hill Road. She said she hopes the public will turn out for that meeting.

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Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association is inviting the public to a Christmas parade in New Auburn on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The Lewiston/Auburn parade is going to be held the week before. Residents are encouraged to attend both parades.

He also reported that the New Auburn bridge is not marked with height requirements- people aren't always comfortable driving across.

City Manager – reminded the public that Friday, November 11th was Veterans Day and City Hall will be closed. Police and Fire will be on duty. He also encouraged the public to vote on Tuesday, November 8th.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – September 2016 Monthly Finance Report
Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 2016 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

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

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, asked if there is going to be a meeting held next week with in regards to the Agricultural Zone item. Acting City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil confirmed that the meeting will take place as planned.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Walker had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 84-11212016*

Confirm Chief Crowell's appointment of Joshua S. King as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

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

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- November 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept the minutes of November 7, 2016 as presented. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Burns abstained as he was not present for that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Norway Savings Bank Arena Update – Marc Gosselin, General Manager of the Norway Savings Bank Arena announced that they will be hosting the Vacationland RV & Camping Show on April 8th and 9th of 2017. Kathy Dyer, the Executive Director of the Maine Campground Owners Association (MECOA) and Todd Southwick, President of the Maine Campground Owners Association and owner of Kokatosi Campground in Raymond, Maine provided more information about organization (MECOA) and the event.

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

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-11072016

Amending Chapter 60 Zoning, Section 60-1 Definitions, Section 60-499 General Business Use Regulations and Section 60-525 General Business II Use Regulations to modify the light industrial use group to allow for industrial uses whose main process includes fabrication and not limit the use to the assembly of prefabricated parts if certain conditions are met. Second Reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

2. Order 85-11212016

Approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Sapphire Entertainment. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross to withdraw this item from the agenda until it is ready for action. Passage 6-0.

3. Order 86-11212016

Adopting the proposed EMS policy.

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

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

4. Order 87-11212016

Accepting the Cultural Plan as presented by LA Arts.

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

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

5. Order 88-11212016

Accepting Cascades Drive as a city street.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone to a date to be determined. Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, time 7:42 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:20 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, time 8:20 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:04 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, time 9:22.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:51 PM.

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – he commented on the November 8th election and thanked staff for their efforts in running a smooth election. He reported that he attended the employee recognition event that was held at the Martindale Country Club on Wednesday, November 16th adding that it was a fun event and it was good to meet with staff outside of City Hall. He also reported that he had a meeting last week with Todd Desgrosseillier, the CEO of a non-profit group called Project Healing Waters, a program that supports disabled veterans through a fly fishing program. Mayor LaBonte and Lewiston Mayor Robert McDonald both met with Mr. Desgrosseilliers and talked to him about bringing that program here along the Androscoggin River. They Mayor also had a meeting with the owners of Lost Valley to discuss their vision, their challenges, and what they see as opportunities. The Mayor is planning on following up with staff on that meeting. He also announced that there will be a joint workshop with the Lewiston City Council on Monday, November 28th at 6PM here at Auburn Hall to discuss the finances of Lewiston-Auburn 9-1-1.

B. City Councilors' Reports

The Mayor reported on behalf of **Councilor Walker** who had an excused absence. He wanted to remind the public that on Saturday, November 26th, is the Festival of Lights, a Christmas tree lighting and parade starting in Auburn and into Lewiston. The following Saturday, December 3rd is the New Auburn parade, tree lighting, adding that Santa Claus will be there.

Councilor Young – reported on the Beech Hill Road meeting that was held on Thursday and noted that there was a full house.

Councilor Pross – reported on the School Committee debate about closing the schools used as polling places on Election Day due to safety concerns adding that he was very much opposed to the idea and ultimately the School Committee decided not to. The message he wants to send to our children is that voting and democracy is a safe thing to do and it was proven to be the right choice. He also noted that we may want to consider moving polling places out of the schools.

Councilor Stone – the Auburn Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame will be holding their Tip-Off Classic fundraiser this weekend (Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th).

Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Gilbert – reported on the Beech Hill Road meeting that was held on Thursday adding that she thought the meeting went well.

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Councilor Burns – echoed the Mayor’s comments and thanked staff for running a smooth election. He also wanted to recognize that yesterday was Transgender Day of Remembrance. A memorial was held here in Lewiston-Auburn for members of the transgender community who have lost their lives in the past year.

C. City Manager Report – reported on the employee recognition event that was held on Wednesday, November 16th adding that it went well. Many awards were handed out as well as service pins for 5 year increments of service totaling 510 years. It was a positive event that was well received by staff. He also commented on the Beech Hill Road meeting noting that staff will be coming forward with a recommendation and update. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving noting that Auburn Hall would be closed on Thursday and Friday (November 24th and 25th).

D. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – October 2016 Monthly Finance Report

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

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

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 299

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 89-12052016*

Re-appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2018.

2. Order 90-12052016*

Re-appointing Karen Scammon as City Assessor with a term expiration of January 31, 2019.

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

II. Minutes

- November 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to accept the minutes of November 21, 2016 as presented. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

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

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library wanted to let the public know that the Library has been selected by YELP, an online review platform, to participate in their foundations annual grant contest. The library is one of three organizations in southern Maine that have an opportunity to win either \$5,000, \$3,000, or \$2,000. People can go to the Auburn Public Library's website and look for the link to the YELP contest and people can vote every day.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 09-10172016

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

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to postpone until December 19, 2016. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Young and Walker opposed).

VI. New Business

2. Order 91-12052016

Funding for the Hampshire Street Project.

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 91-12052016. Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 92-12052016**

Sapphire Entertainment. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to approve the Liquor License (Class A Lounge) and Special Amusement Permit for Sapphire Entertainment, Inc. located at 150 Center Street.

Public hearing – Amanda Cloutier, owner, and Jeremy Fitts, manager provided Council with information regarding the establishment. No other members of the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. **Executive Session - None**

VIII. **Reports**

a. **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that he will be meeting with Michael Chammings (Director of Economic and Community Development), and Acting City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil on Wednesday to talk about the Union Street target area and what it will take to see more private investment in this neighborhood. He is also looking at establishing an ad hoc committee to focus on that area.

He also reported that he would be establishing a Mayor's Committee on Sports Tourism and Visitor Impact. Marc Gosselin, General Manager of the Norway Savings Bank Arena, will staff the Committee.

Last, he provided an update on the L-A Railroad Board meeting that took place the morning of 12/5/2016. The meeting was to vote on a contract for services with the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council. He expressed concerns that over the last fiscal year, the Railroad Company paid the Growth Council \$20,000 for administrative support (\$125 per hour after breaking down the number of hours worked). The Growth Council is now requesting \$25,000 for administrative support. The Mayor offered several amendments, and each of those amendments failed. He expressed his frustration and noted that he plans to work with Councilor Stone and Dick Trafton, the chair of the Railroad Board to come up with some ideas on what they would like to propose to the Railroad Board and will bring those forward to the Council for discussion.

b. **City Councilors' Reports**

Councilor Pross – reported that last Tuesday was the first formal meeting of the ELHS Building Committee. On December 14th, they will be interviewing architects for the project.

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Councilor Burns – reported that he also attended the ELHS Building Committee meeting. He is on the architect sub-committee and will be attending the meeting on December 14th.

Councilor Walker – thanked City staff for their assistance on the Christmas Parade in New Auburn. It was a great night out.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Androscoggin Budget Committee, and the litigation that took place regarding Charter disputes (whether or not the budget committee had complete authority over the budget and over salaries and benefits).

He also provided an update on the Water and Sewer District meetings.

Councilor Stone – reported on Gippers Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame Basketball tournament. They had approximately a 25% increase adding that sports are a hot item in this community.

- c. **City Manager Report** – wanted to commend the Public Services Department for their efforts rolling out the Sand Buckets for Seniors Program.

He also handed out an informational sheet regarding a solar project that will be coming forward at the workshop on December 19, 2016.

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

No one from the public spoke.

- X. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

Minutes

- December 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Council welcomed State Representative Gina Melaragno. The Mayor said he would like to meet at least once a month with the Auburn delegation. He would also like to see the City Council receive monthly communications from the local delegation. Areas of interest expressed by a few members of the Council are County Jail funding (Councilor Titus) and School funding (Councilor Walker).

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

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 09-10172016

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

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

Public comment:

Peter Moore, Jordan School Road, asked why we were looking at rezoning 4 parcels when only one is in question, and he asked for clarification.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Road, recommends postponing this item indefinitely until the agricultural zone issue is settled.

Heaven Love, previous owner of this property asked that the property not be changed to residential. She asked that we keep it as is and allow work to be done to the home. She said she would like the council to approve conforming the 8.9 acre parcel.

Motion failed 1-5 (Councilors Young, Stone, Titus, Gilbert, and Burns opposed).

VI. New Business

2. Order 93-12192016

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Approving the Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Lava/House of Bacon located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session

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

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0. Time in 7:31.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:13 PM.

- Discussion regarding a personnel matter (City Manager search) with possible action to follow, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage. Passage 6-0. Time in 8:14 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 PM.

VIII. Reports

- A. Mayor's Report** – reported that he had the opportunity to attend the Hanukkah festivities at the Temple Shalom. He was there for the lighting of the Menorah adding that it was a great opportunity to experience that event.

B. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Stone - no report

Councilor Titus – reported on the Water and Sewerage District meetings.

Councilor Gilbert - announced that she was at her last meeting. She has moved out of Ward 4 which means that there will be a special election to fill her seat. She said that she has enjoyed serving. She thanked city staff and her constituents.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church. He also noted that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner. City staff will be there to talk about grant money that is available.

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Councilor Burns - thanked Councilor Gilbert for serving on the Council adding that she will be missed. He reported that he had the opportunity last Wednesday to attend the Architect Selection sub-committee meeting last week. He thanked everyone who contributed to that meeting. He wanted residents to be aware that there are several openings on various Boards and Committees of the City. The Appointment Committee will be meeting in February to review applications.

C. City Manager Report – wanted to announce and recognize City Hall staff for receiving the SHAPE award (safety and health award for public employees) recognizing public sector employees for maintaining excellence in their safety and health management systems. The award was presented last week by the Maine Bureau of Labor Safety Works.

D. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – November 2016 Monthly Finance Report

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

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

Adam Lee, Garden Circle, thanked Councilor Gilbert for her service.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Gilbert and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. Passage 6-0, time 8:52 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 01-01092017*

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

2. Order 02-01092017*

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

3. Order 03-01092017*

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

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

II. Minutes

- December 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.
Passage 4-0-1(Councilor Pross abstained because he was not present at the December 19, 2016 meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

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

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

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 09-10172016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VI. New Business - None

VII. Executive Session

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

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

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

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

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

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

VIII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report

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

b. City Councilors' Reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST 
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

1. **Order 06-02062017***

Confirming the award for Legal Services to the Malloy Firm.

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

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

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

II. **Minutes**

- January 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

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

III. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

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

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

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

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

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 88-11212016**

Accepting Cascades Drive as a city street.

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

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

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

VI. New Business

2. Order 07-02062017

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

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

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

Passage 6-0.

3. Ordinance 01-02062017

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

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

Public hearing- no one from the public spoke.

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

2. Order 06-02062017* (this item was moved from the consent agenda to new business)

Confirming the award for Legal Services to the Malloy Firm.

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

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

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

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

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

No one from the public spoke.

VII. Executive Session

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

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

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

VIII. Reports

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

- City Councilors' Reports**

Councilor Young – no report

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

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

Councilor Titus - no report

Councilor Walker - no report

Councilor Burns – reported on the ELHS Building Committee meeting.

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

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

X. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Unfinished Business

1. Order 06-02062017

Confirming the award for Legal Services to the Malloy Firm.

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

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

II. Executive Session

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

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

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

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

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

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

III. Adjournment

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

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Minutes

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

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

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

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

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

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

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

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-02062017

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business

2. Order 07-02272017

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

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

Passage 5-0.

3. Order 08-02272017

Appointing John Bubier as Acting City Manager.

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

Passage 5-0.

4. Order 09-02272017

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

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

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

5. Order 10-02272017

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

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

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

6. Order 11-02272017

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

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

7. Order 12-02272017

Appointing Dana Bonenfant to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee (term expiration of 10/01/2017) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

8. Order 13-02272017

Appointing James Ayotte to the Ethics Committee (term expiration of 01/01/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

9. Order 14-02272017

Appointing Suzanne Roy to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (term expiration 10/01/2018) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

10. Order 15-02272017

Appointing the following members to the Planning Board as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Full member, re-appointments: Nathan Hamlyn, Marc Tardif, Mia Poliquin Pross, Sam Scogin (term expirations 01/01/2020) and Associate members Christopher Lewis and Dustin Boutin (term expirations 01/01/2020).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Pross abstained).

11. Order 16-02272017

Re-appointing Raymond Fortier to the Auburn Sewer District with a term expiration of 03/01/2021 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

12. Order 17-02272017

Appointing Joel Simons to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiration of 10/01/2019 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

13. Order 18-02272017

Appointing members to the Auburn Water District as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Robert Cavanagh and Mary Sylvester (term expirations of 03/01/2021), and Dan Bilodeau (term expiration of 03/01/2018).

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

14. **Order 19-02272017**

Appointing a member to the Auburn Housing Authority (term expiration of 10/01/2021).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until March 6, 2017 meeting. Passage 5-0.

15. **Resolve 01-02272017**

Calling upon the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commissioners to adopt a meeting schedule and locations convenient to the general public, specifically to a time after 5 pm and to rotate meeting locations between Lewiston City Hall and Auburn City Hall.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to postpone indefinitely. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Burns opposed).

VII. **Executive Session**

- Executive Session regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)
This item was taken up during the workshop.
- Executive Session regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. 5-0. Time 7:31 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:53 PM.

VIII. **Reports**

A. Mayor's Report – reported on the Lions Tournament hosted at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, the Jam the Gym fundraiser for the PAL Center, the ELHS boys basketball game against Portland, and Aroma Joe's opening. He also reported that Thursday, March 9th is the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. The theme for the presentation is the Androscoggin River.

B. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS track team and the upcoming Androscoggin Historical Society meeting.

Councilor Pross – reported on the Recreation Departments Father Daughter Dance and the upcoming Edward Little High School Building Committee meeting, and the next Lake Auburn Neighborhood Watch Association meeting.

Councilor Titus - reported on the Sunderland Drive and Western Avenue Neighborhood meetings, and the Auburn Water and Sewer meetings.

Councilor Walker – invited people to attend the next United New Auburn Association meeting scheduled February 28th at Rolly's Diner at 6pm. He also reported on the Neighborhood Watch meeting, winter maintenance, speeding, and the crosswalk by the YMCA, and a meeting that was held regarding the possible consolidation of Lewiston and Auburn.

Councilor Burns reported on the Citizen Advisory Committee and the upcoming ELHS Building Committee meeting.

C. City Manager Report – reported that the MDOT will be installing rumble strips from the New Gloucester town line to Kittyhawk, and he complimented Public Services and Facilities staff for their work over the last month with all of the storms and he also thanked the public for being patient.

D. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded Pross by Councilor to accept and place on file the January 2017 Monthly finance report. 5-0

IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor, time adjourned 8:18 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Stone had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

1. **Order 20-03062017***

Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue School's April Festival.

2. **Order 21-03062017***

Accept and place on file the City Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.
Passage 5-0.

II. **Minutes**

- February 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

III. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

IV. **Open Session** – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library invited community members to a showing of a documentary called "Screenagers" on March 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM. It is about how technology is affecting our youth.

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 19-02272017**

Appointing a member to the Auburn Housing Authority (term expiration of 10/01/2021).
Council may enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Jonathan Labonte to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A). The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil invited Attorney Mike Malloy to provide an update to the Council regarding a potential conflict of interest under HUD regulations with three of the four applicants.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item to a date uncertain. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Burns opposed).

VI. **New Business**

2. Ordinance 02-03062017

Adopting the Complete Streets Committee Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public hearing – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street looking for clarification on the meaning of the term “complete streets”.

Councilor Walker recommended adding City Manager where City Administrator is referenced (example: City Administrator/City Manager) before the second reading in order to align with Auburn’s form of Government as well as Lewiston’s.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 03-03062017

Adopting the Complete Streets Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on sidewalks and is hoping this group can address sidewalk issues.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 22-03062017

Authorizing the reallocation of unspent proceeds from the City’s General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$42,000 to be used for the renovation of the Parks Garage for a Senior Center. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

5. Order 23-03062017

Consolidating to one polling place for the June 13, 2017 Election. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-4 (Councilors Pross, Titus, Walker, and Burns opposed).

VII. Executive Session

- Executive Session regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to enter into executive session. Passage 5-0. Time 8:04 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:46 PM.

VIII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report:

- St. Dom's women's hockey team won the Class A championship
- The Central Maine Community College women's basketball team won the national championship (the first woman's basketball team in Maine to do so) and he thanked the MDOT, State Police, Sheriff's staff, and city staff for quickly pulling together a strong "welcoming back" to them.
- He reported that the Café at the Auburn Public Library is now closed and he is working with library board members on how to utilize that space moving forward
- This Thursday is the Chamber Breakfast where there will be a three part presentation on the Androscoggin River (The Past, Present, and Future)
- He noted that he will be traveling to the National League of Cities early next week
- He will be in North Adams, Massachusetts at the end of next week at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art where Auburn artist Tonya Hollander has opened an exhibit

b. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Pross -no report

Councilor Titus

- He would like to see a Spring clean up this year

Councilor Walker

- He noted that he would also like to see a Spring clean up and he would like to see some changes made (rather than doing it all at once, break it up possibly by ward).

Councilor Burns - no report

c. City Manager Report

- noted that there is money in the budget for Spring clean up this year.

IX. Open session – Adam Lee, Garden Circle commented on the Auburn Housing Authority item that was postponed. He said that he feels that we should use our Boards and Committees as an opportunity to expand rather than contract the number of individuals in the City that have a role in our government adding that applicant Jen Kimble is a highly qualified candidate for that board.

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X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor. Adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to elect Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 5-0 (Councilor Stone absent).

Mayor Pro Tempore Young called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. New Business

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract appointing Peter J. Crichton as City Manager, effective April 10, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage. Passage 5-0.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, all were in favor. Adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

1. Order 25-03202017*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Business Association's "Citizen of the Year" signs.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- March 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns for to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Stone abstained because he was not present for that meeting).

- March 13, 2017 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Stone abstained because he was not present for that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Welcome and Introduction of Peter Crichton the New City Manager of Auburn
- Recognition - St. Dom's Women's Hockey Team (State Championship winners)

IV. Open Session

Chief Phil Crowell, and President of the Auburn PAL (Police Activities League) Association noted that he is in the process of submitting an application for the Neighborhood Challenge Program for the Chestnut Street area.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-03062017

Adopting the Complete Streets Committee Ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 03-03062017

Adopting the Complete Streets Ordinance. Second reading.

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to amend section 5, Exceptions by replacing City Administrator with City Manager.

Passage of amendment 6-0.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of the Ordinance as amended 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Order 22-03062017**

Authorizing the reallocation of unspent proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$42,000 to be used for the renovation of the Parks Garage for a Senior Center. Public hearing and Second Reading. *Requires an affirmative vote of 5 for passage.*

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Belinda Gerry, 143 Mill St, thanked Council for supporting seniors in Auburn and she talked about the proposed senior center.

Passage 6-0.

VI. **New Business**

4. **Order 26-03202017**

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fee for the New Auburn Little League, a non-profit organization (Sherwood Heights and Pulsifer Park) for the 2017 season.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Pross opposed).

5. **Order 27-03202017**

Adopting the City Property Sale Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to add quarterly reporting to section 3.5 Recommendations.

Passage of the amendment 6-0.

Passage as the Order as amended 6-0.

6. Order 28-03202017

Amending the City of Auburn 2010 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the properties located at 121 Hampshire Street (PID # 250-316) and 127 Hampshire Street (PID # 250-315) from High Density Neighborhood Conservation (HDNC).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Jim McPhee and Sophia Nolan, both spoke in favor of passage of the Order. A petition with patron signatures supporting the project was presented and will be placed on file.

Passage 6-0.

7. Ordinance 04-03202017

Adopting the proposed future land use and zone map amendments for 121 and 127 Hampshire Street. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Executive Session – regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) with possible action to follow (this item was moved from the workshop to the meeting agenda).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 6-0. Time in 7:50 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:31 PM. No action was taken.

VIII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – reported on attending the National League of Cities, a meeting he attended last week with a consulting firm out of Connecticut that is working with Museum LA, his visit to North Adams, MA. At The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art where Auburn resident Tanja Hollander opened her Art exhibit, and next week he will be meeting with Larry Wold from TD Bank.

b. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Pross – reported that a Resolve to establish a committee to look at alternative polling places may be coming forward. Although there have been no incidents of violence or other issues, the School Committee has raised some safety concerns of having polling places in the schools.

Councilor Stone – no report

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Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Walker – reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Thursday the 23rd of March at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association will meet next Tuesday, March 28th at 6 PM at Rolly's Diner, with Doug Greene attending as the guest speaker, and COLAC (Coalition Opposed to the Lewiston Auburn Consolidation) will be meeting on Thursday March 30th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 7:00 PM.

Councilor Burns – reported that the next meeting of the Edward Little Building Committee will be meeting tomorrow at Auburn Hall at 6 PM.

c. City Manager Report – John Bubier, Acting City Manager reported that he has been spending a lot of time working on the budget and touring the city buildings. He had an opportunity to meet with Alan Brigham of the EDA (Economic Development Association) of the Department of Commerce to discuss Sports Tourism and other opportunities including transportation.

d. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the February 2017 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 5-0-1
Councilor Walker was not present for this vote.

IX. Open Session - No one from the public spoke

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Pross to adjourn, all in favor (Councilor Walker not present at time of vote), time adjourned 8:58 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

1. **Order 29-04032017***

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 13, 2017.

2. **Order 30-04032017***

Approving the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the June 13, 2017 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. **Minutes**

- March 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

IV. **Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) discussion and including facilities maintenance in the CIP.

Earl Bickford (New Auburn resident), and his daughter Audrey Tripp (40 Merrow Road) spoke. They reported on a recent incident where they received written approval by staff in the Economic and Community Development office that they would be allowed to keep Nigerian Dwarf Goats at their home (single family dwelling with less than one acre of land) and after purchasing them, they were told by the Animal Control Officer that they could not keep the goats due to a local ordinance that is in place and were given seven days to remove the animals. Mr. Bickford requested first, that this order to remove the goats be held until the matter is looked into and the ordinance is reviewed. Second, he asked the City Council to review and consider amending the local animal ordinance (to treat certain animals currently looked at as livestock as pets). Third, if Council decides not to amend the ordinance, accept responsibility and make this right by making an exception and allowing his daughter to keep the goats since it was a mistake of the City when they were given the written approval by staff.

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 28-03202017**

Amending the City of Auburn 2010 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the properties located at 121 Hampshire Street (PID # 250-316) and 127 Hampshire Street

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(PID # 250-315) from High Density Neighborhood Conservation (HDNC). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Kenneth Estes, abutting neighbor to this property who spoke in opposition.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

2. Ordinance 04-03202017

Adopting the proposed future land use and zone map amendments for 121 and 127 Hampshire Street. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

3. Ordinance 05-04032017

Amending text for the Adaptive Reuse of a Structure of Community Significance in Chapter 60 of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Public hearing and 1st reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 31-04032017

Directing City staff to consult with the Planning Board and develop recommendations to increase the flexibility of the uses allowed in the Agricultural and Resource Protection District regarding schools and equipment sales associated with and complimentary to a recreational use.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

- a. **Mayor's Report** – reported that we hosted the official launch of the 40th year for Safe Voices, LA Arts hosted an event at Rancourt Shoe which he attended, they've started a new series called A Place for Makers, highlighting creative businesses that

manufacture things here in Lewiston and Auburn. He and the Library Board of Directors met with representatives from Edward Little High School, the PAL Center, and the Franklin-Merrill Hill Culinary Programs to talk about opportunities for the vacant café at the Library and possibly turning this into a student run enterprise (similar to the Green Ladle in Lewiston). He met with Dick Trafton (President of the L/A Railroad Board) along with State Representative Golden, to talk about the trail opportunities along the Lewiston-Auburn railroad line and trail rights along the 13 mile line that connects the mill district in Lewiston to Lisbon. This Thursday at Callahan Hall there will be a Community Forum from 10AM–11:30AM. The US Ambassador to Somalia will be here. There will be a City Council workshop held on Monday, April 10th beginning at 5:30 PM to discuss roles, responsibilities and expectations, followed by broad budget goals and objectives. Peter Crichton, the new City Manager will be here.

b. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young - ELHS will hold their first home track meet a week from Friday.

Councilor Pross - May 13th there will be a neighborhood cleanup effort for Ward 1 residents in the Lake Auburn area. He also asked if Councilors have any input on forming a committee on examining polling locations to please forward to him any ideas they may have.

Councilor Stone – reported that there was a lot of activity on Park Avenue today with the construction project.

Councilor Titus – reported on the next Sunderland Drive neighborhood meeting to be held tomorrow at Sam's on Court Street, and the Sewer and Water Trustee meetings that were held last week. He said he has been getting a lot of comments, calls and emails regarding the medical marijuana grow facilities and he would like to move forward with looking into licensing these facilities. He also reminded residents that the School Department will be having a public hearing on their budget on Wednesday.

Councilor Walker – asked if something could be put together for the 150th Anniversary of the City which is right around the corner.

Councilor Burns - no report.

- c. City Manager Report** – reported that he has had a busy couple of weeks with several meetings on the budget, sports tourism, Community Little Theatre (regarding the natural gas issue), the Lost Valley Project, as well as a few meetings with the new City Manager, Peter Crichton. He also talked about some of the marijuana issues, both medical and recreational.

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IX. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the public hearing on agenda item number 3 under new business “amending text for the Adaptive Reuse of a structure of Community Significance in Chapter 60 of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance”.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Order 32-04242017*

Appointing City Manager Peter Crichton as an alternate member of the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- April 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve and place on file the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Central Maine Community College - 2017 USCAA National Champions

IV. Open Session – Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Jane Skelton, owner of a camp on Taylor Pond, would like to see a year round water system in that area.

Mary Davis, owner of a cottage on Taylor Pond, would also like to see a year round water system in that area.

Peg Bauer, Lisbon Falls resident and owner of a camp on Taylor Pond, would also like to have city water installed in the Taylor Pond area.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-04032017

Amending text for the Adaptive Reuse of a Structure of Community Significance in Chapter 60 of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

2. **Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget.

Auburn Chief of Police, Phil Crowell commented on the “Work with ME” project, funded out of the CDBG budget. They are in their second year and have seen great results with this project.

Charis, Auburn Community Gardens Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Auburn Community Garden team adding that they support the budget and are requesting funds for a second garden on Newbury Street.

Melonie LaMore Gagnon, Director of Shelter Services at Safe Voices thanked the City Council for their previous support and asked for their support again this year.

Ann Parker, Auburn resident and 12 year member of the CDBG Loan Committee spoke favorably of the CDBG program thanking Council for their past support and asked for their continued support in the future.

Sharon Philbrook Bergeron, 23 Dexter Avenue thanked the Council for their continued support of Promise Early Education Center.

3. **Order 33-04242017**

Approving the Special Amusement Permit for MVL, Inc., DBA Tio Juan’s Margaritas Mexican Restaurant. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. **Reports**

a. **Mayor’s Report** – commented on the new series being offered by LA Arts called A Place for Makers. This Wednesday they will hold their next event at Thomas Moser in the Industrial Air Park. Details can be found by going to laarts.org. Along with the City Manager, he hosted a conversation regarding tourism opportunities in this area, particularly sports tourism. He attended a meeting last week at the Franco Center with Lewiston’s Mayor Bob MacDonald on Francophone and Francophile Cities Network which provide networking and tourism opportunities for French speaking cities. There will be a networking meeting this coming July in Quebec City.

b. **City Councilors’ Reports**

Councilor Young - no report

Councilor Pross – reminded residents that the Ward 1 clean up in the Lake Auburn area will be held on May 13th, and the bulky waste cleanup starts the week of May 1st and more information can be found on the City’s website. He

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also wanted everyone to be aware of the second annual Boats and Brews River Race that will take place on the Androscoggin River.

Councilor Stone – reported on the MMA’s Legislative Policy Committee meeting that he attended along with City Manager, Peter Crichton.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group met on April 3rd. Their next meeting is to be held on May 6th. He also reported on the City Sewer and Water District meetings that he attended.

Councilor Walker - reported that he attended the Auburn Lewiston E911 meeting and the MMWAC (Mid Maine Waste Action Corp.) meeting. He reminded residents that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday night at Rolly’s at 6PM, the Neighborhood Watch Group is meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on Thursday night at 6:30 PM, and he invited to residents to attend a meeting on Wednesday at the Sixth Street Congregational Church from Noon to 1:00 PM where a press release will be held regarding the potential merger of the two cities (Lewiston and Auburn).

Councilor Burns – reported that on Wednesday, April 26th Gina Melaragno and Betty Ann Sheats will host a Town Hall open forum at St. Michaels Church at 5:30 PM.

c. **City Manager Report** – commented that the reception and response by the Mayor, Council, Department Directors and staff has been wonderful and everyone has made him feel very welcome adding that he is pleased to be here. He has also had an opportunity to meet with several Department Directors and the School Superintendent.

d. **Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – March 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Pross and seconded by Stone to accept and place on file the March 2017 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Terry Daily, 1054 North River Road commented on the poor condition of the North River Road. He provided a packet of information and pictures.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 6-0 time 8:32 PM.

The Mayor declared the City Council out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Council's rights and obligations with E911, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session for consultation with legal counsel regarding the Council's rights and obligations with E911, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Passage 4-0-2 (Councilors Stone and Titus were not present for the vote). Time in 9:16 PM.

The Mayor declared the City Council out of executive session at 9:39 PM.

- X. Adjournment** – motion by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

- I. Consent Items** – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.

1. Order 34-05012017*

Appointing City Manager Peter Crichton to the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- April 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve and place on file the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 35-05012017

Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for Mingjing Industrial Group Co. USA LLC, DBA, Prospect Hill Golf Course located at 694 South Main Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 36-05012017

Approving the land sale for the 84 Court Restaurant deck expansion.

Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment: Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road

Passage 6-0.

VII. Reports

- a. **Mayor's Report** – the Mayor commented on the funeral service that was held for Officer Bud Caouette this past Saturday adding that it was very moving and a first class service and he offered thanks to all involved. He reported on the Passenger Rail study meeting will happen later this month, and on the Lower Barker Dam.

- b. **City Councilors' Reports**

Councilor Young – reported that Edward Little High School had their first track meet in Bath. The girls team came in 1st place and the boys team came in 3rd place.

Councilor Pross – reported on the last School Committee meeting and the discussion on early release Wednesdays for grades 7 through 12.

Councilor Stone – reported on the Maine Turnpike's exit 75 construction (a bus station), the turnpike is working on an open road tolling system at the York toll plaza, and MTA will be offering a Family Discount Program where a family can be linked together on one E-Z Pass account. He also noted that they would be seeing emails from him on the MMA Legislative Policy Committee and various bills that will be coming forward adding that he welcomes their comments.

Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Burns – no report

- c. **City Manager Report** – reported on a discussion he had with the Mayor and the Auburn School Superintendent on what to do with any increased state subsidy that may come. It was agreed that it should go toward tax relief. The resolve will include that language. He also echoed the Mayor's comments about the funeral service for Officer Caouette adding that it was well done. He continues to getting to know more staff and citizens. He toured the Library, and added that he has started a newsletter called the News Connection.

VIII. Open Session – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Library Director commented that the Library has a program for early release students.

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Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, commented on the AG zone study funding that is in the CIP adding that the study hasn't been approved yet. He noted that he would be interested in purchasing the Fire Department pick-up truck if it goes up for sale.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented that he has concerns with the AG study and the cost associated with it.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding an labor contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time in 7:52 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:26 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 15, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 37

City Manager Peter Crichton called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns to nominate Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. There were no other nominations. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

Mayor Pro Tempore Young led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes - May 1, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve and place on file the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition to the Finance Department on their 23rd Consecutive “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting”
- Proclamation – Kids to Parks Day
- Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week (May 21, 2017 – May 27, 2017)

IV. Open Session

Joan Macri would like to see funding in the Capital Improvement plan to provide year round water on Taylor Pond.

Mary Davis spoke on behalf of herself and Sheri and Joel Olsein. She read a letter written by Sheri Olstein which has been placed on file regarding getting year round water on Taylor Pond (on the East Shore neighborhood including Shore Path, Waterview Drive, and Taywood Road).

Daniel Lindahl, Shore Path Road would also like to see permanent, year round water on Taylor Pond.

Belinda Gerry, 143 Mill Street asked for Council support to fully fund LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee).

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Library Director, reported on the gem case that sits outside council chambers. The gems are now properly labeled.

Michelle Fifield, Auburn Mall rider commented on the bus service.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

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1. Order 37-05152017

Approving the liquor license for Jenny Zhao, Inc., DBA China Wok located at 730 Center Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 38-05152017

Adopting the five year Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Pross was opposed).

3. Order 39-05152017

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME Budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 40-05152017

Adopting the Auburn School Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Titus opposed).

VII. Reports

a. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Burns - no report

Councilor Titus - no report

Councilor Walker - no report

Councilor Stone – Commented on the Taylor Pond water issue, adding that he feels that the Council needs to move this forward on this and fund an engineering study.

Councilor Pross – reported on the School Committee workshop discussion regarding early dismissal for grades 7-12.

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS girls and boys track teams.

b. City Manager Report – reported that there will be an item on the AG Study Proposals during the June 5th workshop, the flow study event will take place on Sunday depending on the weather between 11AM and 3PM, and there is a pedestrian safety forum taking place on June 7th from 5-7PM.

c. Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the April 2017 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, time in 8:13 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:51 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to adjourn. Passage 6-0, time 8:51PM.

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ATTEST

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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. Councilor Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.

1. Order 41-06052017*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 13, 2017 Election.

2. Order 42-06052017*

Approving the Omni Circle Property Sale.

3. Resolve 02-06052017*

Supporting staffs pursuit of the Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant.

4. Order 43-06052017*

Adopting the 911 Fund Balance Policy.

5. Order 44-06052017*

Approving the appointment of City Manager, Peter Crichton, as alternate to Councilor Titus on the AVCOG Executive Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

- May 15, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communications – An application has been submitted for the 2017 Liberty Festival Mass Gathering. A public hearing and Council vote is scheduled for 6/19/2017.

IV. Open Session:

Larry Pelletier, New Auburn resident commented on the condition of the roads and thanked the Public Service crews for the work they are doing filling in the pot holes. He also commented on the water cooler at Auburn Hall noting that it is not working. He asked if someone could look into that.

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Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library, announced that the Library's annual online auction is currently underway. Anyone interested can go to their website at WWW.32auctions.com/apl2017.

Mr. Earl Bickford, South Main St., accompanied by his grandchildren, Adele and Elijah, spoke about the issue he brought forth to the City Council several weeks ago regarding the pet dwarf goats purchased by his daughter, Audrey Tripp. He would like them to be able to keep the goats. He also submitted a petition signed by several Auburn residents as well as an online petition. The petitions have been placed on file in the Clerk's office.

Audrey Tripp, 40 Merrow Road, and owner of the dwarf goats asked Council to consider an exception, waiver or ordinance amendment which would allow them to keep their goats.

Mary Jo Bickford, mother of Audrey Tripp also commented on the goats.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, feels the matter of the goats was handled improperly. He also talked about the workshop discussion on the AG study and spoke in opposition of the study. He also spoke in opposition of the proposed compensation study.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, thanked the Mayor for his comments on the Creative Crosswalks. He commented on the maintenance costs. He also commented on the proposed AG study, 477 Minot Avenue workshop item, and the New Auburn Village Plan.

Larry Pelletier, commented on the goat issue adding that he is hoping the Council will correct the situation and not force the family to send the goats away.

V. **Unfinished Business** - None

VI. **New Business**

1. **Order 45-06052017**

Authorizing the Finance Director to execute the issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore. Proposed budget review by the City Manager, public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage of the first reading.

Public hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – does not want to see the AG study funded.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to strike the AG study from the CIP. Motion failed 2-3 (Councilors Pross, Burns, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus to strike \$81,000 from the Electrical Street Lights Upgrade. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Passage of the Order as presented 4-1. (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

The Mayor asked that item 5 be taken out of order, there were no objections and item 5 (Ordinance 06-06052017) was taken out of order.

Ordinance 06-06052017 - Adopting the AG text amendment for sales, service complimentary to outdoor recreation. Public hearing and first reading.

A motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 46-06052017

Reallocation of bonds. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 47-06052017

Authorizing the use of other funds for the CIP.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

4. Resolve 03-06052017

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2018. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to amend by increasing funding to LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) from \$189,949 to \$244,717. Motion failed 2-3 (Councilors Pross, Stone, and Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to strike the 3 new EMS positions and the EMS Coordinator position.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the amendment by adding the EMS Coordinator position back in and only eliminating the 3 EMS positions. Passage 4-1 (Councilor Pross opposed).

The motion of the amendment as amended failed 3-2 (Councilors Pross and Burns opposed).

Motion of the Resolve as presented failed 2-3 (Councilors Stone, Titus, and Walker opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – thanked Kiwanis Club for inviting him to the pancake breakfast. He reported on an event at Washburn School where each child received a free backpack and got to shop for 15 books to read over the summer. He challenged the Council to volunteer to read with local youth at Washburn for an hour or two. He reported on the Passenger Rail Study and noted that Saturday is the first Pride Festival in Lewiston and Auburn (Simard Payne Park).

Councilor Pross-reminded residents to vote on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Councilor Stone - no report.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow at 6PM at Sam's on Court St. the Sunderland Drive neighborhood watch group will be meeting.

Councilor Walker - no report.

Councilor Burns - no report.

City Manager – Announced some events of the city that are coming up. August 1st is the Auburn Police Departments 14th Annual National Night out event, and the Summer Festival will be held in various locations throughout the community on August 11th, 12th, and 13th.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

- Discussion regarding economic development (New Auburn Project), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session.

Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

Time in 8:43 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:12 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, adjourned at 9:12 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. All Councilors were present.

1. **Order 48-06192017***

Moving the date of the first regular City Council meeting for the month of July from July 3, 2017 to July 10, 2017 due to the fourth of July holiday.

2. **Order 49-06192017***

Approving the property tax abatement at 78 Beaver Road.

3. **Order 50-06192017***

Confirming the City Manager's appointment of Denise Clavette as Assistant City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. **Minutes - June 5, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Young and Lee abstained).

III. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

City Manager Peter Crichton introduced the new Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette.

IV. **Open Session** – Dan Herrick, Hatch Road, asked who do constituents have to go to for answers to questions they may have. Four questions he would like answers to are in relation to EMS. They are:

1. What is the gross billing revenue?
2. What is the charge off amount?
3. What are the net receivable amounts?
4. How much debt has been written off?

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 45-06052017**

Authorizing the Finance Director to execute the issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Stone and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 46-06052017

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Resolve 03-06052017

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2018. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone amend the budget by funding the three EMS positions (\$170,000) out of the EMS revenue account, which would not change the bottom line. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young to reduce the expenditures of the Fire Department budget by \$170,000. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Pross, Stone, Lee, Walker, and Burns opposed).

Passage of Resolve 03-06052017 as amended 5-2 (Councilors Young and Titus opposed).

4. Ordinance 06-06052017

Adopting the AG text amendment for sales, service complimentary to outdoor recreation. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked why the proposed amendment included limited the new use to properties that had been used for agriculture or outdoor recreation for over 5 years – why 5 years. Eric Cousens addressed the question.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

5. Order 51-06192017

Approving the request from Saint Dominic Academy to waive the \$100.00 business license fee for their 2017 Holiday Festival that is scheduled for November 4th, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 52-06192017

Approving the Mass Gathering Permit for the Liberty Festival to be held July 4, 2017 (rain date July 5, 2017). Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 53-06192017

Approving the 477 Minot Avenue TIF request. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 54-06192017

Adopting the Creative Crosswalks Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street stated that he likes this concept but would like there to be a commitment to maintain the crosswalks so they don't begin to look like street graffiti.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Stone opposed).

9. Order 55-06192017

Funding the New Auburn Village Improvement.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Pross abstained).

VII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – reported on the Build Maine conference and thanked Brian Soucy who helped to set up for the recording and thanked all who attended and were involved. He thanked Councilor Burns, Councilor Pross, and Councilor Lee for showing up and taking part of the Pride festival. He reported on the Fit Fest, and thanked Councilors Pross and Lee for their involvement. He also commented on the Auburn Public Library auction and thanked community businesses for their donations and to those who bid on those items. He also

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reported that on Wednesday shortly after 5PM behind Festival Plaza there will be a guided paddling tour on the Androscoggin.

Councilor Young – reported that he spent last week in Birmingham, Alabama for the National Senior Games.

Councilor Pross – reported that he attended Build Maine conference and the Business to Business (B2B) trade show last week. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Androscoggin Land Trusts Boats and Brews River Race.

Councilor Stone – reported that the Park Avenue and Hampshire Street projects are well under way. He also commented that he wants to be sure that people watching understand the impact on their property taxes with various cost drivers of the City and he went over the numbers for people in attendance and the viewers at home.

Councilor Titus – reported on Sunderland Neighborhood Watch Group, and the Water and Sewer Boards that he sits on. He also asked about the marijuana grow operations and regulations and what kind of progress is being made.

Councilor Lee – commented that he was appreciative of the Clerk and election staff for their efforts on Election Day noting that he was disappointed on the low voter turnout.

Councilor Walker – announced that the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on the 22nd of this month, the United New Auburn Association will meet next Tuesday at Rolly's Diner, and tomorrow night at CMCC a meeting will be held at 5:30 PM. It is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and is regarding the possible merger of the two cities (Auburn and Lewiston) and he encouraged the public to please attend the meeting whether they are for or against the merger.

Councilor Burns – thanked those who attended the LA Pride Festival and those who helped to organize that. He also thanked the Clerk's staff for another smoothly run election adding that he too was disappointed in the low voter turnout. He went on to report that the Appointment Committee met earlier tonight and the recommendations will be before the full Council at the next meeting (July 10th). The next Appointment Committee meeting will be held on 8/21/2017. Lastly, he reported on the ELHS Building Committee meeting that was held last week.

City Manager Report – he mentioned that he met with Sid Hazelton, Superintendent of the Auburn Water and Sewer District, today to continue their ongoing dialogue and they are keeping the communication lines open. He reported on the Marijuana issues noting that Acting Assistant City Manager, John Bubier, has been working on that issue. Updates will be provided in the near future. He thanked the Clerk staff and election workers for their efforts with the election. He thanked Jill Eastman, John Bubier, and Department Directors for all of the work on the budget. He talked about sports tourism, and staff is working on a marketing plan. He also commented on a new initiative which is a monthly initiative report and he thanked staff and Executive Assistant Karen Veilleux for putting the finishing touches on it.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – May 2017 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the May 2017 Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, commented on the homelessness situation adding that we need to put a community wide effort along with Lewiston to try to reduce or eliminate homelessness.

Mamie Ney – Director of the Auburn Public Library reported that they just wrapped up third annual online auction. She also announced that they will be holding a book sale at the Library on Friday (from 4-6PM) and Saturday (from 9AM to 1PM) of this week.

IX. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. Passage 7-0, time 8:40 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Titus had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 56-07102017*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of John W. Peterson as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - June 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation - Summer Learning Day

The Mayor declared July 13, 2017 as Summer Learning Day in Auburn.

The following individuals spoke:

Mamie Ney (Auburn Public Library Director), Fred Lidstone and Lisa Whitman (ELHS Summer Opportunities), Luci Merin (Community Learning Center), Michelle Gagne and Sue Dorris (Elementary Opportunities), Steve Wallace (YMCA), Lena Hann (Literacy Volunteers), Betsy Norcross Plourde (Promise Early Education Center), Amy Boclair (Boys and Girls Club), Sabrina Best (Auburn Recreation Director), Debora Cleveland (Auburn Public Library), Chief of Police, Phil Crowell (PAL Center).

IV. Open Session

Charles Soule 135 Bartlett Street, Lewiston and a graduate of ELHS spoke about a summer program he attended years ago, and also asked if hard copies of the Joint Charter Commissions report and proposed Charter be available to the public adding that many do not have computers or prefer to read a hard copy rather than on the website.

Mamie Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, stated that both the Lewiston and Auburn Public Libraries have hard copies of the document available for the public to read.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 57-07102017

Appointing Jennifer Kimble to serve on the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

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Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of Orders 57-07102017 through 61-07102017.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. **Order 58-07102017**

Appointing Linda Wooten to serve on the Auburn Lewiston Advisory Cable TV Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2019.

3. **Order 59-07102017**

Appointing the following to serve on the Complete Streets Committee; David Das and Jeremiah Bartlett, term expirations 1/1/2020, Dana Staples, term expiration 1/1/2019, Larry Pelletier, term expiration of 1/1/2018.

4. **Order 60-07102017**

Appointing the following to serve on the Conservation Commission; Benjamin Low and Johnna Flood, term expiration 6/1/2019, Rhyanna Larose, term expiration 6/1/2018.

5. **Order 61-07102017**

Appointing Chad Roberts to serve on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC), term expiration 7/1/2020.

VII. **Reports**

Mayor LaBonte – no report

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Pross – reported on the World Refugee Day event that was held on June 29, 2017. He also wanted to acknowledge that there will be a discussion regarding voting locations that will take place at the 7/17/2017 Council workshop. He also reported that the School Committee has been looking at expanding professional development for middle school and high school teachers. A formal committee will be set up to look at that in order to come up with a plan. Last, he reported that the School Committee had their first reading on the policy change that would adopt proficiency based diploma. The second reading is coming up on Wednesday.

Councilor Stone – provided an update on the Park Avenue and Hampshire Street projects, as well as the issue of the grass around the sidewalks not taking on Lake Street as a result of work that was done last year. He is working with staff on getting that fixed.

Councilor Lee – reported that he had a tour of the Food Joy organic farm in South Auburn. They've recently launched a new project called CSA Meal Kit. The food comes from their farm and is delivered to your home and is available to the Lewiston and Auburn area.

Councilor Walker - no report

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Councilor Burns - no report

City Manager's Report – he encouraged the Mayor and Councilors to let him know if there are workshop topics they would like to see on the agenda. He reported that he recently spoke to school Superintendent Katy Grondin regarding what is happening with increased funding (State). She hopes to receive word by the end of the month. Staff is working to address constituent concerns. He plans on working with Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette when she begins here work here in Auburn, to formalize that process. He also reported on the status of the New Auburn development adding that staff continues to make progress.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session - Discussion regarding economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 6-0. Time in 7:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:57 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, time adjourned 7:57 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Councilor Young as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonte. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained).

Mayor Pro Tempore Young called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Mayor LaBonte had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

1. Order 62-07172017*

Acknowledging the receipt of the Joint Charter Commission report.

2. Order 63-07172017*

Setting the date for the Special Municipal Referendum Election for the proposed consolidation of the cities of Auburn and Lewiston for November 7, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to remove Order 63-07172017 from the consent agenda and to take it up under new business. Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Stone, Titus, Young, Lee, Walker, and Burns opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Titus pointed out that the agenda indicated that the minutes to be approved were the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting, however the packet correctly included the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting. He also noted that there was an error in the minutes. It was noted that Councilor Young had an excused absence when it was actually Councilor Titus that had the excused absence and all other Councilors were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Council meeting with corrections.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Reports

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Pross – reported on last week’s School Committee meeting and the discussion that was held regarding the committee that is going to be established to discuss professional development time for the middle school and high school teachers. The goal of the Committee is to report back to the School Committee by November 1st, 2017.

Councilor Stone – reported on an incident that happened Friday morning as he was heading to the golf course and came upon an intense fire on Hotel Road. Traffic was backed up and cars were changing direction and as he was changing direction, he was rammed in the rear of his car by another motorist. He called 9.1.1 and he was amazed at the response time and how they were able to keep it all together. He gave kudos to the Auburn Police, and Auburn Fire Departments as well as 9.1.1 dispatch, adding that our public servants do a fantastic job.

Councilor Titus – reported that there is a Sewer District meeting tomorrow at 4:00 PM, at the District. The Auburn Water District is meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 PM and on 8/1/17 the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group is meeting at Sam’s on Court Street at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Young – reported that on this coming Sunday he will be running in Emily’s Run. He also noted that they are down a photographer and they are trying to find a replacement.

Councilor Lee – reported that he had the pleasure of announcing several games of the under 13 Babe Ruth tournament where Auburn was also competing. Auburn made it to the finals but lost to Tri County adding that it was a great event and lots of fun.

Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:00 PM at Rolly’s Diner. The City Manager will be the guest speaker. On July 27th at 6:30 PM the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church. He also announced that he turned in his nomination papers for Ward 5 City Council, they’ve been certified and he will be on the ballot for the Ward 5 Council seat again this year.

Councilor Burns – reported that this past Saturday was the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl, where one ELHS student, Tyler Blanchard was chosen to represent Auburn and was elected to be one of the co-captains of the eastern squad. He wanted to thank Tyler and all of the players and residents who attended for their support to this great cause.

City Manager Report – recognized the new Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette, whose first day with the City was today. He also wanted to recognize John Bubier again, for his involvement and for all of the work he has done. He added that he will be here a little longer during the transition. He also reported that he will be attending the School Building Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 7:23 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:01 PM.

Discussion regarding labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Lee to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0 (Councilor stone was not in the room at the time of the vote). Time 8:01 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:53 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to adjourn. Passage 7-0. Time 8:53 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté 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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 64-08072017*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,933.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1566 Justin St. Pierre).

2. Order 65-08072017*

Accepting the transfer of \$912.20 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-141 Donna Marie Pagnani).

3. Order 66-08072017*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointments of Tyler A.P. Barnies and David P. Morin as Constables with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker and to move consent items 64-08072017 and 65-08072017 to new business. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lee for passage of the remaining consent item (Order 66-08072017). Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- July 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Proclamation** – Children's Cancer Awareness Month – Kerri Childs and her son Chance reached out to Mayor LaBonte and city staff in an effort to raise awareness and to proclaim September as Children's Cancer Awareness month in Auburn. She reached out on behalf of Hailey Steward who has been battling cancer. Kerri and Chance have been helping Hailey and her mom Tabaita with their effort for the State of Maine to "Go Gold" and to raise childhood cancer awareness. Tabaita Steward has a facebook page where more information can be found including a video.

Kailie Sullivan, Youth and Family Services Coordinator for the Dempsey Center was also invited to attend. She spoke about childhood cancer and some of the services provided at the Dempsey Center.

- **Presentation** – Auburn Student, Elliot Dowd was recognized for his efforts when he reached out to the CEO of NET Sports group about the poor condition of the playground at Washburn School. After receiving a letter from Elliot, NET Sports group agreed to donate \$100,000 toward the artificial turf for the playground field.
- **Communication** – A Community Meeting with residents of Taylor Pond and the Auburn Fire Department will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. Other residents are invited to attend as well.

- **Recognition – John Bubier.** The Mayor and City Manager wanted to recognize John Bubier for his assistance during his temporary position with the City. He served as Acting Assistant City Manager and Acting City Manager. Tonight is his last Auburn City Council meeting. His last day in Auburn will be August 11, 2017.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director reminded everyone that on 8/21/2017 there will be a solar eclipse adding that eclipse glasses are still available at the library.

Audrey Tripp, 40 Merrow Road thanked the Council for working with them and allowing them to keep their goats. As a token of their appreciation to the City of Auburn, she presented an award that they had special made (a goat trophy).

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Order 64-08072017* and Order 65-08072017* which were removed from the consent agenda;

Order 64-08072017*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,933.00 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1566 Justin St. Pierre).

Order 65-08072017*

Accepting the transfer of \$912.20 forfeiture assets in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-141 Donna Marie Pagnani).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Orders 64-08072017 and 65-08072017.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Burns and Lee opposed).

1. Order 67-08072017

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamster Local 340 for 07/01/2017 through 06/30/2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 68-08072017

Approving the request to waive the \$50 fee for the Team McKesson Flea Market fundraiser for the Dempsey Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Burns, Lee, Pross, and Titus opposed).

3. Ordinance 07-08072017

Adopting the proposed food sovereignty ordinance. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 69-08072017

Authorizing \$110,000 in Home funds to be reserved for the 477 Minot Avenue workforce housing project.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 70-08072017

Directing staff to schedule the First Reading and Public Hearing for the attached Draft Recreational Planned Unit Development Ordinance for an upcoming Council meeting, with options to address public comments.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules and add Order 71-08072017 to the agenda. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 71-08072017.

*Authorizing the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager to execute an asset purchase agreement for concessions restaurant equipment itemized in an inventory list received by City Staff for the total purchase price of \$90,000; and that the City Manager and Assistant City Manager be authorized to grant an option for Slap Shot, LLC, to purchase the same equipment from the City at fair market value, in the event the City's master lease for Norway Savings Bank Arena should terminate for reasons **other** than the City exercising its option to purchase the Arena.*

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor's Report – no report

Councilor Young – Reminded residents that the Great Falls Balloon Festival is going to be held the weekend of August 19, 2017 and the Androscoggin Historical Society will be opening up the Knight House and will have a program for children.

Councilor Pross – Reported that on August 12, 2017, the Androscoggin Land Trust will be hosting the annual river clean up event. More info can be found on the Androscoggin Land Trust's website www.androscogginlandtrust.org. He also reported on the School Committee meeting and the committee that is being formed that will discuss professional development time for middle and high school teachers.

Councilor Stone – reported on the Airport Board meeting. They received a \$645,000 grant from the FAA to maintain the taxi way. He reported on an event they held called Campers Weekend. He also reported on the rail study group. They are looking at an expansion of passenger rail service to Auburn/Lewiston.

Councilor Titus – reported that he had attended the National Night Out event and said that he had a great time and it was a fabulous event. He reported that the Sewer District meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2017 and the Water District meetings will be held on the 16th.

Councilor Lee – echoed councilor Titus' sentiments on the National Night Out event and thanked the Police Department. He said after the event, he met some folks out that were from out of state who had the best impression of our community adding that it was a good reflection on our community.

Councilor Walker – reported that channel 13 just covered the story about the goats, and he thanked the City Manager for making it happen. He thanked National Night Out organizers. He thanked everyone that came out for the yard sale at Rolly's parking lot and thanked all that donated to the COLAC. Over \$225 was raised.

Councilor Burns – no report

City Manager Report – he deferred the first item to the Mayor who reported on the status of the Lower Barker Mill Dam relicensing. Eric Cousens has been the staff lead on this project. He asked if Council was interested in having a workshop to discuss the status of the program and he is looking for support to file as an intervener.

The City Manager reported that he and the Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette attended the national night out adding that it was a nice and well organized event that was well attended. He also reported that there would be a City Council workshop on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 to 8:30 PM to develop the workplan for FY2018. The meeting will be facilitated by Craig Freshley. There will also be a workshop on October 12, 2017 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM with the Fire Department to discuss overtime.

VIII. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke .

IX. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session: Real Estate discussion, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor walker to enter into executive session regarding a real estate discussion, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 7-0, time 8:17 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:41 P.M.

- B. Executive Session: Economic Development discussion (Kassbehrer), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session regarding economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Stone was not in the room for the vote), time 8:42 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:01 P.M.

- C. Executive Session: Economic Development discussion (Income Utilization), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Pross to enter into executive session regarding economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained, Councilors Stone and Walker were not in the room for the vote), time 9:02 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:23 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn.
Passage 4-0-3 (Councilors Young, Stone, and Walker were not in the room for the vote).
Time adjourned 9:24 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns to appoint Councilor Young as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonte. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained), Councilor Pross had an excused absence.

Mayor Pro Tempore Young 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. Mayor LaBonte and Councilor Pross both had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Order 72-08212017*

Setting the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the November 7, 2017 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - August 7, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

The City Manager introduced and welcomed Jody Durisko, the new Executive Assistant to the City Manager.

IV. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road had questions regarding the school subsidy.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 07-08072017

Adopting the proposed food sovereignty ordinance (Chapter 14, Article II, Sec. 14-50). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public hearing - Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road, also a farmer and owner of the Four Seasons Market in New Auburn spoke in support of the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Road provided clarification on the inspection process and spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

2. Order 73-08212017

Authorizing the City Clerk to place the proposed consolidation agreement and charter question on the November 7, 2017 ballot as recommended by the Joint Charter Commission.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the language to read “Do you approve the Consolidation Agreement as recommended by the Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission which would result in the merger of the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston?” Motion failed 2-4 (Councilors Titus, Lee, Young, and Burns opposed).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of the original motion 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Stone opposed).

3. Ordinance 08-08212017

Adopting the Recreational Planned Unit Development Ordinance Amendments (Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, Sec. 60-359 through Sec. 60-361, Sec. 60-359 through Sec. 60-361, Sec. 60-382 through Sec. 60-389, Sec. 60-421, and Sec. 60-2). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – Robert Shaw, West Shore Road and also owns property on Young’s Corner Road referenced a sun journal article that was in Saturday’s newspaper in regards to this issue. He said he is in favor of hotel and condominium development in the Lost Valley and golf course areas but has been hearing about industrial projects that may come about in those areas and has concerns with that.

Barbara Mitchell, West Shore Road said that between the two watersheds doesn’t seem to be the best place for development. She said that she doesn’t see Lost Valley benefitting from condos or hotels since it is not like Sugarloaf or Sunday River adding that traffic is bad in that area already.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 09-08212017

Amending the Auburn Zone Map from General Business (GB) to Traditional Downtown Center (T-5.1) for certain properties in the Troy Street area. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Stone – no report

Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Young – reported on the open house at Knight House last weekend noting that a link was sent to facebook page of the city website.

Councilor Lee - thanked Auburn Public Library Director, Mamie Ney and the Auburn Public Library staff for hosting the Solar Eclipse event. He also reported that he participated in the Androscoggin Land Trust's river clean up event adding that he would like to see them done more frequently.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Burns - reported on the ELHS Building Committee meeting that was held last week and the Appointment Committee meeting that was held earlier this afternoon to make their Board and Committee nominations adding that they still have outstanding vacancies to fill. He encouraged residents to apply if they have an interest.

City Manager Report – reported that there is going to be a public discussion on the school subsidy September 11th. He also reported that he met with the Ethics committee and they've expressed an interest in coming before the Council at some point to talk about what they are doing. He noted that there is going to be a City Council workshop on September 13th from 5:30 to 8:30 to work on developing a work plan for FY2018. Another workshop is scheduled for October 12th to discuss Fire Department overtime issues. Last, he reported on the Recreation Department's Summer Festival that took place over the weekend adding that it was a successful event.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – June and July 2017 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the June and July 2017 monthly finance reports.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, clarified that the Food Sovereignty Ordinance that passed goes into effect in 5 days on the City side but not until November on the State side.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Road spoke on the new crosswalk that makes a beeping noise. He would like to see the volume of that turned down a bit.

IX. Executive Session

Executive session regarding a real estate matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Passage 6-0, time 8:08 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:36 PM.

Executive session regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Passage 5-0 (Councilor Lee was not in the room for the vote), time 8:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:04 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Lee to adjourn.

Passage 4-0 (Councilors Titus and Stone were out of the room). Time 9:04 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 31, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 65

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 5-0 (Councilors Burns and Titus were absent).

Mayor Pro Tempore Young called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Mayor LaBonte and Councilors Burns and Titus both had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Executive Session - Real Estate discussion, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Pross to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Lee opposed). Time in 5:38 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:02 PM.

II. New Business

1. Order 74-08312017

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase and sales agreement for a City owned property, PID #240-212, and a portion of Troy Street Right of Way if vacated at a future date.

Public comment - Dana Staples, Greenfield Drive, spoke of his concern with having a special meeting with three days notice. Asked why a meeting was being held on a Thursday night.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Road, agreed with statements made by Dana Staples. Commented that the purchase should have been handled before and asked when tax acquired properties had been made available to the public for sale.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, commented on the proposed purchase price and lack of transparency from the Council in regards to details of the proposed deal.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn, all were in favor. Adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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Kelsey L. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 66

Mayor LaBonté 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 and a moment of silence in recognition of the 9/11 victims. All Councilors were present.

- I. Consent Items** – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.
- 1. Order 75-09112017***
Approving the temporary sign request for Saint Dominic Academy’s Annual Holiday Festival.
- 2. Order 76-09112017***
Appointing Assistant City Manager Denise Clavette as the alternate member of the Maine Municipal Association’s Legislative Policy Committee.
- 3. Order 77-09112017***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.
- 4. Order 78-09112017***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy’s Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.
- 5. Order 79-09112017***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.
- 6. Order 80-09112017***
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.
- 7. Order 81-09112017***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don’s No Preference Towing, DBA Morris Auto Parts & Sales, located at 940 Washington St. N.
- 8. Order 82-09112017***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Ty Auto, located at 249 Merrow Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and Seconded by Councilor Pross to approve all consent items with the exception of Order 81-09112017 which would be moved to new business.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

August 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Pross abstained because he was not present at that meeting).

August 31, 2017 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the August 31, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilor Burns and Titus abstained because they were not present for that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation - Lakes & Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 16th, 2017

Donna Manson, volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association spoke and challenged everyone in the room to join on the 2017 walk.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, commented on the planning and permitting department, and union employees.

Robert Shaw, 165 West Shore Drive regarding a special text amendment that passed recently that allowed for industrial business to be located on the Youngs Corner Road and Lost Valley Road. He said he was surprised and disappointed by this special text amendment and would like it to be reviewed.

Brad White, 14 Elm Street, spoke in regards to Fire Department inspections.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 08-08212017

Adopting the Recreational Planned Unit Development Ordinance Amendments (Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, Sec. 60-359 through Sec. 60-361, Sec. 60-359 through Sec. 60-361, Sec. 60-382 through Sec. 60-389, Sec. 60-421, and Sec. 60-2). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public hearing - Rita May Morin, 150 Sopers Mill Road, opposed to the proposed ordinance, and asked why a proposed zone change is being considered before the Ag study is done.

Kelly McGovern Shaw, 165 West Shore Road, spoke in opposition to the proposed zone change noting that it seems like this is more about commercial development. She voiced her concerns about the Taylor Pond watershed which she said may be negatively impacted by commercial development.

Jason Levesque, 205 Youngs Corner Road spoke in favor of this proposed amendment stating that it's time to move Auburn forward.

Jan Philips, 173 West Shore Road, stated that she is strongly opposed to the proposed amendment and allowing commercial zoning and any special exceptions that permit industrial manufacturing maintenance at Lost Valley.

Ray Cote, Penley Corner Road spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment stating that he is concerned about more traffic and the possibility that other developments could come in.

Barbara Mitchell, 179 West Shore Road, asked for someone to define "commercial" as it applies to this proposed amendment. She said that she is a supporter of recreation in Auburn but does not support the inclusion of commercial development in the recreational and residential areas in Auburn.

Resident of 736 South Witham Road stated that some things we may pay for in the future are not worth the cost now. She said that she relies on a lot of environmental factors to successfully farm and growth and progress have different meaning for her.

Linda Walbridge, said that she thinks we should slow this thing down before moving forward on it.

Leslie Burns, 419 Sopers Mill Road stated that she and her partner bought their dream home here in Auburn and now people are talking about changing everything about it that they love. She feels that this is being pushed through without the proper protocol.

Albert Bergen, 469 Sopers Mill Road, said he is concerned about what this type of zoning change can do to property taxes and what will happen to property values. He said that he also shares the same concerns voiced by others adding that he is opposed to the proposed amendment.

Virginia Levasseur, 177 Sopers Mill Road, said she has been in their home for 53 years and said that she would like it to remain the AG zone. She also spoke about some clear cutting that was going on in her neighborhood.

Rudy Wing, said that he sold his home on Allen Avenue and bought the Penley Corner Church in hopes to use it as a learning center. He bought it in fire condition and found it was a struggle to work on it between what was needed for permits, regulations, and costs, adding that it has been fifteen years in process. He urged councilors to start listening to the people in the community.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Titus to table indefinitely.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Young, Pross, Stone, Walker, and Burns opposed).

Passage of original motion 5-2 (Councilors Lee and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 09-08212017

Amending the Auburn Zone Map from General Business (GB) to Traditional Downtown Center (T-5.1) for certain properties in the Troy Street area. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Order 81-09112017 (moved from the consent agenda).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns to postpone until 9/18/2017. Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Young and Walker opposed, Councilor Pross abstained).

3. Order 83-09112017

Appointing Gilda Berube and Danelle Martel to serve on the Auburn Housing Authority, each with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor for passage of Orders 83-09112017, 84-09112017, 85-09112017, 86-09112017, and 87-09112017.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 84-09112017

Appointing Levi Gervais to serve as a full member on the Board of Assessment with a term expiration of 10/01/2022.

5. Order 85-09112017

Appointing Dana Bonenfant and Christopher Brann to serve on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee with term expirations of 10/1/2020.

6. Order 86-09112017

Appointing Maurice Keene to serve on the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2020.

7. **Order 87-09112017**

Appointing Timothy Cogle, Howard Fogle, and Belinda Gerry to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, each with a term expiration of 10/1/2019.

8. **Order 88-09112017**

Approving a 20 year extension of rights to certain paper streets.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Lee for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. **Ordinance 10-09112017**

Adopting a zoning ordinance text amendment to Article IV District Regulations, Division 2. Agriculture and Resource Protection District, Section 6-145 Use Regulations, (b) Special Exceptions (16), to allow Kennels as a Special Exception in the Agricultural and Resource Protection Zone. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Titus, Stone, and Burns opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor LaBonte – no report

Councilor Young – reported that Councilor Pross did a great job on his ½ marathon.

Councilor Pross – no report

Councilor Stone – no report

Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Lee – no report

Councilor Burns – no report

Councilor Walker – no report

City Manager Report – reported that Public Works received good news, they received accreditation, the first in the state of Maine.

VIII. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the school subsidy item. He also reported on the \$600,000 in TIF money that is “sitting around”, he suggested that we fix art wall, and maintain projects. He thanked the Public Services department for their responsiveness on a particular matter, and he also commented on Council action on an ordinance amendment that passed earlier.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, invited people to attend the debate on the proposed Lewiston Auburn consolidation to be held at the Auburn Public Library on Monday 9/25/17 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Library. A debate will also be held at the Lewiston Public Library on 9/14/2017.

IX. Executive Session – discussion regarding a personnel issue, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(a).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time 9:04 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 5-0 (Councilors Stone and Young were not in the room for the vote). Time 9:10 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 72

Mayor LaBonte 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.

I. **Consent agenda** - None

II. **Minutes** - September 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Lee to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker was out of the room during the vote).

III. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Communications - Charter Commission Responses to Public Hearing Comments

IV. **Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Melissa Dunn, said she is a tenants rights community organizer in Lewiston and Auburn, resident of 254 Blake Street, Lewiston. She stated she was here because of a complaint that she received from a tenant. She voiced some of her concerns regarding landlords that choose to remain absent and ignore their responsibilities as landlords. Some of the issues are lead paint, leaking roofs, pests, lack of smoke detectors, and some landlords are not disclosing information when the tenants move in. Heat and electricity is being turned off in some cases. She said there have been instances when tenants are reaching out to Code Enforcement without results. She urged that we be leaders in our community and please address these issues.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, commented on the previous speaker's comments and his concerns regarding code enforcement.

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Ordinance 10-09112017**

Adopting a zoning ordinance text amendment to Article IV District Regulations, Division 2. Agriculture and Resource Protection District, Section 6-145 Use Regulations, (b) Special Exceptions (16), to allow Kennels as a Special Exception in the Agricultural and Resource Protection Zone. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Burns, Young, Pross, and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Order 81-09112017**

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, DBA Morris Auto Parts & Sales, located at 940 Washington St. N.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order to conditionally grant the license as long as the repairs are made to the satisfaction of the city by September 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross to postpone this item until the next Council meeting (October 2, 2017). Motion failed for lack of a second.

Passage of amendment 6 – 1 (Councilor Pross opposed).

Passage of order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Pross opposed).

Owner, Don St. Germaine, asked to comment. He said the fence has been repaired, adding that it was not 100% and never would be because the fence is getting old. He said their fence is in compliance with the federal guidelines. He added that there was federal money available for the city to buy the place out and close it if that is what they want to do. He added that he thought it would be a good place to have a substation for the Public Works Department.

VI. New Business

3. Order 89-09182017

Designating Robert Stone as the official Voting Delegate and Denise Clavette as the alternate Voting Delegate for Auburn to the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting scheduled for October 4, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 90-09182017

Appointing Jody Durisko to the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor's Report – reported on the follow up meeting with Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) regarding the passenger rail study.

Councilor Young – reported that his City Councilor, Adam Lee ran in the Bob Boucher race.

Councilor Pross – no report

Councilor Stone – reported that there is now a movement among committee members to hold the passenger rail meetings with NNEPRA that future meetings be held in Lewiston and Auburn.

Councilor Titus – commented on the workshop that was held last week with Craig Freshly in particular cooperation with the Water and Sewer District. He also noted that he hasn't seen anything relating to ordinances regarding recreational marijuana and is concerned about that.

Councilor Lee – no report.

Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on September 26th at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner. Kim Taylor, Principal of Sherwood Heights School will be the guest speaker. Also, on September 28th, the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church. He invited the public to attend.

Councilor Burns – reminded everyone that the election season almost upon us, absentee ballots will be available soon.

City Manager Report – reported on tax acquired city property, noting that he attended a meeting with the staff committee. They will be meeting on a monthly basis to address those issues (tax acquired property and city owned property). He reported on the workplan, adding that he will be coming back to the Council with a report on that. He also provided an update on the marijuana issue. He said staff is working on this and he will be holding a Council workshop in the future on this issue.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – August 2017 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the August 2017 Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

- IX. Executive Session** - Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)

Motion was made by councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 7:55 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:23 PM.

- X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage. 6-0-1 (Councilor Stone was not in the room during the vote). Time 8:24 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 76

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes - September 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Proclamation** – Walk or Bike to School Day – October 4, 2017
- **Presentation** - Auburn Book Project author and winner of the 2017 Auburn Book Award, Ben Condit, was recognized for his achievement. Mayor LaBonté presented him with a key to the City. Ben and the finalists will share their books and receive awards at the Auburn Book Awards Celebration from 11 am to noon on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the Auburn Public Library.
- **Communication** – Request from the Joint Charter Commission to conduct a second public hearing to consider amendments to the Lewiston Auburn Consolidation Agreement

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street noted that he would like to see a student representative on the City Council and asked that we look into that.

Charles Morrison, 46 Lake Street, and Joint Charter Commission member commented on the request for a second public hearing due to some minor amendments that were made to the consolidation agreement.

Don St. Germaine, Don's No Preference Towing, DBA Morris Auto Parts spoke regarding the renewal of his Autograveyard/Junkyard permit.

V. Unfinished Business - none

VI. New Business – none

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Lee to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Titus, and Stone opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to schedule a second public hearing on the proposed Lewiston Auburn consolidation agreement to be held on 10/16/2017. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Stone, Titus, Walker, and Lee opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté reported on a meeting he attended with the United Farmer Veteran's group, the Auburn Public Library's new logo, the Safe Voices vigil, the Mereda's Fall event, and the meeting with MDOT and staff and the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad as well as the Lewiston Auburn Railroad where they talked about a reset in the relationship they have at the intermodal area along the Lewiston Auburn rail line and the St. Lawrence and Atlantic rail line through Auburn.

Councilor Young – no report.

Councilor Pross reported on the recent school committee meeting, where they discussed the proficiency-based diploma changes that are happening.

Councilor Stone thanked Mamie Ney and Library staff for hosting the Sun Journal sponsored forum on the proposed consolidation.

Councilor Titus reported that he attended the Western Avenue Neighborhood Watch Group meeting, and the Sunderland Drive watch group is meeting tomorrow night at Sam's on Court Street. He noted that speeding seems to be a hot topic and asked if the Complete Streets Committee could look into addressing the issue. He also reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings adding that the Auburn Water and Sewer District hours will be changing to 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM in October.

Councilor Lee responded to Mr. Pelletier's comment during Open Session noting that our Charter provides that the Council may appoint non-voting student members.

Councilor Walker reported that the United New Auburn Association held their meeting last week, and it was brought to his attention that Councilors are not speaking into their microphones and he encouraged them to do remember to do so so that the people at home can hear what is being said. He also reported on Neighborhood Watch meeting adding that the group would like to invite Eric Samson, the Androscoggin County Sheriff to attend their next meeting. He also reminded everyone that there was one more consolidation debate scheduled for tomorrow night in Lewiston at 5 PM.

Councilor Burns – commented on the Edward Little Red Eddies football team who is currently sitting 5-0, one of two undefeated teams in the Class A conference in the State of Maine. He encouraged everyone to get out and support the Red Eddies at their game on Friday at Walton Field.

City Manager responded on the comments made by the person that spoke at the last council meeting regarding landlord/tenant situations. He also reported that Eric Cousens spoke at the State House a few days ago regarding recreational marijuana. Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette and Executive Assistant to the Manager, Jody Durisko have both been working on this. He reported on the street light acquisition noting that they have been working on this and are looking into utilizing an RFQ. He also reported that

they are working on the continuing dialogue regarding the Auburn, Maine sustainability program and we will be coming back to the Council with that.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

Executive session - economic development matter (income utilization), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C). Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Lee abstained), time 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:16 PM.

Executive session – economic development matter (OSPREY - CEA), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Stone to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C). Passage 7-0, time 8:16 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:32 PM.

Executive session – economic development matter (land acquisition – Pan Am), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C). This was taken up during the workshop.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Pross to adjourn. Passage 5-0-2 (Walker and Stone out of room). Time 8:33 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 79

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent agenda

1. Order 91-10162017*

Accepting the grant that awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$16,150 for the purchase of a digital fire extinguisher training system.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - October 2, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation and recognition – Extra Mile Day in Auburn, November 1, 2017
Jason Paquin (staff member), Kathy Shaw, James and Debbie Pare (Auburn residents) were all recognized for going the extra mile.
- Communications – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 92-10162017

Approving the Liquor License application for AMDAG LLC, DBA Kristi's Cafe, a new business, located at 767 Minot Avenue. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 93-10162017

Approving the Staying Home Rental Assistance Program Guidelines.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 94-10162017

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Maine Association of Police Command Unit covering 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2020. ***Council may enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)***

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Ordinance 11-10162017

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 D effective 10/01/2017 to 9/30/2018. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 12-10162017

Amending the General Assistance Ordinance Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-21 (d) *Information from other sources*; and Chapter 24, Article II, Division 4, Sub division II, Sec. 24-161 (*) (h) *Determination of family members' ability to pay*. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 95-10162017

Authorizing Staff to proceed with the discontinuance of a section of the Troy Street Right of Way.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee second by Councilor Burns to postpone this item to the 11/6/2017 Council meeting. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

7. Order 96-10162017

Authorizing \$110,000 in HOME funds be reserved for the Troy Street workforce housing project.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus second by Councilor Lee to postpone this item to the 11/6/2017 Council meeting. Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Young, and Burns opposed).

8. Order 97-10162017

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Business Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone second by Councilor Walker to postpone this item to the 11/6/2017 Council meeting. Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Pross and Titus opposed, Councilor Lee abstained).

9. Order 98-10162017

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, DBA Morris Auto Parts & Sales, located at 940 Washington St. N.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Don St. Germaine, reported on the repairs made to the fence.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – reported on the annual Walk and Bike to School Day, a meeting he attended at the Chamber of Commerce along with other organizations and developers to look at the opportunity in LA to look at a what is in Economic Development termed as a “Cluster” where industries have a strong presence and in this case, it was to look at the textile and shoe industries. He also reported on the Dempsey Challenge, he joined city staff at Auburn Manufacturing where Kathie Leonard, CEO was given a statewide award for manufacturing excellence, Safe Voices 40th Anniversary awards night, and closed by adding that this Wednesday is the first home game for Central Maine Community College, who are taking on the University of Maine Black bears at the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Young – reported on the Dempsey Challenge and the Moses C. Hanscom re-dedication ceremony.

Pross – reported on a successful event that took place at Lost Valley over the weekend. He also reported that the Lewiston City Council approved funding for the history trail on their side of the River Walk.

Stone – reported on the passenger rail expansion study, the York toll plaza, and intercity bus service.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Dempsey Challenge, Androscoggin County Budget Committee meeting (regarding bus transport outside of the Lewiston and Auburn area), and noted that the Water and Sewer District meetings are coming up this week.

Councilor Lee – reported that there will be a Mayoral debate at Central Maine Community College on October 18, 2017 and he encouraged people to attend.

Walker – would like to ask Councilor Titus to find out how many miles of pipe have been laid (Auburn Water & Sewer Districts). He noted that on October 26th the Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, they are hoping Sheriff Sampson will attend. The United New Auburn Association meeting that is normally held on the last Tuesday of the month will be cancelled because it falls on Halloween. On Saturday, October 28th there will be a Halloween event in New Auburn and they are looking for volunteers to help the kids cross the streets. The event is to be held from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. He reminded residents that November 7th is Election Day and he encouraged people to come out to vote. Absentee ballots are available and if you haven't registered, please come in to register to vote.

Burns – reported that the Appointment Committee met today and made several nominations, however there are still many positions to fill. He noted that this was the last Appointment Committee meeting with this Council. He also reminded citizens about Election Day, absentee ballots are available and people can register to vote if they are not already registered. Last, he noted that this Friday, the undefeated Red Eddies will be playing against Lewiston High School in Lewiston.

Assistant City Manager Report – noted that it has been three months since she has been here, stating that she is impressed with the work of staff and department directors and Councilors. She provided an update on the waste management issues (complaints regarding emptying dumpsters before 7AM), she reported that the Auburn Public Library has an exhibit called “Marking Times” a Voyage about Vietnam. There will be a free open house at the Auburn Fire Department on Saturday, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on October 21st, the Norway Savings Bank Arena will be hosting Hockey Night on Thursday, October 26th, on Friday, October 27th the Recreation Department will be hosting Fright Fest, and in closing, she said we are looking for the perfect Christmas tree to be installed in Festival Plaza which will be removed and transported at no cost. The tree will be illuminated on Saturday, Nov. 25th.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

Executive session– economic development matter (Pan Am), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C). Passage 7-0, time 7:53 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive session at 8:12 PM.

Executive session – economic development matter (land acquisition – Second Street), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(C). Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Stone was not in the room for the vote), time 8:13 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:21 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. The Council unanimously approved. Time 8:22PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 84

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Stone had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 99-11062017*
Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of John Banville as Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
2. Order 100-11062017*
Accepting the transfer of \$1,940.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1847 Dennis Roman).
3. Order 101-11062017*
Accepting the transfer of \$3,295.00 forfeiture assets in Rem (\$1,087.35 in U.S. Currency) to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1660 Cain Robertson).
4. Order 102-11062017*
Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Ski Association's annual Ski Swap.
5. Order 103-11062017*
Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the November 7, 2017 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage of consent items.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Titus was out of the room for this vote).

II. Minutes – October 16, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Council Meeting.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Titus was out of the room for this vote).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - none

IV. Open Session – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director invited citizens to visit an exhibit at the Library called Marking Time a Voyage to Vietnam.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-10162017

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 D effective 10/01/2017 to 9/30/2018. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 12-10162017

Amending the General Assistance Ordinance Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-21 (d) *Information from other sources*; and Chapter 24, Article II, Division 4, Sub division II, Sec. 24-161 (*) (h) *Determination of family members' ability to pay*. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 95-10162017

Authorizing Staff to proceed with the discontinuance of a section of the Troy Street Right of Way.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Titus and Lee opposed).

4. Order 96-10162017

Authorizing \$110,000 in HOME funds be reserved for the Troy Street workforce housing project.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

5. Order 97-10162017

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Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Business Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Lee was out of the room for this vote).

VI. New Business

6. Public Hearing - CDBG substantial amendment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Titus to open public hearing. No one from the public spoke.

7. Order 104-11062017

Appointing Amy Dieterich to the Board of Assessment Review as a full member with a term expiration of 10/01/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Orders 104-11062017, 105-11062017, 106-11062017.

Public comment- Bruce Richardson, Zoning Board of Appeals applicant introduced himself to the Council.

Passage 6-0.

8. Order 105-11062017

Appointing Shelly Norton to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 06/01/2020.

See Order 104-11062017.

9. Order 106-11062017

Reappointing Bruce Richardson, Christopher Gendron, and Courtney McDonough to the Zoning Board of Appeals, each as full members with a term expiration of 10/01/2020.

See Order 104-11062017.

10. Order 107-11062017

Approving the Liquor license for Tin Tin Buffet located at 120 Center Street, Suite 202. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

11. Order 108-11062017

Authorizing staff to request proposals for the History Trail Signage project, and to utilize up to \$25,000 of existing Wayfinding funds for the project.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

12. Ordinance 13-11062017

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60 (Zoning), Sec. 60-2 (Definitions).
Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

13. Resolve 04-11062017

Authorizing the City Auburn to Join a Lawsuit Against Opiate Drug Companies.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Titus opposed and Councilor Lee abstained).

VII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – the Mayor advised the public of the fall open house that is to be held on Saturday at 7:00 PM at the Engine House. He also on noted that on Tuesday, November 14th at Central Maine Community College the Annual Pack the Gym event will take place with the Police Department All Stars who will be taking on the Central Maine Community College basketball team. He commented on the Auburn Business Development Corporation item, he thanked the City Clerk and Election Staff for their efforts with the upcoming election, and last, he wished staff member Brian Soucy (Great Falls TV) a happy birthday.

b. City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Committee meeting and some changes to some of the channels. He also reported on an incident where a woman lost her purse. He helped her to get her purse back adding that the Police Department did a great job quickly responding to the issue.

Councilor Pross – reported on the School Committee meeting where they discussed early release at the middle and high schools. The issue was tabled to November 15th. He also reported on a telephone pole fire that he saw, he called 9-1-1 and was pleased with the quick response.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Water and Sewer Districts and the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.

Councilor Lee – encouraged people to attend the fall open house at the Engine House on November 11th at 7:00 PM. He reported that he attended the Fright Festival and was a judge for the costume contest. He noted that after storm he had a chance to visit the food pantry at the High Street Congregational Church, and last, he encouraged folks to vote at tomorrow's election.

Councilor Walker – called attention to hunters and asked people to respect the land owners and the “do not hunt signs” and to *please* don't pull the trigger if you are not sure what you are shooting.

Councilor Burns – encouraged people to vote tomorrow, adding that polls are open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM at each of the five polling places.

- c. **City Manager Report** – he asked for direction from the Council regarding the Memorandum of Understanding on the St Mary's Nutritional Center (Community Garden), he reminded citizens that there will be an Ag Study meeting held on the 16th of this month and a City Council Workshop scheduled for Monday November 13th on the Barker Mill Dam. He echoed comments made earlier on the Election effort, and he thanked the City Staff for their storm efforts especially the Police, Fire, Public Services, and 9-1-1 Departments.

- d. **Finance Director, Jill Eastman** – September 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 2017 monthly finance report.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session - Auburn Police Chief, Phil Crowell provided an update on the recent Drug takeback collection and **Peter Rubens commented on the History Trail.**

IX. Executive Session - Regarding labor negotiations (Police - MAP), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(D). *This item was taken up during the workshop.*

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn.
Passage 6-0 . Time 8:16 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 90

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Burns had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent agenda – None

II. Minutes – November 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Council meeting. Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Pross abstained).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – St. Dominic Academy Women’s Field Hockey Team was recognized for winning the Class C State Field Hockey Championship. Mayor LaBonté read and presented the team with a proclamation.
- Presentation – Chief Crowell and Liz Allen provided an update on the Jam the Gym event that was held at the Central Maine Community College. Mayor LaBonté recognized staff member, Liz Allen, for always going above and beyond and thanked her for her service. He also presented her with a key to the City.
- Presentation – Mayor LaBonté presented Isaac Dumont with a key to the City. Isaac is a senior student at Edward Little High School, who is a lead for the ELHS Fan Section on twitter helping to rally students to come out and support their peers at sporting events and has demonstrated great pride and leadership who is setting a great example for Auburn youth.

IV. Open Session - Dave Gonyea, Athletic Director and Director of Housing at Central Maine Community College recognized the Mayor and thanked him for being a great leader of the community and presented him with a Central Maine Community College hockey jersey.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 13-11062017

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60 (Zoning), Sec. 60-2 (Definitions).
Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

2. Order 108-11202017

Amending the Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #10 to remove a portion of the district including a parcel on Troy Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Establishing an Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) #22 to designate a parcel on Hampshire Street and Troy Street.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Lee opposed).

3. Order 109-11202017

Amending the Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #21 located at 477 Minot Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-0.

4. Order 110-11202017

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Police MAP Patrol and Detective from 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-0.

5. Order 111-11202017

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Newbury Street Community Garden.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

6. Order 112-11202017

Amendment to the Commitment of HOME Funds to the 62 Spring Street Project. Updated Borrower Designation.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor LaBonté recognized Councilor Walker for his work representing the residents of New Auburn for the last 6 years. Mayor LaBonté presented him with a key to the City. He also commented that it has been an honor to run the Council meetings and he thanked the management team for leading and managing the city, and for their work preparing agenda materials and/or presenting so the City Council can take thoughtful action.

Councilor Young - congratulated Carolyn and Dana Coffin for their new arrival, Laura Grace Coffin born a week ago Sunday (Councilor Young's his fourth grandchild). He also thanked voters of Auburn for electing him for another two years.

Councilor Pross – reported that the School Committee voted on early releases for 9 days beginning in 2018 for the middle and high schools. He also encouraged people to get involved in local government.

Councilor Stone-echoed councilor Pross comments regarding getting involved in local government. He commented on the recent consolidation proposal and how it brought people out from the shadows to vote on this issue. His hopes are that they will get involved. He provided recognition to Peter Crichton, Denise Clavette, Michael Chammings, Phil Crowell, Geoff Low, and Councilor Walker, and Mayor LaBonté.

Councilor Titus – echoed the comments, adding that it has been a pleasure serving with this Council. He recognized the Mayor, and encouraged the outgoing council to stay involved.

Councilor Lee – reported that he attended the Fall open house at the Engine House adding that he has great faith in the future of Auburn.

Councilor Walker – thanked all of the voters that came out to vote on November 7th with special thanks to everyone from the New Auburn area. He also wanted to let residents know that on Saturday the 25th, there is a big parade where Santa will light the Christmas trees in Lewiston and in Auburn. On Saturday, December 2nd there will be another parade and tree lighting in New Auburn starting at 5:00 PM. Last, he reported that the United New Auburn Association will meet on the last Tuesday of the month. Paul LeClair will be the guest speaker.

City Manager Report – reported on the operational/structural changes that are going on with United Ambulance. Staff is monitoring the situation to ensure the impact on emergency medical services in Auburn is limited. He reminded the audience that effective Dec. 12th all Auburn content for Municipal and School Meetings will be on Channel 1301 for Lewiston, 1302 for Auburn, and 1303 will air community content. He recognized staff (Sabrina Best and Scott Holland) for their efforts on the holiday

celebration. He reported that the Inaugural Ceremony will be held on Dec. 4th at 6:00 PM at Central Maine Community College. He also expressed his gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve as Manager.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – October 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the October 2017 Finance Report.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session – none.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0 Time 7:57 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 94

Mayor LaBonté 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. All councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.

1. Order 113-11272017*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointments of Kenneth G. Jones and Nicholas C. Barnies as Constables with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. New Business

2. Order 114-11272017

Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to finalize terms for and to sign a contract with the USPHL Hockey Team with the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns for passage with the language amended to read, "Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to finalize terms for and to sign a contract with the Maine Hockey Management Group, LLC with the Norway Savings Bank Arena".

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 115-11272017

Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to finalize terms for and to sign a contract with Michael Violette, owner of Upper Level Pizza and Grill to operate the concessions/restaurant at the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 116-11272017

Authorizing the Finance Director to record a waiver of foreclosure on St. Louis Church. Joe St. Peter and Michael Malloy answered councilor questions. Only the foreclosure filed on the 2015 taxes is to be waived.

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Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lee and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn, all were in favor. Adjourned at 5:56 PM

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Kelsey L. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 96

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.

1. Order 117-12112017*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's appointment of Alfreda Fournier to serve as the Mayor's designee on the Auburn School Committee.

2. Order 118-12112017*

Appointing Richard Trafton to serve on the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company for a term of 3 years (2017-2020).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, all were in favor. Adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2017 VOL. 35 PAGE 97

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 agenda

1. Order 119-12182017*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's recommendations and appointments to various Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

2. Order 120-12182017*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment Joseph G. Tripp as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

November 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Hayes and Gerry abstained).

November 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 Special Council meeting. 5-0-2 (Councilors Hayes and Gerry abstained).

December 11, 2017 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Special Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Recognition - Public Services Accreditation (Presenter - Gary Losier, American Public Works Association's Region I Director).

Gary Losier formally presented the Auburn Public Services Department with their Accreditation Plaque. Auburn Public Services is the 130th out of 133 agencies to receive this accreditation. They are the first in Maine and the first north of Massachusetts to do so. This was a three year process that began in 2014 with close to 400 practices being reviewed. As part of that process, two of the standards developed by Auburn's Public Services Department are now used as models to other communities coming forward looking to achieve accreditation (Snow and Ice Removal and Trench Management).

IV. Open Session

Robert W. Spencer had questions regarding the Troy Street item which is on the agenda under New Business.

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V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 121-12182017

Approving the Liquor License application for Michael Violette, DBA: Upper Level Pizza & Grille, a new business, located at 985 Turner Street. **Public hearing.**

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 122-12182017

Authorizing staff to issue and file with the City Clerk an Order of discontinuance for Troy Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Public hearing to follow after the vote pursuant to Title 23 §3026-A.

Robert W. Spencer, a resident of Mechanic Falls inquired about the next scheduled Planning Board meeting and what public notice was given. He stated that this project “is dead” and he expressed concerns regarding this project.

Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street Auburn expressed her concerns in regards to this project. Her written comments were given to the City Clerk to include as part of the record.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, expressed his concerns with this project and the potential parking issues if this project moves forward.

Andy Jackson and Nathan Szanton, developers of this project spoke. Mr. Jackson stated that they believe the community is better off by bringing in safe, quality housing and can build on city investments. He clarified that one parking space per unit is available for these housing projects. He noted that there would be a minimum of 1 year to study parking options and added that there has been a lot of outreach and public notification on the project. Mr. Szanton stated that he appreciated all of the time staff and Council have put into this, and he is happy to answer any questions they may have going forward.

3. Resolve 05-12182017

Authorizing the City Manager to provide the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee a zero percent interest rate loan not to exceed \$150,000 from the City’s General Fund.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he has attended a lot of meetings and events recently. He attended an event at the Temple Shalom. He attended a ribbon cutting for the Upper Level Restaurant at Norway Savings Bank Arena. He reported that there is a new restaurant on Minot Avenue (Kristy's Cafe) and they will be having a ribbon cutting soon. He also encouraged the public to check out our new monthly newsletter called Auburn Connections which can be found on the City website.

Councilor Young - no report.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she will be attending the Auburn Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 11th.

Councilor Hayes – invited the public to visit Lost Valley adding that there is a lot happening out there.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow afternoon the Sewer District meeting is scheduled, and on Wednesday the Water district will be meeting and there will be a public hearing and vote on their budget and on January 2nd the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held.

Councilor Fournier – commented on the Norway Savings Bank Arena's new food vendor adding that it is a family owned small business and she wishes them the best. She also mentioned that one of her goals as the Mayor's representative of the School Committee is to have informal meetings with school committee members, in an effort to build relationships and to work collaboratively with them throughout the year. Wednesday will be the first school committee meeting that she will attend. She said she would also like to schedule a meeting with Mamie Ney, the Auburn Public Library Director.

Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on December 26th at 6pm, the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on December 28th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, at 6:30pm. He included his report on the Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC) in the agenda packet. The third weekend in January he will be working with the United New Auburn Association, the Recreation Department, and the School Department on a sliding event at Sherwood Heights to be held on Sunday, January 28th. A flyer will be coming out soon.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee's (LATC) meeting that she attended and wanted to let everyone know that they usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM if anyone would like to attend. She also reported on the ATRC meeting and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting that she attended.

City Manager Crichton – reported that Assistant City Manager Denise Clavette has been busy working on the strategic planning efforts and the work plan. He noted that we are also looking at the Department Orientation and will work with the Council on how to fit that all in so that it

makes sense to everyone. He provided an update on an initiative the city is doing with a number of municipalities in Maine regarding an agreement the city has entered in with Trafton, Matzen,
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Belleau, and Frenette on unfair trade practices regarding opiates. He reported that the Metro Chamber of Commerce has acquired the Lewiston Auburn Growth Council (LAEGC). Last, he reported that Chip Morrison has provided Lewiston and Auburn the documents regarding the work of the Joint Charter Commission.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – November 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the November 2017 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion regarding a 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 pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Passage 7-0. Time 8:44 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:58 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0. Time adjourned 8:59 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque, along with Auburn resident Brayden Bashaw, 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 01-01082018*

Confirming Chief Crowell's Appointments of Constables without firearms for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearms within the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation: Brayden Bashaw - Ornaments of Hope

Brayden Bashaw, 12 year old Auburn resident, was recognized by Mayor Levesque for his significant contributions to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Brayden raised \$7,500 by crafting and selling ornaments – "Ornaments of Hope" to benefit the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. He was presented with a framed proclamation. Mayor Levesque praised him for "being an upstanding role model for children and adults alike".

IV. Open Session

Robert Spencer, PO Box 1088 Auburn, stated that he was opposed to Troy Street project, and wanted the Councilors to ask themselves if they thought the City would be better off without the project than with having it on the wrong lot. He also stated that he did not think the previous Planning Board meeting was a legal meeting because in his opinion, it was not properly noticed.

Renee Simonitis, commented on the Street Light Conversion and the smart controls on the street lights. She stated that she did not want cameras added on and believes that doing so would be a step in the wrong direction for citizen privacy.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 02-01082018

Accepting Portland Way as a City street.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 03-01082018

Approving the discontinuance of Troy Street and to appropriate funding for damages.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes to “order the discontinuance of a portion of Troy Street, said road being a City Way approximately 30 feet wide including the right of way, from a point beginning at the southern side of the intersection of Hampshire Street and Troy Street and extending approximately 250 feet in a generally southerly direction to the northerly intersection of Library Avenue and Troy Street and that the following damages be paid to the adjoining property owners as follows: Nico Carrao - \$0.00; Pan Am Railroad - \$0.00”.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Gerry opposed).

3. Order 04-01082018

Approving the order directing the municipal clerk to record an attested certificate of the Troy Street discontinuance.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker to “issue and file with the City Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the City Council to discontinue a portion of Troy Street, and that the City Council send abutting property owners best practicable notice of this action without delay”.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

4. Resolve 01-01082018

Supporting the formation of a Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary Committee as recommended by Mayor Levesque.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

5. Resolve 02-01082018

Supporting the formation of an Age Friendly Community Committee as recommended by Mayor Levesque.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment - Renee Simonitis wanted more information about this committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend the language to read “resolved that the Auburn City Council hereby supports the formation of *the Mayor’s* Age Friendly Community Committee”. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Resolve 02-01082018 as amended 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that it has been a busy couple of weeks. He received several emails during the snow storms, he encouraged Councilors to reach out to their constituents encouraging them to sign up to receive Auburn Connections. He also encouraged Councilors to reach out to constituents regarding snow removal. He reported that a new softball league will be starting up Saturday at Ingersoll Arena. On January 15th, Krispy Kreme is having their grand opening at 6AM. Councilor Fournier will attend in the Mayor’s absence. He also mentioned that with all of the hockey tournaments that are taking place at the Norway Savings Bank Arena and the number of people attending these events, he would like to see a pop up display or something similar that would showcase Auburn in a positive way.

Councilor Young – reported that the Danville Junction Grange Hall is being jacked up in order to put in a foundation. Due to that, the Grange Hall supper did not take place.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she went to brunch at the House of Bacon, adding that it is well worth checking out. She also displayed a gift that her daughter gave her as a Christmas gift, a beautiful framed wall hanging that had her name and Auburn City Council embroidered on it. She said that in the note, her daughter said that “she was very inspired about having me run for City Council” and Councilor Lasagna added that “this is where it begins”.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the Lewiston Inauguration, and noted that he was very pleased to hear Mayor Bouchard comment that he and Mayor Levesque have met on a few different occasions and it was reported in the newspaper that between the two Mayors, it may be the best working relationship between the two Mayors that we’ve had. He also reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday at 5:00 PM at the airport. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Councilor Titus – reported that he did meet with the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Committee. There are still concerns regarding speeding in the Stevens Mill and Hotel Road areas. He also reported that the Sewer and Water District meetings will be held on the 16th and 17th of the month at 4:00 PM at the District Office.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the School Committee meeting. The 2021 graduating class will be graduating based on proficiency levels instead of grade levels (proficiency based learning). She added that there is a lot going on in the school system and she recommended inviting the School Committee to a meeting to give a presentation. They (School Department) are in the process of reviewing labor contracts, they reviewed their finance report, the wellness policy, and will review the 2018 school calendar and goals at the next School Committee meeting which will be held on January 17th.

Councilor Walker – thanked the Public Services Department staff and Director Dan Goyette for helping out with the skating rink at Sherwood Heights, and their work during the storms. He said he appreciates everything they’ve done. He said the sidewalks and the City of Auburn look great and are the best he’s ever seen.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) will meet on Wednesday at 12:30 at AVCOG. She also reported that the General Assistance department is in need of a lot of items (diapers, personal hygiene items, soaps, cleaning supplies, canned goods and other food items are needed). She will be placing a box in the lobby for residents to drop off items. She also commented on the Senior Center and some of the programs that are offered.

Assistant City Manager Clavette – reported that on January 29th there will be a workshop to cover the Departmental Orientation overview. She also reported that Mayor Levesque and she are setting up regular meetings with the Legislative delegation and she will provide regular updates to the Council on that. She also reported that on January 22nd, the City Council will transition from a paper and note books to a surface pro tablet with the goal going paperless for the February 5th meeting.

VIII. Open Session – Robert Spencer, PO Box 1088 talked about locating development lots and also about finding the location for the new high school.

IX. Executive Session

To confer with Counsel regarding their legal rights and obligations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(e)

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(e).

Passage 7-0.

Time 8:19 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:31 PM.

Discussion on a poverty abatement case # 2017-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841.

Passage 5-0 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes not in room for vote).

Time 8:32 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:22 PM.

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Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to deny the abatement in full for case number 2017-001 for tax year 2016 - 2017.

Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Young and Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to deny the abatement in full for case 2017-001 for tax year 2017 – 2018.

Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Young and Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Discussion on a 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 pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(e).

Passage 7-0.

Time 9:26 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:18 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young was not present for this vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque, along with Axel Favreau, Ryan Mileikis, Ace Watson and Will Routhier of the Maine Gladiators U10 Squirt Team, 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

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – January 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation – Norway Savings Bank Arena – Maine Gladiators U10 Squirt Team

Axel Favreau, Ryan Mileikis, Ace Watson and Will Routhier of the Maine Gladiators U10 Squirt Team were recognized and the Mayor presented each of them with a framed copy of the proclamation.

IV. Open Session – Wayne Souza, Auburn talked about exhaust and the effects of exhaust/emissions in the air.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 05-01222018

Approving the liquor license (beer and wine) for Craft Brew Underground LLC, DBA Craft Brew Underground located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Resolve 03-01222018

Authorizing membership in the Maine Service Center Coalition for 2018 and designating Peter Crichton to be the appointed representative and Denise Clavette as alternate representative.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Titus opposed).

3. Order 06-01222018

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with RealTerm Energy for the LED Street Light Conversion Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – a representative from RealTerm Energy brought one of the LED lights for the Council to see. No other members of the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Resolve 04-01222018

Supporting the formation of a Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Economic Development and Marketing as recommended by Mayor Levesque.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

VII. Reports

Mayor's Report – Mayor Levesque reminded everyone that the Winter Festival will take place this weekend and more information can be found on our website and on social media. He encouraged people to attend. He challenged Councilors to take a “selfie” at each event they attend, and the councilor with the most “selfies” taken, posted on line, and verified will be treated, by the Mayor, to a nice dinner out at a local restaurant. He also reported that he spoke at the Chamber's monthly breakfast along with Lewiston's Mayor, Mayor Bouchard.

Councilor Young – reported that he attended his first School Building Committee meeting, adding that there wasn't a lot to report on it because most of it was covered in executive session. They talked about it being a self sustaining building. He added that they still have not selected a location for the school.

Councilor Lasagna – also reported on attending the School Building Committee meeting. She noted that the Department of Education will have a say on whether or not they accept a particular sight. She reported that they visited 3 sights in Massachusetts. A slide show of the schools they visited in Massachusetts is available on the Auburn School Departments website. She added that they will also be looking at schools in Maine. She also reported that she will be attending her first CDBG Meeting on February 7th.

Councilor Hayes – reported on a few recent newspaper articles regarding The Chamber Breakfast where the Mayor's of Lewiston and Auburn spoke, and on things happening at historic Lost Valley by Dave Irons. He talked about Otto Wallingford and provided some history on how he developed snow making. He spoke of community pride and image

adding that as we move forward, we should also take a look back on how we got here. He also provided some history on the Auburn Lewiston Airport and on Proctor & Gamble buying out Tambrands.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer District meeting that was held last week. They have an ambitious budget for infrastructure repair and they came right within budget this year. He reported that the Water District meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. He commented on the School Building Committee stating that the Council should get involved in that before too much is committed. He also commented on Councilor Hayes report on Lost Valley.

Councilor Fournier – reported that March 7th is the community forum for the new high school project. She said it is imperative that we involve the public early on and we need to be transparent. She reported on School Committee meeting (goals, Shelly Mogul's presentation on Vision 2020, proficiency based education, there was a second reading on the student wellness policy, and they went over the finance report that focused on the demands that special education puts on the budget). She also reported on the Auburn Library Board of Trustees meeting. They have included 4 additional trustees and are looking for candidates to serve on the board. They are recruiting for donations for their annual auction. Their goal this year is \$10,000.

Councilor Walker – his reports on the 911 Committee and Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation have been included in the agenda packet. He also reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting is to be held on the 25th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM and the United New Auburn Association meeting is going to be held on the 30th at 6:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Auburn's Chief of Police. He also invited everyone to join the United New Auburn Association on Sunday, January 28th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM (Sherwood Heights) for sliding, skating, hot chocolate and donuts.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the last Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting. They discussed the meeting time. Meetings are held at 12:30 PM and they would like to keep that as is. They also discussed the temporary loan they received from the City. She also reported that she attended the Recreation Advisory Board Meeting where they discussed the budget and CIP that they will be submitting. They also discussed the upcoming Winter Festival. She also talked about the donation boxes she set up to collect items for the General Assistance pantry.

City Manager Report – thanked Denise Clavette and the team for taking over at the last meeting while he was touring schools in Massachusetts. He also wanted to let people know that the city has put out a city recycling calendar. He reported that they will be looking at EMS more closely. He would like to form a working group and has been working with Geoff Low, Auburn's Fire Chief on it. He mentioned a recent incident where the Town Manager of Jackman, Maine who made some racist remarks. City Manager Crichton stated that it was not representative of the profession and he was going to circulate a few letters that have been sent by the President of the Maine Town and City Managers Association adding that they never want to see any of their colleagues make

those kinds of remarks. He reminded everyone that there is a workshop scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 5:30 PM (Department Orientation). In closing, he wanted everyone to know that there was a public School Building Committee forum held a few months ago with community members.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2017 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the December 2017 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. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 07-02052018*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 22, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session – Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street commented on the Smart Growth presentation and proposal going through each of the 10 principals and stating to the Council “it’s not your job” after each of them. She said that she wanted it publicly noted that she objected.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 01-02052018

Amending the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 186 Main Street (PID # 231-020) from Traditional Downtown Neighborhood (T-4.2) to Downtown Traditional Center (T-5.1). 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.

2. Order 08-02052018

Authorizing the City Manager and Human Resource Director to include Domestic Partner Coverage as part of MMEHT (Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust) contract for health insurance.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he won the winterfest “selfie” challenge. He reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society has loaned us some nice memorabilia (pictures) going back to 1869 to hang in the Mayor’s office. He thanked the Androscoggin Historical Society and encouraged everyone to visit the historical society to see what they have to offer.

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Advisory Committee meeting, noting that there is one opening on that committee and he encouraged residents to get their applications in. He also said they discussed people using YouTube and Facebook now instead of airing shows on public access TV. He encouraged non-profit organizations that may have an idea for a show for public access TV to come and see us to discuss possible options. Councilor Walker also attended that meeting and commented that Great Falls TV could be advertised more to make people more aware.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she attended the public meeting Ag Zone study meeting that was held on February 1st. She said it was very well attended and a lot of data was presented. She added that the consultants did a great job in presenting the data. The next meeting is on Thursday, February 15th at 6PM in Council Chambers.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the Airport monthly meeting noting that they approved fy18-19 operation budget that will be submitted to both cities. They formed a committee to select a consulting engineering company. They took the opportunity to go to Backwoods Barbeque Grill (the airport café). It was his first time there and he said he was very impressed. He talked about membership on the Railroad Committee, the upcoming AVCOG meetings - February 28th and another in April. He also asked that prior to getting into looking at the budgets, he would like to get the group together to review goals and objectives.

Councilor Titus – reported that he also attended the public Ag Zone meeting. He said he was disappointed that most of data was geared toward Androscoggin County and not Auburn. He noted that there were two Neighborhood Watch meetings coming up,

Western Avenue is scheduled for February 6th at 6PM at the Dance Center on Western Avenue and the Sunderland Drive meeting will be held at Sam's, same night, same time.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the Library Board of Trustees meeting that she attended, and shortly after that meeting she attended the Annual Corporators meeting. They accepted the bylaws. She said she also attended the Lewiston Library meeting. She was pleased to see Mayor Bouchard there (he is one of the Board members). The topic was the budget. She also reported that she attended the Sesquicentennial meeting at the Auburn Public Library that was held on January 31st.

Councilor Walker – reported on the Ag Zone study stating that he is glad they decided to fund this adding that it should be looked at every 20 years. He also noted that over 350 people that visited Sherwood Heights School during the winter festival. There was snowshoeing, sliding, skating, and more. There was great turnout, it was a great community event at no cost. He also commented on a young man that submitted a letter to the editor who said he would like to see Sherwood Heights have a public skating rink every year.

Councilor Gerry – she commented on the Sherwood Heights skating rink and complimented Councilor Walker and Auburn resident Joe Gray for their hard work in putting it together. She spoke about mittens that were given out with a donation. She said it was a well attended event. She also reported that she also attended the public Ag study meeting adding that it was a good presentation but she was disappointed that there wasn't more information on the existing property owner's farms in the Ag zone and their needs and concerns. She also attended the CDBG meeting on non-profit agencies that have requested funding. Last, she said that she fully supports fully funding the LATC.

Mayor Levesque – wanted to include in his report that there are several Board and Committee vacancies and the application deadline has been extended to February 6th. He also wanted to let everyone know that funds are available through the Community Development Block Grant programs and he encouraged people to look into those programs.

City Manager – he commented on the Ag Zone study and the public interest in the study. He reported on tax acquired and city owned properties adding that there will be an update at the next council meeting. He mentioned the street light review process. The Police Department and City Electrician will be involved in that process. He thanked everyone that was involved in the Winter Festival. Last, he commented on the 150th anniversary effort stating that there is a lot of enthusiasm around this and it is getting off on the right foot.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session – none

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- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 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

1. Order 09-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$3,734.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2409 Tania Howell).

2. Order 10-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,289.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2410 Jamel Johnson).

3. Order 11-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,797.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-1942 Wany Anyit).

4. Order 12-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,762.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2391 Mustafa Abdi).

5. Order 13-02262018*

Accepting the transfer of \$3,873.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-17-2412 Jonathan Lara).

6. Order 14-02262018*

Amending Order 08-02052018 previously adopted at the February 5, 2018 City Council meeting to also include domestic partner coverage for all applicable medical benefits (health, dental, and vision).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to move consent items 1 through 5 (Orders 09-02262018 through 12-02262018) to new business.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to move consent item 6 (Order 14-02262018) to new business.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

II. Minutes – February 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session

Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street commented on CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) programs and her experience going through the program. Ms. Simonitis provided a written copy of her comments to the City Clerk to place on file.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-02052018

Amending the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 186 Main Street (PID # 231-020) from Traditional Downtown Neighborhood (T-4.2) to Downtown Traditional Center (T-5.1). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus to postpone this item until the 3/5/2018 City Council meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Kathryn Begg, Drummond Street Auburn, spoke in opposition of the proposed zone change. She added that a neighbor, Mr. Pat Callahan, who also owns property on Drummond Street wanted to attend the meeting but was unable to and he gave her permission to note his opposition of this proposed zone change.

Peter Rubins, owner of Garcelon House spoke regarding concerns he has with this proposed zone change. If this zone change goes through, he said that he would like to see a walking path from the river to the Edward Little House.

David Rogers, owner of the Garcelon House and Hasty House, spoke regarding concerns he has with the proposed zone change and stated that he would also like there to be easy access to the River Walk.

Jim Tierney owner of 7 Drummond Street, said he did not know about this request for change until today. He said it would be helpful for him to know who was interested in the property and what their intentions are before there are any changes made to the zoning.

Bob Grieshaber, current occupant of the Edward Little House spoke regarding his concerns with the proposed zone change and stated that he would hope that they would not put in a building that would block the view.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Gerry, Young, Lasagna, Hayes, and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

2. Order 15-02262018

Re-appointing Patricia Mador to the LA 911 Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

3. Order 16-02262018

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Appointing Lance Gagne, Velma McConnell, and Diane Whiting to the Citizens Advisory Committee (term expirations of 6/30/2019) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

4. Order 17-02262018

Re-appointing Larry Pelletier to the Complete Streets Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

5. Order 18-02262018

Re-appointing Linda Snyder to the Ethics Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

6. Order 19-02262018

Re-appointing Evan Cyr and Dustin Boutin as full members of the Planning Board (term expirations of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

7. Order 20-02262018

Re-appointing Joseph Defilipp and Stephen Ness to the Auburn Sewer District (term expirations of 3/1/2022) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

8. Order 21-02262018

Re-appointing Dan Bilodeau and K. C. Geiger to the Auburn Water District (term expirations of 3/1/2022) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

9. Order 22-02262018

Appointing Mary LaFontaine as full member of the Board of Assessment Review (term expiration of 10/01/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young for passage of Orders 15-02262018 through 22-02262018.

7-0 passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept Orders 09-02262018, 10-02262018, 11-02262018, 12-02262018, and 13-02262018 (items that were moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Deputy Police Chief Jason Moen answered Councilor's questions regarding the acceptance of the forfeitures.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor for passage of 14-02262018 (another item that was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Young opposed).

Mayor Levesque asked if Council would entertain a motion to suspend the rules to authorize the City Manager to start advertising for a second City Electrician. Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier.

Mayor Levesque asked for comments from the public.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road would like to see Council discuss contracted services. He suggested looking at sharing services from other surrounding towns like Minot or New Gloucester or look at other ways to solve this problem than to hire an additional staff member.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road said that we should sub out instead of hiring another person adding that it is a lot less expensive and if we hire someone, we would also have to provide benefits. He also noted the importance of having an inspector.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

After Council discussion and a straw poll vote, Council decided not to act on this item tonight. It will be brought forth at the March 5, 2018 City Council meeting for action.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the grand opening and ribbon cutting that was held this past Friday at Craft Brew Underground, and the joint meeting that was held last Thursday with the Lewiston City Council. On Wednesday, he will be announcing his Mayoral Appointments to the Economic Development and Marketing Committee. He reported on the Auburn Public Library’s Farmers Market event. He announced that there will be a grand opening of the Brewery at Lost Valley on Wednesday the 28th at 7PM. He provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee adding that he will be testifying on Wednesday at 9AM. He said he talked with City Manager regarding business license renewals and would like to see the process simplified. He said that he will be absent from Monday’s meeting (3/5/2018), will be asking Councilor Young to put his name in for consideration for a vote for Mayor Pro Tem at that meeting. Representative Bruce Bickford will be attending to discuss legislative discussions regarding medical and recreational marijuana. Last, he said he will be traveling to Europe sometime in April. He will be taking a tour of WWI and WWII battlefields. He asked that residents of Auburn to let him know if anyone has a loved one that is interred in Europe and he will visit the grave site to pay his respects on their behalf and on behalf of the City.

Councilor Young – reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society will meet tomorrow night, the topic will be treasure chests and their stories. He also reported that he had orientation on the ELHS Building Committee adding that something will be said within the next 6 months. He reported that the Nomination Committee met and was unable to appoint to the Parks and Recreation Board due to a ward requirement in the ordinance. He said they are going to ask the City Council to look at possibly changing that.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee was supposed to meet tomorrow, however that has been cancelled. They will be meeting sometime in

March instead. She reported that she will be attending the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2/28/18 where they will elect a chair person and talk about the consolidation plan overview and status of year action plan and budget. They will submit the application to HUD on May 12th for final approval.

Councilor Hayes – reported on upcoming meetings, Wednesday AVCOG will meet, and Thursday the Airport Board will meet. He said he was glad that the two cities (Lewiston and Auburn) met last Thursday and he looks forward to future meetings. He also reported on a few public observations. First, the Concord bus northbound is finding difficulties finding a good route getting to the terminal which seems to be backing up traffic. Second, extended parking in the Wal Mart parking lot.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer and Water District meetings that were held last week. The Water Department did agree to allocate \$300,000 for a study on Taylor Pond to find out if feasible to get year-round water out there. He said they signed a 3-year mowing contract and talked about working with the city to try to save money. He said that idea was not well received. He said he would like to see all departments of the city including the School Department working together to try to save money. He reported that Minot Avenue is going to be torn up with a MDOT project, as well as work on the sewer line (in the Fairview School area past Court Street).

Councilor Fournier – reported that the School Committee and Library Board have not met since she last reported. She did mention that there would be an Auburn School Community Forum called Vision 2030, on Wednesday the 7th of March in the ELHS gym. As follow up on what took place in Florida, she reached out to a couple of the school principals to ask how things were going. She also said that there have been a lot of questions regarding a student walkout and said something would be coming from school administration regarding that.

Councilor Walker – reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow night at 6PM at Rolly's Diner. Tim Hall from LA911 will be the guest speaker who will talk about Code Red. He said that people have been asking about Great Falls TV, and where can you find the Council meetings. He said channel 1302 is the new channel. He talked about the Appointment Committee and the rules and regulations of each committee. He wants to look into that further before making any recommendations to make any changes.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Appointment Committee and thanked everyone that applied. She said they still have several openings. She commented that the committee was unable to nominate to the Parks and Recreation Board due to the ward restrictions outlined in our ordinance. She reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting tomorrow night at 5:00 PM at Hasty Armory.

Mayor Levesque - added to his report that the Edward Little High School basketball teams are going to the State Championships – both boys and girls.

City Manager – commented on the Joint Council meeting between Lewiston and Auburn adding that there was a discussion today on Sports Tourism. He also reported on the Ag

Study and said that he appreciates the work that is being done, especially the work of Mary Sylvester and Eric Cousens. He reported that we've started working on the FY19 budget. Last, he said that he, too, will not be at the 3/5/18 Council meeting.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2018 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the January 2018 Monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street, spoke about public servitude.

Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road, spoke about tax acquired properties.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, spoke about the Library, the Riverside Drive pavement (not wide enough), the city budget, tax acquired property, the housing demand and number of houses currently on the market in Auburn, and Council constituency and the discussion regarding the Electrical Staffing item.

IX. Executive Session

Executive Session - Discussion on a poverty abatement case # 2018-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0.
Time: 9:06 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:44 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to grant a poverty abatement, case #2018-001 in the amount of \$1,921.96 (\$960.98 due in September 2017 and \$960.98 that will be due in March 2018). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Hayes opposed).

Executive Session - Discussion regarding Economic Development, pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C)).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0.
Time: 9:49.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:11 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 4-0-3 (Councilors Gerry, Fournier, and Hayes were not in the room for the vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Assistant City Manager, Denise Clavette, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to appoint Councilor Young as Mayor Pro Tempore in the temporary absence of the Mayor. Passage 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Young led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 23-03052018*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Business Association's "Citizen of the Year" signs.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0

II. Minutes – February 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None

IV. Open Session – Brian Carrier, 32 Constellation Drive, and Ernestine "Tina" Gilbert, 22 Colonial Way (former resident of Constellation Drive) both spoke regarding concerns to tree cutting that is happening in the buffer area of the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 24-03052018

Authorizing the submission of a pre-proposal for the NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program (FY 2018) for the removal of the Littlefield Dam.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

2. Order 25-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property at Hackett Road, Parcel ID 159-014.

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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 26-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 10 Lucille Street, Parcel ID 201-093.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend to include that the property be held for 1 year to sell for a house to be built on it.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Young opposed).

Passage of order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

4. Order 27-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property at 73 Paul Street, Parcel ID0191-057.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend to include the property be held for 1 year to sell for a house to be built on it.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Young opposed).

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road asked for clarification on the amendment.

Passage of order as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

Passage of order as amended 5-2 (Councilors Young and Titus opposed).

5. Order 28-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 1 Gamage Avenue, Parcel ID 250-310.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on Council not wanting to act on the property saying this is not a new property and they are not city planners.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Young, Fournier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

6. Order 29-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 5 Gamage Avenue, Parcel ID 250-319.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one From the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Young, Fournier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

7. Order 30-03052018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Property 143 Hampshire Street, Parcel ID 250-311.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Young, Fournier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

8. Order 31-03052018

Authorizing the City Manager to hire an additional full time City Electrician.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Titus to postpone this item until the next City Council meeting (3/19/2018).

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hayes and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules to add an item to agenda. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker on Resolve 02-03052018 supporting the Green Dot LA initiative and launch week. Councilor Fournier read the full draft resolve that was included in the workshop packet.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Councilor Young – thanked his fellow Councilors for being supportive tonight, adding that he was glad to have the opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Temoré.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the ELHS vision 2030 session will take place at Edward Little High School on Wednesday 3/7/2018. Also on Wednesday, the Lake Auburn Neighborhood meeting will take place at 6:00 PM, and the ELHS Building Committee will meet on 3/20/18 here at Auburn Hall.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the AVCOG meeting he attended last week, and he commented on the tree cutting around the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

Councilor Titus – no report

Councilor Young – added to his report congratulating the ELHS girls and boys basketball teams for winning the State Championship games and was glad to see the girls getting due recognition.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the school Superintendent presented the school budget to the School Committee last week which came in at an overall increase of 2.6%. She also reiterated one of the Council goals of meeting with the School Committee as often as they can and to have a good working relationship between the City Council and the School Committee. Last, she reported on the School Departments Community Forum on Vision 2030 to be held at Edward Little High School on 3/7/18 from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Post cards were sent out regarding the forum.

Councilor Walker – asked for clarification from staff on tree cutting. Staff will check into this further. Councilor Walker reported that on 3/17/18 the United New Auburn

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Association along with Walton and Sherwood Heights Schools will be holding a chili and chowder challenge from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at Walton School.

Councilor Gerry – reported that tomorrow night the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting at Hasty Armory at 5:00 P.M. and it is open to anyone that is interested in attending. She also had questions on tree cutting and on the school budget.

Assistant City Manager – echoed the comments regarding the success of Edward Little High School basketball teams winning the State Championship games. She thanked the Police and Fire departments for escorting and greeting the teams. She discussed the work that is being done on the budget. She also reported on a small group meeting that was held to discuss Sports Tourism, adding that more information will follow. She also thanked Liz Allen for all of her work on the Auburn Connections and encouraged people to read them.

- VIII. Open Session** – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the discussions that took place regarding the Sale of Tax Acquired and City Owned Properties agenda items. He said that it should have been handled during the workshop that was held last week adding that the City Council should take advantage of Council workshop time and ask questions then. He also commented that he hopes the City can purchase copies of Roberts Rules for everyone to read so that we can avoid the mayhem that they had here tonight.

Brian Carrier commented on the remarks that were made by Councilor Hayes about the growth and cutting at the airport.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time in 8:40 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:52 PM.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Along with students from the Edward Little High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, 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.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – March 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Recognition** – Edward Little High School Boys and Girls Basketball State Champions

IV. Open Session – The following individuals spoke regarding concerns they have with Proficiency Based Learning:

Laura Garcia, 20 Skillings Corner Road
Barbara Howaniec, 134 Nottingham Road
Michelle Scott and her son, Quinn, 50 Lake Street
Mike Martel, Beaver Road
Pam Hart, 106 Lake Street
Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road
Jesse Bell, a Lewiston resident with children that attend Auburn Schools.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, complimented the Auburn Police Department for their response and follow up after some vehicle break-ins during the last winter storm. He also expressed some concerns he has with the Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee.

Renee Simonitis, Oak Street commented on the Green Dot LA resolve that was voted on at the last meeting. She provided a copy of her comments to be placed on file with the City Clerk.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 31-03052018

Authorizing the City Manager to hire an additional full time City Electrician.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to table this item indefinitely. Motion failed 3- 4 (Councilors Young, Hayes, Lasagna, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

VI. New Business

2. Resolve 03-03192018

Supporting Central Maine Power Company's New England Clean Energy Connect Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – thanked Councilor Young for filling in during his absence at the last City Council meeting. He talked about his experience riding in one of the Public Services trucks during the last snow storm and he encouraged the Councilors to take some time and schedule a ride along in one of the trucks. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Economic and Marketing Committee meeting to be held on April 2nd at 7AM here at Auburn Hall in the Community Room, he also mentioned recent articles on the Auburn Lewiston Airport, and on or around March 27/28th a Canadian Royal Air Force presence will be at the Auburn Lewiston Airport. He noted that he testified in support of a proposed amendment to the Municipal Consolidation rules, and last, the City Council Retreat that was planned for last week has been rescheduled to April 9th and will be held at the Martindale Country Club. It is open to the public however there will not be public comment.

Councilor Young – Maine Spring Ring concert is to be held at the Auburn Middle School at 4:30 PM on Saturday, April 7th. It is sponsored by the Handbell Ringers of America Region I, where there will be more than 150 ringers from across the State. He also asked that the notes and memos provided by Laura Garcia who spoke during open session regarding concerns with Proficiency Based Learning be posted to the website as part of the record.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that tomorrow at 5:30 PM the School Building sub-committees will be meeting and then at 6:30 PM, the School Building Committee will be meeting here at Auburn Hall, and on Friday she will be participating in a ride along with Auburn Police Department.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the article in Sunday's newspaper on the Airport and articles in Discover Maine.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow March 20th at 4:00 PM the Sewer District Trustees will meet, and at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 21st the Water District Trustees will meet. Tomorrow, there will be another meeting with the Fire Department regarding overtime. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the Community Room, on April 3rd, the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at Sam's on Court Street.

Councilor Fournier – handed out a draft of the proposed school calendar. She also reported that there is an initiative underway with the Auburn and Lewiston School Departments, and MSAD 52 and RSU 16 on an interlocal agreement for a regional service center. She also mentioned that the Library Board of Trustees wanted to remind everyone about the on-line auction that is coming up for the Auburn Public Library. For more, you can visit their website at www.32auctions.com/APL2018. The auction will run from May 30th – June 8th.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on March 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association meeting will be Tuesday, March 27th. Doug Greene will be the guest speaker and will discuss the New Auburn Village plan. He reported on the Walton School Chili and Chowder contest, and last he reported that there will be a Bean Supper at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on Saturday March 24th to help to raise money to heat their building. This will be from 4:30-6:00 PM.

Councilor Gerry – reported that tomorrow at the Hasty Community Center, the Age Friendly Community meeting will be held. She also commented on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) conversation regarding the Recreation Scholarship funding.

City Manager Report – thanked Denise Clavette for stepping in at the last Council meeting during his absence. He mentioned that a joint workshop with School Committee and the City Council will be held next Monday (March 26th) to discuss the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for both the School and City. He reported that Fire Chief Geoff Low has submitted his resignation. He has accepted a position as Fire Chief in the Town of Orono. He also provided an update on a situation that came up regarding the tree harvest at the Airport, concerns regarding the business licensing renewal process, and the Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2018 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept and place on file the February 2018 Monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – Renee Simonitis, apologized for speaking out of turn, and asked that Councilors not vote for things in the same meeting.

IX. Executive Session - Discussion regarding Economic Development, pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C). **This executive session was not needed.**

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:53PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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, and a moment of silence to remember Mr. Phil Isaacson who recently passed. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 32-04022018*

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 12, 2018.

2. Order 33-04022018*

Approving the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the June 12, 2018 Election.

3. Order 34-04022018*

Approving the temporary sign request for Park Avenue Elementary School's Annual Spring Fest.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – March 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Proclamation** – The Mayor read the proclamation and declared April as Fair Housing Month in Auburn

IV. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the condition of our streets and sidewalks.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Joint Workshop that was held with the School Committee and a joint resolve he is working on with the School Committee Chair to encourage and set forth ideas to consolidate services and support between the City and School Department that could save taxpayer dollars. He reported on a recent visit to the Auburn Lewiston Airport and had the opportunity to meet with the Royal Canadian Air Force visitors. He also commented on the Auburn Connections newsletter which can be

found on the City's website. He encouraged the Council to reach out to their constituents letting them know about the newsletter.

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS has a track meet at Farmington on Friday the 13th of April.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she attended the School Committee meeting last week where they presented the school budget.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday at 5:30 P.M. and next Wednesday, April 11th is the AVCOG General Assembly meeting.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Auburn Sewer and Water District meetings were held last week. Topics were the road construction that will be taking place on Minot Avenue beginning on the Court Street side, the demolition of the 17 S. Goff Street building, the sub-committee that is looking at employee benefits and health insurance, and the Taylor Pond engineering study regarding the feasibility of getting year-round water at Taylor Pond. He also reported that the Peace Bridge construction should be starting soon, the EMS/Fire Department meetings regarding overtime have wrapped up and a report on the results should be coming soon. He noted that he is on sub-committee regarding adult use marijuana. They will be meeting tomorrow. The Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch meeting will also be held tomorrow at Sam's off Court Street, and last, the next Water and Sewer District meetings are scheduled for the 17th and 18th of April.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the School Committee meeting and the concerns regarding Proficiency Based Learning.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Peace Bridge work started today. He encouraged drivers to be careful, drive slow and pay attention when driving in that area.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she attended the School Committee's budget meeting. She encouraged parents to contact their school committee member with any budget concerns. Tomorrow there will be an Age Friendly Community meeting at the Hasty Community Center at 5:00 PM, and the First Auburn Seniors are meeting this Wednesday at the usual time and after the meeting a Beano game will be held.

City Manager Report - The City Manager presented his FY19 Preliminary Draft Budget to the City Council and public.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

A. Economic Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C).

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time in 7:42 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:12 PM.

B. 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 in 8:13 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:39 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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 Young had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

A. Order 35-04102018

Approving a Special Municipal Referendum Election to be held on June 12, 2018 and to approve the ballot language as recommended by the Auburn School Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Superintendent Katy Grondin provided information and answered Council questions.

Passage 6-0.

B. Resolve 06-04102018

Supporting a collaborative effort to achieve cost savings and (or) improved services.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

II. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**City of Auburn, City Council Retreat
Meeting Summary**

Monday, April 9, 2018 ~ 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Martindale Golf Course

Mayor & City Council Members Present:

Mayor Jason Levesque; City Councilors Alfreda Fournier, Belinda Gerry,
Robert Hayes, Holly Lasagna, Andrew Titus, David Young

City Council Member Absent:

Councilor Leroy Walker (due to illness)

City Staff and Facilitator Present:

Peter Crichton, City Manager
Denise Clavette, Assistant City Manager
Mandy Schumaker, Facilitator

I. Welcome & Introductions

Mayor Jason Levesque opened the City Council Retreat, welcoming all and introduced the facilitator Mandy Schumaker.

II. Create Ground Rules for meeting and our work together

Mandy guided the City Council to create ground rules for working together through the retreat session. The City Council and staff participated in a brief ice breaker exercise using full names and explanations of where they came from. Group agreed to use the following ground rules in working together:

- Respectful
- Honesty
- Listen
- Candor & “tough skin”
- Participative
- Don’t take things personally (“**Q-tip**” – **Quit-Taking It Personally**)
- Flexibility
- Call it tight (on point)
- Inclusive
- Step Up
- No judging self or others

III. What's your why? Why do you choose to serve?

Vision: *Where do we see Auburn in the next 5, 10, 20 years?
What policies & initiatives are most important and will make the greatest impact on our city?*

Each person discussed their reasons / choice to serve as an elected official and serve in a public role.

It was noted that a couple of activities are currently underway which would feed into the vision of the City of Auburn: 2018 City Work Plan (attached handout in agenda packet), Strategic Plan process, Charter review in the next few years, and Comprehensive Plan update to begin in a few years.

Councilors shared what was most important to them for the vision of Auburn

Councilor Fournier: Good direction that we are going in; Auburn needs to have a sense of identity, sense of the City's personality; need to provide good opportunities for citizens.

Councilor Titus: Should provide security for its citizens including: financial, housing, etc. Need to provide confidence that we will be okay.

Councilor Hayes: Focus on the City's image – we need to improve our image

Mayor Levesque: Want our city to be different—a “good” different

Councilor Young: Manage growth – need to be able to attract people of all ages

Councilor Gerry: Work with existing businesses first—also how do we keep college students here?

Councilor Lasagna: How do we communicate that Auburn is unique? What are we doing that is special? Many business and residential opportunities with the mills. How do we communicate “something different” is happening here (in City of Auburn)? What could that be or look like?

Strategic Plan process for the City of Auburn is beginning, with the Mayor, City Manager's office and Clifton Griem, volunteer – leading the project. City Department Directors met and discussed primary focus areas that will guide the City over the next few years. Focus areas are outlined below:

- Downtown & Riverfront
- Economic Development/Tourism
- Education & City Collaboration
- Financial Management
- Recreation/Agriculture/Natural Resources
- Regional Initiatives
- Space Needs and Infrastructure
- Technology & Innovation

IV. Dinner break / Vision (continued discussion)

Conversation continued during dinner. Councilor Lasagna mentioned arts and culture should be part of the strategic plan. It was mentioned that arts and culture, other areas could be included within the main areas already identified.

Mayor Levesque discussed that we need to look at whatever we do, in terms of “return on investment” – ROI. Councilor Titus discussed that we need to define paying for itself, and should ROI be the lens which we look through for everything.

Mayor Levesque stated we should begin by looking at our various words / ideas on our vision, look at our frequent use of words in what we all shared in order to begin pulling together a vision statement. Words noted included: Opportunity, Different/Unique, Security, Bold, Livability, Sustainability, Collaboration.

Follow Up / Action Item:

- ***City Manager & Assistant City Manager will draft a vision statement for Councilors to review.***

Other points were discussed: How do we define change? Do we want it? For a vision to be created, there needs to be sustainability of the vision—there is unrest if City vision changes every two years with the City Council. Also needs to be a process for getting people on committees that's transparent and communicated to all. Question was asked, does every ward need to be represented on committees? We may be missing people who want to be involved, and have specific skill sets that are needed, with ward requirements.

V. Review process for new initiatives

Councilor Titus shared the current process for new initiatives but said the City Council had moved away from it. The City has a form that is filled out and must be signed by two City Councilors, it is then sent to and reviewed by the Mayor and City Manager. They decide if initiative move to the Council and subsequently onto the agenda/workshop OR it could move to staff. All agreed this was an excellent process and would use this process.

Discussion also included the challenge of having enough time to discuss items during the workshop. How could that be addressed? Could the workshop item be re-visited during the regular City Council meeting that same evening?

Follow Up / Action Item:

- ***Mayor will look at the workshop items, to see if they can be re-visited during the regular City Council meetings if there isn't enough time to address the workshop item.***
- ***City Manager will send City Council initiatives' form to the City Council.***

VI. Roles and Responsibilities

Conversation centered around the necessity for City Manager / Assistant City Manager (staff leadership) to be managing staff; and the City Council's role in creating policy and enforcing policy. This needs to happen, as it is important to create trust with the staff. There have been instances where situations with staff performance has been addressed publicly by City Council members during City Council meetings / workshops. All agreed this should not happen in the future. City Council members were very complimentary of staff and all wanted to have an excellent relationship with them.

Follow Up / Action Item:

- ***City Councilors asked that the roles and responsibilities discussion, and appreciation for staff - get communicated to staff.***

The conversation continued on communication, particularly emails and concern with "replying to all". Emails are sent out periodically with pertinent information, and not intended for communication / dialogue back and forth with the entire City Council. City business cannot be discussed via email. City Councilors agreed. Further discussion surrounded the number of existing committees, difficulty knowing what each was doing, progress, etc. One idea mentioned was to have committees' minutes included in the City Council packet, on the City's website.

Follow Up / Action Item:

- ***City Manager will follow up with Liz Allen on the website, and with Sue Clements-Dallaire on the minutes / agenda packet.***
- ***Mayor / City Manager / Assistant City Manager will develop a plan to reduce and (or) consolidate the committee numbers by 30%.***

VII. Next Steps and Action Items

- 1) *City Manager & Assistant City Manager will draft a vision statement for Councilors to review.*
- 2) *Mayor will look at the workshop items, to see if they can be re-visited during the regular City Council meetings if there isn't enough time to address the workshop item.*
- 3) *City Manager will send City Council initiatives' form to the City Council.*
- 4) *City Councilors asked that the roles and responsibilities discussion, and appreciation for staff - get communicated to staff.*
- 5) *City Manager will follow up with Liz Allen on the website, and with Sue Clements-Dallaire on the minutes / agenda packet.*
- 6) *Mayor / City Manager / Assistant City Manager will develop a plan to reduce and (or) consolidate the committee numbers by 30%.*
- 7) *City Manager will get information on the retreat on the website, public.*

VIII. What worked/what didn't?

What worked?

- Retreat well done, appreciated - need to have another retreat
- Appreciated the meeting outside City Hall
- Retreat gave City Councilors time to go into more details
- Closure on many conversations
- Good ideas generated
- Everyone had the opportunity to speak
- One/Two topic agenda

Change for next time?

- Moving to another table for dinner, continuing conversation was difficult

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 23, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 132

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. Councilors Hayes and Titus had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 36-04232018*

Appointing Election Clerks for May 1, 2018 to May 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes

- April 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- April 10, 2018 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Special Council Meeting. Passage 4-0-1 (Councilor Young abstained as he was not present at that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Introduction of Auburn's new Fire Chief, Robert Chase

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street said he would like to see Parks separated from the Public Services Department and back to the Parks and Recreation Department as it was several years ago.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the Fire Department Overtime and EMS workshop discussion, on the April 9, 2018 Council Retreat, and on spring clean-up.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented on fire trucks being out of their home stations, spring clean-up, and a phone call he has been expecting from the Mayor.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Public Hearing – 2018 CDBG Action Plan

Charis Heisey, Davis Avenue, thanked Council for supporting the Community Gardens and provided an update on the progress of the gardens.

Victoria Stanton, 13 Brentwood Avenue, Lewiston works with Safe Voices (the domestic violence resource center for Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin Counties). They are recipients of Community Development Block Grant funds. She thanked the Council for supporting the organization.

Chief of Police Phil Crowell, thanked the City Council and the Citizens Advisory Committee for supporting the Work With Me program and he provided them with an update on the program.

Sabrina Best, Recreation Director expressed gratitude for Council's support of the Summer Camp Scholarship Program and provided an update on the program.

2. Order 37-04232018

Appointing Jason Sirois as a full member to the Board of Assessment Review with a term expiration of 10/01/2019 (new appointment).

3. Order 38-04232018

Appointing Tim Griffin to the Citizens Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/30/2019 (new appointment).

4. Order 39-04232018

Re-appointing Tizz E.H. Crowley and Rhyanna D. Larose to the Conservation Commission with term expirations of 6/1/2021.

5. Order 40-04232018

Appointing Rick M. Martel to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2018 (new appointment).

6. Order 41-04232018

Appointing Stephen Martelli as an associate member to the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2020 (new appointment).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young for passage of orders 37-04232018, 38-04232018, 39-04232018, 40-04232018, and 41-04232018.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on his vacation in Eastern France. He met with the Mayor of Bitche and found that there are a lot of similarities between the two cities and he would like to discuss with the Council, staff, and community members about potentially forming a “Sister City” relationship with their City. He noted that a lot of meetings and tours are coming up including the Airport, 911 Center, Awards celebration, Auburn Business Association banquet, graduations, and a Sesquicentennial Committee meeting.

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Lasagna – reported that tomorrow is the School Building Committee meeting at 6:30 PM and Thursday is the Auburn staff appreciation event.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the Library Board of trustees meeting and a discussion that was held on parking concerns at the Library. In regards to the School Committee, she said that she already reported on the April 3rd meeting. They will be discussing Proficiency Based Learning and the concerns raised by the public on Wednesday the 25th and she encouraged councilors to attend if they are able. They will also continue school budget discussions. She also reported that Edward Little High School's Social Studies teacher, Jen Heidrich, has spent the semester studying Anthropological Cultural studies on ELHS. On May 25, 2018 the students will be presenting their findings and conclusions. The event will be held at the ELHS Library and will be broken down into two sessions. One is from 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM, and the second is from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. She invited the Councilors to attend.

Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association is meeting on this Tuesday at Rolly's at 6:00 PM, the Neighborhood Watch Group is meeting on this Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church. He noted that the Age Friendly Community Committee meets twice a month and they will be seeking applicants to serve on the committee. These will be Mayor appointments. He thanked Larry Pelletier for coming forward with his comments regarding the Parks Department. Last, he responded to comments made by Mr. Herrick regarding trash on Riverside Drive adding that Washington Street also has to be cleaned up.

Councilor Gerry – reported that usually the LATC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at AVCOG at 12:30 PM and the public is invited to attend. The Recreation Advisory Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM and the public is encouraged to attend. She stated that there are a lot of different activities that residents can apply for (boards and committees) and residents are encouraged to apply. Last, she noted that the next Age Friendly Community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st.

City Manager Report – reported on the FY19 budget process, the upcoming employee recognition event which will be held on Thursday, and the upcoming School Building Committee meeting. He commented on the Council Retreat that was held on April 9th noting that it was an open meeting that was held at Martindale Golf Course in which someone anonymously contributed to the cost of the retreat. They had a good discussion and if the notes of the retreat will be posted on the website.

Denise Clavette, Assistant City Manager thanked Council for supporting the Sports Tourism initiative. A suggestion was made to come up with a Sports Tourism Committee. She provided an update on their recent meeting. They are Collaborating with Chamber, Maine Office of Tourism, Bates College, CMCC, and Lewiston and Auburn Schools and Cities.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – March 2018 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young to accept and place on file the March 2018 Monthly finance report. Passage 5-0.

VIII. Open Session – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on and read aloud a city pamphlet that is now available on picking up dog waste.

IX. Executive Session - Discussion regarding Economic Development, pursuant to (1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter. Passage 5-0. Time in 8:18 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:45 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 136

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 42-05072018*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,933.48 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-338 Alicia Whittemore).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – April 23, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Titus abstained – he was not present at the April 23, 2018 meeting).

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Proclamation** – Kids to Parks Day
- **Proclamation** – Curtis Ouellette, Eagle Scout
- **Proclamation** – Youth Week

V. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street spoke to the Council on taking pride in our City. He suggested putting up “Welcome to Auburn” signs in the city gateways. He commented on litter, utility poles that have been replaced but the old poles still remain, and he asked what was happening with the old Jimmy’s Restaurant building.

Scott Thistle, Shepley Street spoke to the City Council regarding concerns with the Proficiency Based Learning. He encouraged the Council to find out how much is being spent on it and to ask tough questions and are we seeing tangible results with this program.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Public hearing – this is the second public hearing on the FFY2018 CDBG Action Plan.

No one from the public spoke.

2. Order 43-05072018

Adopting the FFY2018 CDBG Action Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young for passage.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Fournier and Walker opposed).

3. Order 44-05072018

Approving the request to waive the business licensing fees for the Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball, a non-profit organization for the 2018 season.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street asked why we have to go through this every year and he wondered why and asked why we can't just say they do not need to have a license. Doing so would require an ordinance change.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that a lot of good things are happening in the City. He encouraged people to get outside, enjoy the City, pick up the trash and make our City shine. He also reminded citizens that the Auburn Business Association Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th at Martindale Country Club where they will announce the Auburn Citizen of the Year.

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Advisory Board meeting last week and thanked the committee for voting to change the time that they meet to conform to his new work schedule. He also commented that he thought it was nice that there was a presentation earlier on in the meeting to recognize Eagle Scout Curtis Ouellette.

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the Community College annual award dinner adding that he came away thinking that the Community College is one of the best kept secrets in the area of technology. He also reported that Rick Lanman conducted a tour of the Auburn Lewiston Airport that was well attended. He also added that a new airplane hanger is being built.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Sewer and Water Boards met last month. Their next meetings are on the 15th (Sewer) and the 16th (Water) of the month at 4:00 PM. He also reported on the Retail Marijuana Committee that he has been serving on.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the School Committee’s Task Force being formed to study Proficiency Based Learning hasn’t met yet. Following the work of the task force, a Steering Committee will be formed. She also provided an update on the School Budget.

Councilor Walker – reported on the outing held on Sunday at Sherwood Heights School. They held a May egg hunt with over 100 kids turning out. He thanked all of the volunteers for making it happen.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Age Friendly Community Committee meeting that was held last week. Next week on the 15th they will be meeting again. They will have a speaker from AARP. She noted that LATC is looking at their budget very closely and frugally. She also commented on the School Committee meeting that she attended and the commented on the School Budget.

City Manager – reported on the Medicine Disposal Day, the Employee Recognition event, the Business Licensing Renewal initiative, and he announced that Sabrina Best is now the new Director of our new Recreation and Sports Facilities Department that will be implemented in July.

VIII. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the last School Committee meeting that he attended. He stated that their microphones were not on for part of the meeting and it made it very difficult to hear them. He wanted to know why the microphones were not on.

IX. Executive Session – Legal consultation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 8:08 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:38 PM.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room at the time of the vote). Time 8:38 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MAY 14, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 139

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. He followed by asking for a moment of silence for 5 year old Valerio McFarland.

All Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Order 45-05142018

Accept and place on file the City Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

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 46-05142018

Adopting the FY19 School Budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment: Laura Garcia spoke to the Council regarding concerns with the Proficiency Based Learning and the School Budget and raised the question of how are we spending the money that the school is going to receive and how much is going toward Proficiency Based Learning?

School Committee Chair, Tom Kendall, addressed some of the concerns and discussed the proposed budget.

Passage 7-0.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 140

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 47-05212018*

Appointing Ariel Gill to serve as a Warden for the 6/12/2018 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- May 7, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

- May 14, 2018 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Special Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Arbor Week
- Recognition – Spirit of America Award (Gerald Scott Whalen and Crystal Harnden were the recipients of the Spirit of America Awards)

IV. Open Session

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library reminded everyone about the online auction coming up at the Library from May 30th to June 8th.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Special Municipal Referendum question which will go before Auburn voters in a Special Municipal Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Do you approve Auburn School Department joining a regional service center with other area school districts in order to improve educational efficiencies and preserve state subsidy, as set forth in an application to be approved by the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education?

No one from the public spoke.

2. Order 48-05212018

Adopting the 5-year CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Public Works Department’s Open House event. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming Sesquicentennial meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 6PM at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Young – reminded everyone about the ELHS graduation coming up on June 2nd.

Councilor Lasagna – reminded everyone that tomorrow night the School Building Committee will be meeting.

Councilor Hayes – no report

Councilor Titus – reported that the Lake Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group is having a Trash Off day on June 2nd for a barbeque and to pick up trash around Lake Auburn. He also reported on the Auburn Water and Sewer District meetings.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the School Committee Task Force she is on regarding Proficiency Based Learning and reminded everyone about their upcoming meetings.

Councilor Walker – reminded everyone of the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Group meeting on scheduled for this Thursday at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM and next Tuesday the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly’s Diner at 6PM. Alan Manoian will be the guest speaker. John Jenkins is also scheduled to attend. Councilor Walker also encouraged the public to look at the proposed budget and the request by LA 911 and he invited residents to attend a meeting to listen and provide input and try to understand what it takes to run 911 center.

Councilor Gerry – commented on the School Committee budget.

City Manager – reported on the LATC working group that has been formed, on the upcoming budget meetings, he commented on the Public Work’s Open House event, and he also wanted to let everyone know that the community has been designated as a Federal Opportunity Zone.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2018 Monthly Finance Report

Council did not vote to accept and place on file the April 2018 monthly finance report. They will do that after receiving the report with the corrected numbers.

VIII. Open Session - No one from public spoke

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 4, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 143

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 49-06042018*

Accepting the transfer of \$11,000. (5% of \$220,000) in forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (U.S. Department of Treasury Seizure 04180002-01 – Scott Ferland).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – May 21, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communications – Liberty Festival Mass Gathering/Special Event Application was presented to the Council and a public hearing and vote will take place at the June 18, 2018 City Council Meeting.

V. Open Session – Matthew Dubois, 49 Haymarket Square, Bangor commented on the Marijuana Moratorium discussion.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library reminded everyone about the Library's online auction fundraiser.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 50-06042018

Amending the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map for the property located at 33 Dunn Street.

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).

2. Ordinance 02-06042018

Adopting the zone change for 33 Dunn Street – 1st reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 51-06042018

Authorizing the Finance Director to execute the issuance of general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefore. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes to remove the \$100,000 for the beach study. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to cut funding for Museum LA from \$25,000 to \$10,000. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to cut funding for Museum LA from \$25,000 to \$15,000. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to reconsider her vote on the amendment to cut funding for Museum LA from \$25,000 to \$15,000 noting that she wanted to vote in the affirmative. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fournier. Passage of the amendment 5-2 (Councilors Lasagna and Hayes opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to reduce the Recreation Department cameras from \$25,000 to \$10,000. Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, and Gerry opposed).

Motion on Order 51-06042018 as amended failed 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Fournier opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 52-06042018

Reallocation of bonds. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public hearing – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the sign trailer.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by cutting the funding for a sign trailer from \$14,000 to \$5,000. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, and Titus opposed).

Passage of Order 52-06042018 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

5. Resolve 07-06042018

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2019. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – gave recognition to Curtis Ouellette who just earned his Eagle's badge.

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS track meet.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the ELHS graduation and the most recent School Building Committee noting that things are moving along. The site selection should be made in approximately a month.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the ELHS graduation noting that there were 25 countries represented by the student body. He reported that there is no Airport Board meeting this month but noted that they are finishing the year within budget.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group is meeting tomorrow from 6-7PM at Sam's Italian Sandwich Shop on Court Street. He also reported on the Auburn Water and Sewer meetings that he attended, and he requested a workshop to talk about policy on the Community Gardens.

Councilor Fournier – reported that there is a new Auburn Middle School Principal (Bob Griffin). She reported that the Community Credit Union on Stanley Street will be having a ribbon cutting on June 12th. The next School Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday the 6th at Park Avenue School and they will be honoring retirees. Last, she said the Task Force on Proficiency Based Learning will be meeting tomorrow from 3-5PM at the High School.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting tomorrow at the Senior Center at 6:30 PM. He also wanted the LA911 people to know

that he does support them adding that because it is a safety issue, we need to support them.

Councilor Gerry – reported on her garden plot at the Newbury Street Garden.

City Manager – reported that he met with the School Superintendent to talk about how they can work together more. He recognized Assistant City Manager Denise Clavette noting this was her last official meeting before moving on to Saco. He thanked Jill Eastman and the Department Directors on their work on the budget. Last, he reported on a meeting he had today on the Androscoggin River and safety and rescue measures they can take.

VIII. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the budget process and the vacant Assistant City Manager position.

Dan Herrick, Hatch Hill Road commented on the Minot Avenue construction project and some issues in that area. He also commented on the budget, salaries, contracts and employee benefits.

IX. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to suspend the rules and enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A). Passage 4-3 (Councilors Young, Titus, and Hayes opposed). Time 9:29 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:47 PM.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier. Passage 7-0. Time 9:48 PM.

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IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 18, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 147

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.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - June 4, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Presentation of the Bruce J. Gerry Scholarship award – Jean Doherty, recipient

IV. Open Session

Robert W. Spencer, Auburn resident commented on the proposed beach study and the stagnant water issue at the outlet beach.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-06042018

Adopting the zone change for 33 Dunn Street – Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public Hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 51-06042018

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 Lasagna.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend the language by adding the phrase not to exceed 11 years.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Passage of Order 51-06042018 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to reconsider passage of the motion.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Young opposed).

Motion by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to rescind the amendment adopted at the 6/4/2018 meeting (to fund Museum LA \$15,000 instead of \$25,000 as proposed) which would restore full funding of the \$25,000 that was originally proposed.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Young opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to remove the funding of \$125,000 for the Norway Savings Bank Arena floor.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of Order 51-06042018 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 52-06042018
Reallocation of bonds. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 07-06042018
Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2019. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to fund an additional \$59,000 to LATC.

The Mayor opened it up to public comment again – Robert Spencer commented.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, and Fournier opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of Resolve 07-06042018 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 03-06182018

Adopting a Marijuana Moratorium – Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage with a date of applicability under paragraph #2 as May 31, 2018.

Public hearing:

Peter Vondel, 153 Broad Street spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Alexander, owner of Canna Source of Maine located at 747 Minot Avenue spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Dan Jackson owner of Fire Pharms, spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

John Morrison, owner of Port City Relief, spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Angela McNamara, resident of Ornaville Township, Maine spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Chuck McNamara, spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Charlene St. Laurent, owner of Fire Pharms, spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Young to suspend the rules and dispense of the second reading with a unanimous vote at the first reading. Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 03-06182018 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 53-06182018

Approving the Mass Gathering Permit for the Liberty Festival to be held July 4, 2018 (rain date July 5, 2018). Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public hearing – Cathy McDonald, Chair of the Liberty Festival spoke and said she appreciates the support of the City Council.

Passage 7-0.

3. Ordinance 04-06182018

Adopting the zone change for Niskayuna Street – 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 Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 08-06182018

Supporting an 800Mhz Replacement Radio System for LA 911.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Fournier opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 54-06182018

Authorizing the use of funds in the amount of \$1,012,000, from the funds listed below to be used to fund the Capital Improvements.

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 Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – thanked the Council and staff for their efforts during the budget process. He then announced that we will be rolling out Auburn’s 150th Anniversary celebration. On July 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM there will be a press conference where we will be unveiling a new Sesquicentennial city seal.

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Lasagna – reported that there will be a discussion around opioids in our community on June 28, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Lewiston Middle School.

Councilor Hayes – commented that he was disappointed that he was unable to attend the Chambers remodeled Business to Business session a few weeks ago adding that they have a new logo “*Make It Here*”.

Councilor Titus – reported that a Sewer District meeting was scheduled for June 19th at 4:00 PM, on Wednesday, June 20th the Water District meeting at 4:00 PM and he will be attending both.

Councilor Fournier – reported that she was unable to attend the School’s Task Force Committee meeting where a resolve was passed to return to the 0-100 grading system (middle and high schools). She also reported that the next Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at the Senior Center at 6:30 PM, next Tuesday the United New Auburn

Association will meet at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner where Michael Chamings will be the guest speaker. Thursday, June 28th the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM, and on Saturday, there will be a yard sale and bottle drive at Rolly's Diner to raise money for the Marshall Popcorn Truck.

Councilor Gerry – reported that there are still vacant slots to fill on the Age Friendly Committee.

City Manager – clarified some comments that were made at the last Council meeting during the public comment period regarding the number of employees in the Economic and Community Development office, he reported on the City and School Joint Cooperation Group, the Chamber Market Place event, and he recognized Auburn staff that put together a booth, and he thanked the Council, Jill Eastman and staff for their efforts during the budget process.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2018 and May 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the April 2018 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept and place on file the May 2018 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – Ned Claxton, reported on Refugee Day being cancelled.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0, time in 9:16 AM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:57 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room at the time of the vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 2, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 152

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:13 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 – June 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker was out of the room for the vote).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Marijuana Moratorium Update (Phil Crowell)

Proclamation - Summer Learning Day Proclamation

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier – 129 Second Street provided some information about the St. Louis bells.
Stephen Martelli – 41 Broad Street wanted everyone to know that on Saturday and Sunday, July 7th and 8th at Big Lots, a fundraiser is going to be held for a couple of families in New Auburn. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be there between 10AM and 2PM handing out gifts to the kids.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 04-06182018

Adopting the zone change for Niskayuna Street – second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 55-07022018

Appointing Brian Carrier to the Planning Board as an Associate member with a term expiration of 01/01/2020.

2. Order 56-07022018

Appointing Dana Staples as full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiration of 10/01/2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Orders 55-07022018 and 56-07022018.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke. Both applicants were in the audience. The Mayor introduced them and thanked them for volunteering to serve their community.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 57-07022018

Renaming Little Androscoggin Park to Anniversary Park to commemorate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of Order 57-07022018 renaming Little Androscoggin Park to Auburn Anniversary Park.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Hayes abstained).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – said he was excited about the 150th Sesquicentennial kick off that was held earlier. He also reminded Auburn residents about Auburn’s firework ordinance and said we should all be following the law. He reported on an upcoming trip to China, and some upcoming agenda items.

Councilor Young – reported on the most recent Appointment Committee meeting, the lack of applicants, and he encouraged his fellow Councilors to reach out to constituents to try to recruit people. He also commented on the location of the new Edward Little High School.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the process of determining the placement of the new high school.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday night, and he noted that if anyone wants to see the Constellation they should do so soon because it is being disassembled and moved.

Councilor Titus – stated that he was pleased with the location of the new high school and is looking forward to seeing what can be done there. He also reported on the Water and Sewer District Trustees meeting. He also said that he would like the Council to make a clear direction early on as to what the Council wants to do next year when it comes to the budget process.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the next Library meeting is scheduled for August, and the School Committee Task Force will not meet again until the fall.

Councilor Walker – reported on the new high school location adding that he is glad they are rebuilding in the same area. He also noted that many tax payers felt that they had been shut out and thought they should have been informed when it came down to at least the last few potential locations.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the next LATC meeting is scheduled for July 11th at 12:30 PM at AVCOG and she invited the Mayor to attend that next meeting. She also reported that there is a Parks and Recreation Advisory meeting July 11th at 6:30 PM at Auburn Hall.

City Manager – started by responding to comments made at a recent Council meeting regarding the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) and wanted to set the record straight. For FY2017 the CIP expenditures were \$5,030,000, FY2018 was \$8,500,000, and for FY2019 it is \$8,375,000. He also commented that he appreciates the comments made by Councilor Gerry and reminded everyone of the working group that has been established and they are looking at ways to partner with other businesses of the city. He also commented on the location of the new high school and the process much of which is determined by the Department of Education. He added that he is looking forward to the next phase of the process. He announced that Police Chief Phil Crowell would be Acting City Manager the remainder of the week while he is on vacation. Last, he mentioned that there is an opportunity for an additional candidate for Auburn on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee. The other municipalities (Minot, Poland, Mechanic Falls and New Gloucester) did not submit anyone for this position. We already have one voting member (Mayor Levesque) and this would be an opportunity for us to have another voting member and if there are no Councilors that are interested, he would be happy to serve as a voting member on that committee.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

Council took a moment to reconvene the workshop item that we did not get to earlier on during the workshop on a proposed amendment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion regarding a poverty abatement case #2018-002, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier. Passage 7-0. Time in 8:03 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:30 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to grant an abatement in the amount of \$2,342.68 for case Number 2018-002 in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2). This is Order # 58-07022018. Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Titus opposed, and Councilor Hayes abstained).

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 16, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 155

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. Councilors Lasagna and Titus had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 59-07162018

Nominating Peter Crichton, Auburn City Manager as a write-in candidate on the official ballot for Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee for District 20 for the 2018-2020 term.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes - July 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 5-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

NAFSC - Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

Lori Parham, State Director of AARP in Maine, along with Rich Livingston, volunteer President and former Auburn Councilor, and Bill Philips, Advisory Council presented Auburn with a certificate for joining the AARP network of Age-Friendly Communities

IV. Open Session:

Renee Simonitis, 9 Oak Street, commented on the civility item that was on the workshop.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library, commented on the retirement of John Kelly, Auburn Public Library employee for 44 years and she encouraged people to stop by the Library to extend good wishes to him and to sign his guestbook.

Rita Morin, 150 Sopers Mill Road, Karen Bolduc, Sopers Mill Road, Peter Moore, landowner on Jordan School Road, Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road, and Terry Daily, North River Road all commented on the Ag Study ad hoc committee and the Ag zone.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

2. Ordinance 05-07162018

Amending the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Ordinance – Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Tizz Crowley, University Street spoke in favor of the proposed amendment but encouraged additional language where no one ward can control the majority of the vote, consider expanding the number of members to include alternate members, and consider looking at the ordinance as a whole at some point down the road and either reaffirm that Parks are now separate from the Recreation Department or put Parks back with the Recreation Department.

Adam Lee, Garden Circle urged passage of the proposed amendment as it is.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that there were no fireworks accidents on the 4th of July, the 150th Sesquicentennial is well underway and we’ve had a great response from local businesses noting that we’ve already received approximately \$10,000 in donations for the celebration. He reported on the Tourism meeting that was held earlier today. Last, he wanted everyone to know that Proctor & Gamble will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and will be holding an open house on Saturday, July 21st.

Councilor Young – reported that the Danville Grange is on its foundation and a fundraiser will be held there on July 28th. He also reported that the Androscoggin Historical Society has control of the West Auburn School House. They are in the process of cleaning and preparing it for an opening. The date has not been determined yet.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the Airport Board meeting last Thursday but much of the meeting was held in executive session. Activities are coming forth and he said to *stay tuned*.

Councilor Fournier – no report.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Community Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center at Pettengill Park.

Councilor Gerry – also reported on the Age Friendly Committee and the last LATC meeting. She also said she went to Gleason Radio Station before the LATC meeting and met the three of the Twin City Thunder Hockey players and received t-shirts to hand out to the City Councilors, compliments of Gleason Media.

City Manager – reported that there will be a Joint Workshop with the Council and School Department on Wednesday, August 1st to discuss the location of the new high school. He also reported that Jason Pacquin, the Norway Savings Bank Arena General Manager has resigned and will be missed. John Bubier will be the point person during the interim. They have a new hockey team that will be starting there in less than ten weeks. He reported on the Strategic Plan, he commented on the Civility workshop item, and reported on the Tourism meeting that was held earlier.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

Council took a moment to reconvene the agenda item that we did not get to earlier on during the workshop on Boards and Committees.

IX. Executive Session – to consult with legal counsel regarding Council’s legal rights and responsibilities regarding dangerous buildings and unlicensed junkyards, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 5-0. Time in 8:32 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:55 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 6, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 158

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 60-08062018

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Nicholas C. Barnies and Paul W. Schroeder as Constables with a firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 61-08062018

Accepting the transfer of \$1,433.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-1015 Richard Breau).

3. Order 62-08062018

Accepting the transfer of \$795.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-1016 Robert Benedix).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – July 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Titus abstained as he was not present at that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Recognition and Proclamation – P&G's Tambrands Celebrates 50 Years in Auburn

P&G representatives Rick Duffy and Rick Malinowski accepted the framed Proclamation. Mayor Levesque also gave them a key to the City, along with a few of the Auburn Sesquicentennial hats and t-shirts.

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the railroad crossings in Auburn which are in serious disrepair.

Bruce Nadeau, 14 Truman Avenue, commented on Unitel (Natural Gas) and the cost for residents to hook into the gas lines. He would like to enlist the help of the City Council to try to reach out and work with Unitel in an effort to try to help to expand natural gas service for Auburn residents.

Adam Lee, Garden Circle had questions and concerns regarding the Strategic Plan and the Strategic Plan Committee and its eight sub committees.

John Wyman, Lake Auburn Avenue asked for update on the road construction going on in the City of Auburn.

Police Chief Phil Crowell reminded everyone that tomorrow night is National Night Out and will be held in Festival Plaza starting at 5:30 PM.

Heidi McCarthy, Garden Circle, commented on the Strategic Plan process and expressed some concerns. She stated that she hopes the Council will hold off on the Strategic Plan process until they are able to evaluate whether they feel it is the right direction and process they would like to go.

Laura Garcia, Skillings Corner Road, commented on Proficiency Based learning.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, commented on the dashboard that was presented during the workshop, the Strategic Plan, marketing and tourism in Auburn, and the opioid crisis.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-07162018

Amending the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 09-08062018

Supporting the Auburn Police Departments submission of a \$500,000.00 application of a COPS: School Violence Prevention Program Grant.

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).

2. Order 63-08062018

Appointing Deana Chapman and Michael Mathieu as Associate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on an upcoming trip he will be taking to China along with Economic and Community Development Director Michael Chamings. They will leave on

September 12th and are due back on September 24, 2018. He commented on the warm humid weather and encouraged everyone to stay hydrated, drink lots of water, and to look after neighbors.

Councilor Young – reported that he attended the Beach to Beacon, noting that he was there taking photos, not running.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the joint meeting of the School Committee and the City Council on how they are proceeding with the planning of the new high school adding that there will be plenty of opportunities for public comment.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the Taylor Pond Association meeting a week ago. Fire Chief Bob Chase was there and addressed their fire prevention concerns and present the results of the fire prevention study.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Auburn Water and Sewer District meetings are scheduled for August 21st and 22nd. He commented on Boards and Committees and said at one point there was talk regarding a Finance Committee and he hopes there is follow through with that. He also stated that he would like to see budget discussions for the next fiscal year begin earlier on than they have in the past and is hoping for little to no increase.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the August 1st Joint meeting of the School Committee and City Council adding that the public can view the recording of that meeting through Great Falls TV and visuals are also available on the School's website. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM. She noted that the first day of school is August 29th. She also reported on the Auburn Public Library Board meeting and said the next meeting is scheduled for August 14th.

Councilor Walker – reported that the next Age Friendly Community meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (August 7th) at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center at Pettengill Park.

Councilor Gerry – spoke about the Age Friendly Community Committee and she reported on the Newbury Street Garden.

City Manager – John Bubier reported on the Assistant City Manager vacancy and the General Manager vacancy at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He is assisting in both areas.

VIII. Open Session

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Library director invited people wanting to escape the heat to visit the Library and to take advantage of the cool air.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to continue the workshop discussion (item D on the workshop regarding Agriculture and other items).

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Fournier and Walker opposed).

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After the workshop discussion was over, a motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to resume the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry was out of the room during the vote). Time in, 9:27 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:36 PM.

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time in, 9:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:18 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 20, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 162

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 64-08202018

Confirming the City Manager's appointment of Phillip Crowell, Jr. as Assistant City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

2. Resolve 10-08202018

Adopting the Androscoggin County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2017 Update.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed).

II. Minutes - August 6, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor and seconded by Councilor to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation - Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – Mayor Levesque declared September to be Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Auburn and he read the Proclamation.

IV. Open Session

Adam Lee, Garden Circle – commented on the Strategic Planning Committee and concerns that he has knowing that individuals have been approached to serve on the committee when there has been no Mayoral or Council action to form or appoint members to the committee or sub committees.

Brian Carrier, 52 Constellation Drive, made a personal request for Police presence on the committee regarding the upgrades/construction in the Hotel Road, Lewiston Junction Road, and Kittyhawk Road area.

Heidi McCarthy, Garden Circle, commented on her concerns with the Strategic Plan and was hoping that the concerns she expressed at the last council meeting would be addressed tonight, however they were not.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road – expressed some concerns regarding the Strategic Plan, and concerns he has regarding existing committees adding that he feels that the reason not many

people apply to serve on Boards and Committees is because they feel they are not taken seriously.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Legislative Policy Committee, the Summer Block Program and fundraiser for the Make a Wish Foundation, his recent meetings with developers who spoke favorably about our downtown, the open house at the Knight House which was hosted by the Androscoggin Historical Society, his upcoming trip to China (September 12th – September 24th), the Recreation Departments Men’s Draft League for softball, the 150th Anniversary sponsorship adding that we should hit our \$30,000 fundraising goal before Labor day. He gave recognition to David Griswold, a volunteer for the Forestry sub-committee, who has been inventorying trees in Auburn. He also congratulated City Manager, Peter Crichton for completing the MTCMA certification program and receiving his certification.

Councilor Young – reported that there will be a variety show at the Danville Junction Grange on Sunday, August 26th at 3 PM. Admission is \$4. He also reported that last Sunday one of his team members (Maine Running Photo’s) covered a running event in Norridgewok and took some excellent pictures. Last, he reported that he recently spent some time in Old Orchard Beach taking running photos.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that she attended a naturalization ceremony August 16th at the Lewiston Public Library where 40 people from 16 different countries became us citizens. She also reported that ELHS is partnering with Healthy Androscoggin to provide a two hour mandatory curriculum to students that focuses on health effects of tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the Balloon Festival.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Auburn Sewer and Water District meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 21st and Wednesday, August 22nd. He commented on the Balloon Festival and other events and would like to see more reporting on what was spent and what the return is on these events. He said he likes the events but thinks we can do more. Last, he congratulated Phil Crowell for his appointment as Assistant City Manager.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for August 22nd, and the Library Board of Trustees meeting was held last Tuesday, followed by a walk about with the City Manager and other staff members to discuss parking at the Library and green space. She announced that tomorrow, August 21st at 2:30 PM the first Parade Committee meeting will be held to begin planning the Memorial Day parade as part of the 150th Celebration.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting tomorrow at Senior Center at Pettengill Park at 5:30 PM tomorrow, August 21st, the Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on Thursday, 8/23 at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM, and the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on 8/28 at Rolly’s Diner at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Gerry – reported that there was a public input meeting on the Senior Center that was scheduled for 8/28 however that has been moved out to September. She also reported on the Appointment Committee meeting that was held on August 13th.

City Manager – welcomed Phil Crowell as our new Assistant City Manager. He reported that there will be an employee appreciation BBQ event on September 7th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Municipal Beach and city offices will be closed during that time. He also responded to the Mayors comments on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee noting that we now have two voting members. He reported that we are implementing led lighting. He announced that we are going to be looking for the city’s next Christmas tree, and last, he reported that there will be a stakeholders meeting at AVCOG to discuss what is happening with the bus service.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0.
Time in 7:54 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:34 PM.

Discussion regarding economic development (Schooner Estates), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0.
Time in 8:35 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:06 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 165

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 65-09102018*

Setting the time to open the polls for the November 6, 2018 election to be 7:00 AM.

2. Order 66-09102018*

Appointing Assistant City Manager Phillip Crowell, Jr. as Auburn's alternate member of the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee.

3. Order 67-09102018*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

4. Order 68-09102018*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

5. Order 69-09102018*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.

6. Order 70-09102018*

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 Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the six consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - August 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Jordan Tate, Chair of the Conservation Commission and Evan Cyr, Chair of the Planning Board provided the Council with an update of items they have been working on and answered questions from the Council.

IV. Open Session

Olga Dolgicer, owner of the Munroe Inn, Pleasant Street expressed concerns she has had over the last 5 years regarding issues she has run into when trying to do renovations at the Inn and a rental building she owns that shares the same lot. She stated that she has been asked to install a sprinkler system and in doing so, it would create a hardship and loss of

income because her third floor tenant would have to move out while the system was being installed.

Catherine Betsch Raynor, local business owner and friend of Olga Dolgicer. She spoke to support her friend Olga and also commented on her own experience stating that she had to move her business from Auburn to Lewiston due to local regulations.

Allison Langis, business owner (LA Appraisals) and a resident of Auburn. She is also a friend of Olga Dolgicer and was here to support her. She said she also has knowledge in terms of appraising real estate. She said from her perspective, she feels that the Inn and the 3-unit building should be treated as separate buildings.

Bill Sylvester, 1128 Riverside Drive, commented on the Ag Study Committee that he served on. He also commented on the Mayor's Ad Hoc committee (MAG-ARP) that was discussed during the workshop. He said that he likes the idea of that committee noting that he has filled out an application to serve on it as well.

Evan Cyr, 435 W Auburn Road, talked about traffic and speeding issues in the Broad Street area. He has seen speed limit signs but wanted to know what else is planned to curb the inappropriate use of those roads.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 71-09102018

Amending orders 26-03052018 and 27-03052018 previously adopted by the City Council on 03-05-2018 by striking the provision language "and that the property be held for 1 year to sell for a house to be built on it".

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 72-09102018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired/City Owned Property at 12 Patton Road, Parcel ID 211-023.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

3. Order 73-09102018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired/City Owned Property at 26 Washington Street North, Parcel ID 220-091.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke. Passage 7-0.

4. Order 74-09102018

Authorizing the sale of Tax Acquired/City Owned Property at 131 Washington Street South, Parcel ID 220-164.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 Greek Festival, Poutine Festival, the Mayoral sash he was wearing, and his upcoming trip to China.

Councilor Young – announced that the Androscoggin Historical Society will be holding an open house at the West Auburn School House on September 22nd from 1:30-3:30. He also reported on the most recent Great Falls TV Advisory Board meeting, and an open house that Pioneer Plastics will be holding on Saturday, although he is not sure if it is open to public.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the School Committee meeting that was held last Wednesday where they held a straw poll vote where residents voted positively in favor of the location of the new high school. The next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26th at 6:00 PM at Auburn Hall. Community input is welcome.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the planes at the Airport are going to be leaving. One is crated and ready for shipment, the second is being painted. Thursday is the grand re-opening of the Airport Café (Mike’s Diner) so if anyone wants to see the plane, that would be a good time to do it.

Councilor Titus – reported that the County budget season will begin on the September 12th and should be complete by mid October. He said he will keep the council updated. He also reported that the Marijuana work group has started up again. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2nd. He also reported on the most recent Sewer and Water Department meetings he attended.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the last school committee meeting. She noted that the Task Force Committee will be starting up again on September 13th. Earlier that day they will review the parent survey comments. She commented on the Staff Grading Procedures that can be found on the School Department’s website and she encouraged parents to go on line and to check it out. She said the next School Committee meeting is to be September 19th at 7:00 PM. The next Auburn Public Library meeting is scheduled for September 18th. The 128th Annual Meeting of Corporators will be held at the Auburn Public Library on September 27th at 5:30 PM in the Grand Reading Room. She also reported that there are 3,600 students enrolled in Auburn Schools with 500 staff members, and all teacher positions are all filled. She also added that the High School Referendum Election is to be held in June of 2019.

Councilor Walker – reported that the next Age Friendly meeting is scheduled on 9/18/2018. The Neighborhood Watch Groups will all be meeting at Pettengill Park on 9/29/2018 at the Hasty Community Center. Members of the Police Department will be there from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM and from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM, they will be serving hot dogs to anyone who would like to attend.

City Manager Report – reported that tomorrow at 8:00 AM a ceremony will be held at Central Fire recognizing the victims of 9/11. He also reported that the Twin City Thunder hockely team will be playing this Friday at the Norway Savings Bank Arena and he gave recognition to everyone who has been working on this event and working at the arena to move it forward. The Police Department’s Citizen’s Police Academy starts next week. It’s a 10 week program. More information can be found on the City’s website. He reported on the street light request project adding that we’ve received 68 requests that will be reviewed and he will report back on the findings. He also confirmed that the School Building Committee meeting is 9/26/18 at 6:00 PM.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – June 2018 and July 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the June 2018 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the July 2018 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding personnel matters, 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 8:43 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 8:56 PM.

Discussion regarding personnel matters, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into Executive Session. Passage 4-0 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, and Young were not in the room for the vote), time in 8:57 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:27 PM.

Discussion regarding economic development (Airport Land Lease), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into Executive Session. Passage 5-0 (Councilors Fournier and Walker were not in the room for the vote), time in 9:28 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:41 PM.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 170

City Manager, Peter Crichton, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to elect Councilor David Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore to preside over the meeting in the temporary absence of the Mayor.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to elect Councilor Andy Titus to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore to preside over the meeting in the temporary absence of the Mayor.

Motion to elect Councilor Young failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, Titus, and Young opposed).

Passage of motion to elect Councilor Titus 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, Walker, and Fournier opposed).

Mayor Pro Tempore Titus led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 75-09172018*

Designating Assistant City Manager, Phillip Crowell as the official voting delegate to the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting to be held on October 3, 2018.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - September 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – City Assessor, Karen Scammon provided the Council and public with an overview on the Board of Assessment Review

IV. Open Session

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road, Karen Bolduc, Sopers Mill Road, and Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road all commented on the Ag Study and the Mayor's Ad Hoc Study Committee and the proposed Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Resource Protection.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 76-09172018

Approving the Liquor License Mike's Runway Diner located at 80 Airport Drive, Auburn, Maine. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 77-09172018

Amending Order 122-12182017 previously adopted by the City Council on 12/18/2017 regarding the discontinuance of Troy Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Eric Cousens provided an update regarding the change.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 78-09172018

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Minot Avenue Credit Enhancement Agreement assignment.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

4. Resolve 11-09172018

Supporting the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Motion by Councilor Gerry to amend by replacing the resolve supporting the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resource Protection with an order that the Auburn City Council hereby establishes the Agriculture and Natural Resource Protection Committee and defining the purpose and membership of the committee.

Point of order was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Titus that what Councilor Gerry is proposing is not an amendment but rather a replacement to the resolve by replacing a Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee with a Council Committee. He added that the Mayor has the right to create an Ad Hoc Committee. He also pointed out that the Council should not be voting on an order just presented during the same meeting without having an opportunity to review and discuss it.

Motion by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to postpone until the next meeting (October 1, 2018). Passage 4-3 (Councilors Titus, Walker and Young opposed).

5. Order 79-09172018

Appointing a City Councilor to serve on the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item until the next meeting (October 1, 2018). Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road commented on the Ag Study Ad Hoc committee and the proposed Mayors Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Resource Protection.

6. Resolve 12-09172018

Supporting the Creation of the Strategic Plan and to allow the City Manager to move forward with the strategic planning process.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker that the Council is side by side with the City Manager regarding having primary responsibility before implementing any plan moving forward. He later withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by adding to the last paragraph of the resolve "**And be it further resolved that under the direction and approval of the City Council the City Manager shall move forward with the strategic planning.**

Passage on the amendment 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend the seventh paragraph "**Whereas, the Council will vote on each committee and it's membership, the charge for each committee, and receive a report back from each committee**".

Passage on the amendment 7-0.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage of Resolve 12-09172018 as amended 7-0.

VII. Reports

Councilor Gerry – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center at Pettengill Park, and there will be a Hot Dog Social on September 29th at noon and the event is free of charge.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting that was held earlier this afternoon and the hockey game that she attended over the weekend at the Norway Savings Bank Arena where the Twin City Thunder hockey team was playing adding that there were around 700 people in attendance.

Councilor Hayes – reported that Mike’s Diner had ribbon cutting at the AL Airport, and he also commented that he also attended the hockey game over the weekend at the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow at 4:00 PM there is a Sewer District Trustees meeting and on Wednesday the Water District Trustees will hold their meeting, also at 4:00 PM. He reported on the Audit Committee meeting that was held last Friday, and the Androscoggin County Budget Committee meeting which was held last Wednesday. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/26 at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at 7:30 PM, the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday evening, the Parade Committee will meet on the 27th at 3:00 PM in room 204. The Library’s Annual meeting will be held that evening around 5:00 or 6:00 PM – she did not have the exact time written down.

Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly’s Diner on the 25th of this month at 6:00 PM, a representative from the LA Museum will be speaking. The Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on the 27th at 6:30 PM. He also reported that all Neighborhood Watch Groups will be meeting on the 29th of September followed by the Hot Dog Social from Noon to 2:00 PM. Last, he reminded everyone that tomorrow at 5:30 PM the Age Friendly committee will be meeting at the Senior Community Center.

Councilor Young – reported that he attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Alice Keene over the weekend adding that for a number of years, she was the hot lunch lady at the Auburn Middle School. He also reported on the Open House that was held at Pioneer Plastics.

City Manager – talked about the name change that took place a few years ago where the Public Works Department was renamed Public Services. He added that the city ordinance still refers to the department as Public Works and if there were no objections from the Council, he would like to go back to the original name as referenced in the code. There were no objections from the Council. He reported that the Auburn Connections for September is out and encouraged everyone to take a look at it. He reminded everyone of the New Year Celebration coming up, more information can be found at www.auburn150.com. He noted that there is a stakeholders meeting for LATC Thursday at 10:00 AM at AVCOG. He wanted to give a shout out to The Dempsey Challenge that will be taking September 29th and 30th. He commented on the hockey game that was held over the weekend at the arena with the Twin City Thunder and added that there will be a report to the Council in November on the arena and where we are at and what we are doing.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session - None

Councilor Walker commented that he was notified by a resident that lives next to Walton School who complained that he is dissatisfied with how the School Department and the City maintains their grounds adding that we need to take more pride in the maintenance they do.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 – September 17, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular Council meeting as corrected (a typographical error). Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Recognition – Auburn Book Project Winner, Katherine Garcia (Author & Illustrator of The Great Challenge) was recognized and Mayor Levesque presented her with a key to the City.

Presentation – Summer Block Party’s Make-A-Wish Maine Fundraiser – Recreation Director, Sabrina Best, and the Summer Block Committee presented representatives of the Make-A-Wish Maine Foundation with a check for \$75,000 that was raised during the Summer Block Party event.

Communication – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Update (Dana Staples, Chair)

Communication – Public Works Update – Dan Goyette, Director

IV. Open Session

Robert Spencer, made a comment on a parcel of land that he states was sold in Auburn for less than its valued amount.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Resolve 11-09172018

Supporting the Mayor’s Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – Bill Sylvester, commented that it is going to be a dilemma to get all of the committees together as discussed earlier during the workshop. He mentioned the Conservation Commission, the Forestry Board, the Steering Committee, and the Planning Board and suggested getting one or two individuals from each committee to get together to share the pool of knowledge that they may have in order to help with the process.

Peter Moore, owner of over 800 acres on the Jordan School Road commented that he has owned the land for over 30 years and cannot build a home on his property due to the ordinance restrictions. He encouraged council to stop debating and to start doing. He said this

could be an opportunity to increase tax revenue without putting a burden on existing farmers. He said he thinks there are four basic steps that need to happen without delay - remove the 50% income restriction, removing the ten acre minimum lot size restriction, expand the approved uses of land in the Ag zone, and add a wide array of approved recreational uses of the land.

Dave McKeone, owner of 26 acres of land on the Steele Road echoed what Mr. Moore said and noted that he cannot live on his farm. The 50% rule is holding him back and he would like to see changes to the ordinance.

Kelly Walker, owns approximately 10 acres of land in the Jordan School Road area. She has animals and over 500 blueberry bushes, however they are unable to live there because of the 50% rule, which makes it difficult for them.

Gary Lawrence, 813 Sopers Mill Road, has more than 10 acres of land at 901 Sopers Mill Road but cannot build on the land due to the restrictions.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 79-09172018

Appointing a City Councilor to serve on the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP).

The Mayor stated that he would like to add two Councilors to serve instead of just one.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to appoint Councilor Fournier to serve on the committee.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Councilor Lasagna as the second Council member to serve on this committee.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VI. New Business - None

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he has just returned from his trip to China adding that it was a good trip. He is working with the Auburn Public Library Director, Mamie Anthoine Ney to hold a full community briefing of the trip. He reported on the Dempsey Challenge,

that was held over the weekend and announced that there will be an open house and ribbon cutting at the New YMCA off Stetson Road on Friday.

Councilor Young – reported on the Dempsey Challenge, the Maine Marathon that was held on Saturday, and the Kids of Danville Event that took place at the Danville Junction Grange on Saturday afternoon.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly and Neighborhood Watch groups met this past Saturday at Pettengill Park with a Hot Dog Social that followed adding that it turned out to be a great day.

Councilor Fournier – reported that the School Committee will hold a meeting with an executive session tomorrow, and on Wednesday the School Committee will hold a workshop at 6:00 PM and a meeting at 7:00 PM, and another workshop and meeting on October 17th.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee meeting and noted that their next meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday. He reported on the Sewer and Water District meetings noting that they will begin working on their budgets sometime this month. He also reported that the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 PM at Sam's Italian Sandwich Shop on Court Street.

Councilor Hayes – reminded everyone that the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee meetings are open to the public and are also recorded so any Councilor or member of the public can attend. He reported that Thursday night is the first meeting for the Strategic Plan to introduce the process, however the Airport Board meeting is also scheduled for the same night and he disappointed that he will not be able to attend the Strategic Plan meeting. He also commented on the first Riverwalk Blues Festival that was announced in the newspaper which is to be held on October 13th from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Festival Plaza.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the School Building Committee meeting that was held last week where a proposed timeline was laid out. She mentioned that on Oct. 3rd the Community Health Needs Assessment is holding a forum from 10:00 AM to Noon to be held at the Franco Center. On October 11th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM there will be another forum held at the Lepage Conference Center. She also reminded everyone that the Safe Voices annual vigil was being held tonight.

Councilor Gerry – commented that she was glad that the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee was formed tonight and explained why she objected on the process during the meeting.

Assistant City Manager Report – reported that a nation-wide test of the integrated public alert warning system will be held beginning at 2:18 PM on Wednesday, October 3rd, on October 4th from 6:00-7:00 PM in Council Chambers, the chairs of the boards and committees will be meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan adding that it will be an informational meeting with no more information than what has been discussed at Council meetings in order to bring them up to speed. Last, the City of Auburn has been selected for

an award (Spirit of America Award) by the Androscoggin County Commissioners. The ceremony will be held on October 24th at 6:00 PM at the Androscoggin County Building.

Councilor Walker added to his report noting that the Engineering Department will be meeting at Rolly's Diner on Tuesday, October 23rd to show and discuss the reconstruction of the intersection on Main and Mill Streets, possibly Broad Street as well. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

Discussion regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, time in 8:51 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:39 PM.

Discussion regarding Economic Development (development opportunities from the Mayor's trip to China), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into Executive Session. Passage 7-0, time in 9:39 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:00 PM.

Discussion regarding contemplated litigation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

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 in 10:01 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:08 PM.

Discussion regarding 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 in 10:09 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:12 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 179

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 everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Crystal Harnden, a volunteer for the Auburn Police Department and recipient of The Spirit of America Award who passed away over the weekend. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes – October 1, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Regular City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Presentation – Maple Way Dental Care

Proclamation – Proclaiming November 1, 2018 as Extra Mile Day in Auburn

Communication – Zoning Board of Appeals Update (Courtney McDonough, Chair)

Communication – Office of the City Clerk Update (Sue Clements-Dallaire)

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 77-09172018

Amending Order 122-12182017 previously adopted by the City Council on 12/18/2017 regarding the discontinuance of Troy Street. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Fournier and Titus opposed).

VI. New Business

1. Order 80-10152018

Approving the Special Amusement Permit for Craft Brew Underground located at 34 Court 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.

2. Ordinance 06-10152018

Amending Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-23 of the General Assistance Ordinance Annual Adjustment of Maximum Benefits, Appendices A, B, and C, effective 10/01/2018 to 9/30/2019. 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.

3. Ordinance 07-10152018

Amending Chapter 2, Division 4, Sec. 2-466 (a) of the Planning Board ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Titus and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 13-10152018

Authorizing an amendment to the hangar loan between the City's General Fund and the Auburn-Lewiston Airport to extend its maturity to FY2034.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 81-10152018

Re-appointing Judith Webber to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage of Orders 81-10152018 through 90-10152018 as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke however several individuals that were nominated were in the audience and the Mayor thanked them for their interest in serving.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 82-10152018

Re-appointing Celia McGukian to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

7. Order 83-10152018

Appointing Candace D'Amour to the Board of Assessment Review with a term expiration of 10/01/2022.

8. Order 84-10152018

Re-appointing Dana Staples to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, with a term expiration of 10/01/2020.

9. Order 85-10152018

Re-appointing Misty Edgecomb to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, with a term expiration of 10/01/2020.

10. Order 86-10152018

Re-appointing Suzanne Roy to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, with a term expiration of 10/01/2020.

11. Order 87-10152018

Re-appointing Rick Martel to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, with a term expiration of 10/01/2020.

12. Order 88-10152018

Appointing Michael Corey to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

13. Order 89-10152018

Appointing Kristen Muszynski to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

14. Order 90-10152018

Appointing Kyle Hall to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the ribbon cutting he attended at the YMCA's new Urban Park on Stetson Road, the TD Bank tree planting event where over 45 trees were planted in various locations in Auburn. He noted that the presentation that was scheduled to take place tomorrow night at the Auburn Public Library to discuss his recent trip to China has been postponed to October 23rd at noon and at 7:00 PM. It has been postponed because he will be traveling to Washington, D.C. tomorrow and visiting the White House instead. He reported that he will be going to the Maine Public Utilities Commission on October 17th to testify in support of the CMP corridor project that will run from Canada to Massachusetts. He added that there will be a press release tomorrow at 10:30 AM at the Veterans Park in Lewiston and he encouraged everyone to show their support. He reported that Gritty's will be brewing an Auburn Pride beer for Auburn's 150th Anniversary. November 1st at 5:30 PM is Community Pint Night at Gritty's that is open to the public. Part of proceeds will be donated to Auburn's Sesquicentennial fund. He reported on the first MAG-ARP meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers. The public is welcome. Last, he

reported that there are plans to develop 48 market rate apartments to be built on Gracelawn Road.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she attended the Lewiston’s Farmers Market yesterday where she met someone who is involved in a program called Window Dressers-Seven Steps to a Warmer Home where volunteers go out and provide a quote for window inserts. They are looking for seniors to become involved. She also reported that tomorrow night there is an Age Friendly meeting at the Auburn Senior Community Center at 5:30 PM. They will be partnering up with the PAL Center to hold a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner will be free of charge. Last, she thanked the anonymous donor for dropping off squash and pumpkins at her house.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that there is a School Building Committee meeting tomorrow at 6:00 PM and at 7:00 PM the sub-committee that will be discussing the athletic fields will be meeting.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the Constellation has departed from the Auburn Lewiston Airport en route to new York.

Councilor Titus – reported on the marijuana work group meeting and the next is scheduled for November 6th. The Sewer and Water District meetings are scheduled for tomorrow (Sewer) and Wednesday (Water) at 4:00 PM at the District office. He also reported that they will hold a joint meeting on October 22nd for a budget workshop.

Councilor Fournier – commended the Auburn Fire Chief and staff for an outstanding open house that was held at the Fire Department. She reported that the Library Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM. She reported that she did send to the Mayor and Councilors a schedule of agendas and workshops of the School Committee and to let her know if there is anything they would like her to report on. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 17th. The workshop will begin at 6:00 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Councilor Walker – said he also wanted to thank the Fire Chief and staff for the Open House at the Central Fire Station. He reported that there is a meeting at Rolly’s Diner on October 23rd at 6:00 PM to talk about the intersections in New Auburn. The Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, and on October 30th the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6:00 PM. Saturday, October 27th is the Trick or Treat event for the kids starting at 11:30 AM on the corner of Third and Mill Streets.

Councilor Young – reported that churches are economic drivers and spoke of a friend that recently moved to Auburn because he is so involved in his church activities.

City Manager Crichton thanked Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell for serving as Acting City Manager while he was away for a few weeks.

Assistant City Manager Crowell reported that our Fire Department have been assisting with the large fire that broke out in Mechanic Falls which is a great example why we have good mutual aid with our neighboring communities.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – August 2018 and September 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the August 2018 Monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 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 Lasagna to adjourn. Council voted unanimously in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Walker had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 91-11052018*

Confirming Interim Chief Moen's appointments of: Derek Drouin, Gabrielle Gaedje and Samuel Miller as Constables with firearms for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 92-11052018*

Appointing Bruce Bickford to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – October 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Police Department Update (Interim Chief Jason Moen)

Communication – Cable TV Advisory Board Update (David Young, Chair)

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Tom Michaud would like the City Council to revisit their support for CMP's proposal for the power corridor from Canada to Massachusetts.

V. Unfinished Business

3. Ordinance 06-10152018

Amending Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-23 of the General Assistance Ordinance Annual Adjustment of Maximum Benefits, Appendices A, B, and C, effective 10/01/2018 to 9/30/2019. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 07-10152018

Amending Chapter 2, Division 4, Sec. 2-466 (a) of the Planning Board ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-3 (there was a tie vote with Councilors Gerry, Titus, and Fournier opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted yes to break the tie vote).

VI. New Business

Order 93-11052018

Approving the Mass Gathering for the New Year's Eve Sesquicentennial Event to be held on December 31, 2018. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

Order 94-11052018

Approving the TIF for Schooner Memory Care. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone this item until the next meeting.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote with Councilors Gerry, Hayes, and Young opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted no to break the tie vote).

Passage of Order 94-11052018 6-0.

Order 95-11052018

Reimbursing St. Dom's Academy for the Flea Market/Craft Fair fees for their annual St. Dom's Holiday Festival held on 11/3/2018.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that a Christmas tree will be delivered Wednesday morning to Festival Plaza. He provided an update on the New Year’s Eve event. He reminded everyone of the November 6th election and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He reported that he has been visiting many local businesses over the last few weeks, and reported on a conference that he and Michael Chamblings, Director of Economic and Community Development attended on Maine and China trade. Last, he announced that on Friday, the Auburn Exchange Club will be hosting their annual Veteran’s Day luncheon at the Green Ladle and it is free to all veterans. Colonel Todd Desgrosseilliers, son of Ed and Sheila Desgrosseilliers will be in attendance.

Councilor Gerry – reported that there is an Age Friendly meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Auburn Senior Community Center and the Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the Auburn Senior Community Center on Thanksgiving Day.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the MAG-ARP meeting that was held last week. She also reported that the West Auburn Congregational Church Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday at 4:00 PM, and on the School Building Committee meeting that was held two weeks ago. Last, she reported on an award that Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell will be receiving for the work he has done with the youth in our community.

Councilor Hayes – provided an update on the movement of the Constellation from Auburn to JFK in New York. He also reported on the upcoming Auburn Ski Swap.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Marijuana group will be meeting tomorrow at 3:30 PM, he provided an update on the Androscoggin County budget, the Water and Sewer District will both be meeting on the 13th of the month due to the holiday. The Sewer District meeting will be held at 4:00 PM and the Water District meeting will be held at 5:30 PM. They are working on their budgets and will be voting on them in December.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the Governance meeting for the Auburn Public Library. This Wednesday the School Committee will be meeting. The workshop will be at 6:00 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. She also commented on the MAG-ARP meeting that was held last Thursday. She reported on the LA Arts presentation that will be on Thursday the 8th of the month on homelessness. She also noted that on the 15th of the month there will be a forum on the new Edward Little High School building.

Councilor Young – reported that tomorrow from 2:30-4:30 PM the Edward Little Building Sub-committee will be meeting and he also reported on the Androscoggin Historical Society meeting that was held last Tuesday.

City Manager – reported that there has been discussion on the concept of forming a regional transportation authority and he suggested that we hold a workshop in November or December. He mentioned the Lewiston Regional Technical Center tour.

Assistant City Manager – provided an update on the status of the Strategic Plan and provided the Council with a timeline.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

- Discussion on a poverty abatement case # 2018-003 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna.

Passage 6-0, time 8:52 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:18 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus to grant a poverty abatement in the amount of \$1,953, case number 2018-003.

Motion failed 1-5 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, Fournier, and Young opposed).

- Discussion on a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier.

Passage 6-0, time 9:19 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:27 PM.

- To consult with the City Attorney to review 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 Young.

Passage 5-0 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room for the vote), time 9:28.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:49 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 6-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 188

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 Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 96-11192018*

Accepting the transfer of \$746.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-2829 Richard Labay, Jr.).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – October 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 minutes.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Updates were provided by the following:

Complete Streets Committee (Jeremiah Bartlett)

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (Holly Lasagna and Zach Lenhert)

Auburn Fire Department (Chief Bob Chase)

New High School Forum (Holly Lasagna, David Young, Peter Crichton)

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 97-11192018

Approving the one hundred and eighty (180) day extension of Ordinance 03-06182018.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. Order 98-11192018

Approving a waiver of foreclosure on the Auburn Enterprise Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to postpone this item until next regular Council meeting (December 3, 2018). Passage 4-3 (Councilors Hayes, Walker, and Young opposed).

3. Order 99-11192018

Re-appointing Chris Bouchard to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage of Orders 99-11192018 through 103-11192018.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage of Orders 99-11192018 through 103-11192018 7-0.

4. Order 100-11192018

Appointing Clifton Greim, Rick Malinowski, Dave Gonyea, Robert Stone, Fatuma Hussein, Mary Sylvester, Emily Innes, Adam Lee, Jodi Redmun, Stephen Gilbert, Stephen Milks and Jananne (Jan) Phillips to the Strategic Plan Committee.

5. Order 101-11192018

Appointing Robert Stone, Jodi Redmun, Sid Hazelton, Lena Hann, Robert Boyer, Betsy Libby, Paul LeClair, Jeannette August, Brendan Fontaine, Scott Berry, Manuel Salgado and Shelly Kruszewski to the Strategic Plan **Invest** Sub-committee.

6. Order 102-11192018

Appointing Rick Malonowski, Thomas Platz, Darcie Beaudin, Scott Shanaman, Jessica Donovan, Rebecca Swanson Conrad, Joan Macri, Sid Hazelton, Brian Carrier, Richard Lanman, Ryan Walker, Dana Staples, Mamie Ney, Olga Dolgicer, Adam Boss, John Plourde and William Sylvester to the Strategic Plan **Growth** Sub-committee.

7. Order 103-11192018

Appointing Dave Gonyea, Philip Savignano, James Parakilas, Steven Wallace, Rahel Desgrosseolliers, Katie Boss, Maureen Aube, Kristen Muszynski, Steve Martelli, William Saucier, Rick Martel, Misty Edgecomb, Tijjani Abacha, Sharon Benoit, Janice Barrett, Suzanne Sullivan and John Cleveland to the Strategic Plan **Quality** Sub-committee.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on Veteran’s Day events that he attended. The annual veteran’s luncheon sponsored by the Auburn Exchange Club which took place on Friday at the Green Ladle in Lewiston where he spoke and presented veteran Todd Desgrosseillier with a key to the City. On Sunday, he attended the Pass in Review sponsored by the Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council. He reported on the MAG-ARP meetings, and he also wanted to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked to everyone that have donated food baskets to the less fortunate, including Auburn staff.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Thanksgiving Dinner that will take place on Thanksgiving Day from noon to 2 at the Senior Center.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that tomorrow at 8:00 AM is first meeting of Strategic Planning Committee, adding that she is looking forward to it and she appreciated the process for getting members of the sub-committee.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the Auburn Ski Swap, and that Lost Valley has started to make snow and should have a good season ahead.

Councilor Titus – no report.

Councilor Fournier – mentioned that tomorrow morning the Library Board of Trustees will be meeting. She also reported that she and Councilor Walker attended a Veteran's event at the Park Avenue School on Wednesday the 14th, noting that the students and teachers did a fabulous job.

Councilor Walker – also reported on the Thanksgiving Day dinner from that will take place at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. He also commented on the Park Avenue School Veteran's event at Park Avenue School adding that they did a great job. November 27th at Rolly's Diner the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6:00 PM. Michael Chamings and Eric Cousens are scheduled to speak. On November 29th the Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM. Last, he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Young – reported that Faye Gagnon, a former teacher in Auburn who now lives out of State has recently been inducted to the State of Maine Running Hall of Fame.

City Manager – stated that he appreciated what Councilor Lasagna said about the Strategic Plan process and he values and appreciates the work the Assistant City Manager has done on that as well as Liz Allen, and Rachel (an intern), along with others. He also wanted to congratulate Jason Moen who has been appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Auburn. He also asked Chief Moen to say a few words.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – October 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the October 2018 report.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry was not in the room for the vote).

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. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Gerry was out of room for the vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 104-12032018*

Accepting the transfer of \$665.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-18-3420 Deserie Lilley).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes: November 5, 2018 and November 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Update on the Human Resource Department – Christine Mumau, Director
- **Communication** – Update on the Community Gardens – Sheri Blumenthal and Charis Heisey
- **Communication** – Androscoggin County Update – Larry Post (County Administrator), Eric Samson (County Sheriff), and Clarice Proctor (County Treasurer).

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – wanted to address an issue regarding trash pick-up for larger apartment buildings adding that he feels that our ordinance is pretty lax, and should be reviewed again.

Brian Carrier, 32 Constellation Drive – would like Council to consider modifying the planning board or creating a subcommittee of the planning board to address issues with Ag zone.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 98-11192018

Approving a waiver of foreclosure on the Auburn Enterprise Center

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-2 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilors Fournier and Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken per the request of Councilor Gerry.

VI. New Business

1. Order 105-12032018

Authorizing the reallocation of \$26,000 from the FY 19 General Obligation Bonds that were for the Auburn-Lewiston Airport and unspent to fund Auburn's share of a V-Plow and a Compact Tractor.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Young, Walker, and Titus opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – commented on the Christmas decorations in Council Chambers, the St. Louis Bell that is on display on the first floor of Auburn Hall, the holiday celebration and parade, the Mayor's Action Group on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP) and provided an update noting that the next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 13th. He also stated that he is working with Jim Horn on bringing agricultural sciences to the new high school. He reported on the water quality and invited the Director of the Water Department to speak at an upcoming Council meeting. Last, he noted that Russ Dillingham, Sun Journal photographer has a drone and has taken some wonderful aerial pictures of Lewiston and Auburn and has agreed to let us use one of them of our downtown area and festival plaza.

Councilor Young – reported that the Cable TV Advisory Board will be meeting on Thursday, December 6th. He also commented on his encounter with Santa at the holiday celebration.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting tomorrow night at the Senior Center at 5:30 PM.

Councilor Fournier – reported that she attended the Community Credit Union board of directors meeting adding that they are partnering with us for the 150th Anniversary. She encouraged Councilors to attend their tree lighting which will be held from 4:00 -5:00 PM tomorrow on Stanley Street in Auburn.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Marijuana Ordinance work group will be meeting on December 11th, the Auburn Sewer District board of trustees will be meeting on December 18th, and the Auburn Water District board of trustees will be meeting on December 19th. He

commented on the TIF presentation tonight stating that he enjoyed the presentation. He also mentioned that he attended the Taylor Pond assessment group meeting last week, adding that it was a good meeting and wanted to thank staff for their part.

Councilor Hayes – thanked Belinda Gerry for inviting him and Bonnie Hayes to the Senior Center to help with preparations for Thanksgiving Day dinner adding that it gave him the opportunity to see the facility. He reported on the Strategic Planning kick off meeting and applauded staff and commented on the enthusiasm of everyone. He reported on the Taylor Pond meeting and said that he would like to see the Assessing staff to do a presentation to the City Council to discuss market value, assessed value, and the various classifications. He noted that he appreciated Brian Carrier’s comments during the open session and agreed that we should consider an Ag Commission.

Councilor Lasagna – she said she agreed with Councilor Hayes comments on the Taylor Pond meeting and added that the Assessing staff did a great job and she agrees that we should invite them to a workshop for a presentation. She reported that tomorrow at 4:30 PM on the 4th floor, the New School Building Sub Committees will be meeting. She gave kudos to Assistant City Manager Crowell and staff for putting together the Strategic Planning process kick off, and last, she reported that tomorrow the Steering Committee for the Strategic Planning will be meeting at 8:00 AM to talk about next steps.

Councilor Gerry – wanted to give recognition to Frank Pepin who helped to get donations for their Thanksgiving Day meal. She also shared an email from a constituent who wanted to share her appreciation for an Auburn Police officer for a positive encounter she had with him.

City Manager – reported there was an accident earlier this evening with one of our rescue vehicles, staff was not hurt, and he will report on it more later. He reported on the Taylor Pond assessing meetings, the water quality issue, and he echoed Councilor Lasagna’s sentiment on the work of Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell with the Strategic Plan kickoff meeting.

VIII. Open Session – Robert Cavanagh, Field Avenue commented on the taste of the tap water noting that it tasted normal today and he wanted to share that.

IX. Executive Session – none

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Passage 7-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 195

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 106-12172018*

Re-appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2020.

2. Order 107-12172018*

Setting April 23, 2019 as the date for a Special Municipal Election for the vacant Ward 4 School Committee member.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of both consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – December 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Auburn Public Library Update (Patricia Gautier and Mamie Ney)
- **Communication** - 2018 National Incident Management System (NIMS) – Joanne Potvin, Director of Androscoggin Unified Emergency Management Agency
- **Presentation** – Mayor Levesque recognized Scott MacCheyne and Mike Frautten (Great Falls Marketing) and provided them each with a key to the City

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

3. Order 108-12172018

Approving the temporary liquor license for the City of Auburn's New Year's Eve Celebration.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – The Mayor started off wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season. He reported on the MAG-ARP and noted that the next meeting is January 10, 2019. He provided

an update on the Sesquicentennial's New Year's Eve event, and the Lake Auburn water quality.

Councilor Gerry – reported that tomorrow at 5:30 PM the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting at the Senior Center.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the work of the School Building Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and reminded everyone that tomorrow the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee will be meeting at 8:00 AM.

Councilor Hayes – reported on the Strategic Planning Sub Committee (Quality and Growth) meetings and noted that there will be an AVCOG meeting coming up on Wednesday.

Councilor Titus – reported on the marijuana working group meeting that was held last week and he reminded everyone that the Sewer District Trustees meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 PM and the Water District Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 4:00 PM followed by a public hearing on both the Water and Sewer budgets.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the School Committee agenda items and the needs of the School Department. She also reported on the Fall Assessment Review and Vision 2030. Handouts were provided to the City Council and will be posted to the website as a supplement to today's agenda packet.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Committee January meeting dates have been moved to January 8th and January 22nd due to the New Year holiday. It will then go back to first and third Tuesday of each month. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6:00 PM at Rolly's tomorrow night, and the Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for December 27th, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church.

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Advisory Board meeting.

City Manager – reported on the 65 Pleasant Street property and the property next to it, noting that the Auburn Housing Authority is in the process of buying both properties to be used for parking at this time. He reported on the Legislative delegation adding that Lewiston is meeting with the delegation and he would like to do something here as well. He complimented Jill Eastman and her team after hearing the auditors report. He complimented Jody Durisko on the work she has done along with other staff members on the tax acquired and city owned property. He also mentioned a possible waiver on St. Louis Church adding that we may be bringing that forward to the Council for consideration.

Assistant City Manager, Phil Crowell, provided an update on the Strategic Planning process. He noted that over 90 participants are involved in this process. The next meeting of the Quality and Growth sub-committees will be January 3, 2019. He also wanted to mention that we were fortunate to have 3 Auburn police officers that were able to participate in the Wreaths Across America effort that took place. They escorted the trucks from Maine to Arlington Cemetery and assisted in laying the wreaths on the headstones of our fallen soldiers at the cemetery.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – November 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to accept and place on file the November 2018 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

No one from the public spoke, however Mayor Levesque invited Colby Smith, Boy Scout to speak. He stated that he was here to earn a Communications Merit badge adding that he would like to move on to become an Eagle Scout.

IX. Executive Session

Executive Session (Real estate matter), 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 7-0. Time 8:39 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:57 PM.

Executive Session (acquisition of property), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was out of the room for the vote). Time 8:58 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 7, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 1

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 01-01072019*

Accept and place on file the City Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018.

2. Order 02-01072019*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to remove Order 02-01072019 from the Consent Agenda to New Business. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Order 01-01072019. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes: December 17, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Communication – Health & Social Services Update – Holli Olivier, Director

Communication – Lake Auburn Water Quality Update – Sid Hazelton

IV. Open Session – Dana Staples 32 Greenwood Drive, commented on the Auburn Housing Authority workshop item and the proposed parking area.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Order 02-01072019 (which was removed from the Consent Agenda)

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke. Police Chief Moen answered Council questions.

Passage 7-0.

1. **Order 03-01072019**

Authorizing the acceptance of Mountain View Drive as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 04-01072019**

Authorizing the discontinuance of Niskayuna Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Titus opposed).

3. **Resolve 01-01072019**

Reaffirming adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) resolution.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 05-01072019**

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 25 Lake Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. **Order 06-01072019**

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 160 & 164 Chicoine Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. **Order 07-01072019**

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 31 Vine Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Young for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 08-01072019

Authorizing the sale (by sealed bid) of 23 Cleveland Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the New Year’s Eve Auburn event and the after-action meeting that was held on January 3, 2019, adding that the event was a huge success. He reminded everyone that there is no Council meeting on January 21st due to the holiday. Our next meeting will be on January 28th and he will be delivering his State of the City Address.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Athletic sub-committee that was scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled and she reminded everyone that on Thursday at 5:30 PM the MAG-ARP committee will be meeting.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended the AVCOG meeting that was held on December 19th and noted that there is a grant opportunity for farmers called the Farm Energy Innovation Fund where farmers can apply and could possibly receive up to \$6,000 in grant funding.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer and Water District meetings that were held in December adding that both budgets did get approved. Their next meetings are January 15th (Sewer District) and January 16th (Water District) at 4:00 PM at the District. He also noted that the next Marijuana Workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 15th.

Councilor Fournier – reported on School Committee meeting and went over items that could impact future School Committee budgets. She noted that the Auburn Public Library Board did not meet.

Councilor Walker – reported that there is an Age Friendly Committee meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow at the Senior Center. They will be discussing bylaws for the Committee.

Councilor Young – reported that the Appointment Committee will be meeting next week, on January 16th to review Board and Committee applications and to make their nominations.

City Manager – reported that Matt Fifield has been appointed as Deputy Fire Chief, he commented on the Strategic Planning Committee meetings (Growth and Quality sub committees). He reported that the City will be taking over ownership of St. Louis Church. He announced that there will be a parking ban beginning at 4:00 PM tomorrow through Wednesday. Last, he commented on parking in the downtown, adding that he is working with a developer to lease 13 parking spaces that they will not be using.

VIII. Open Session – Bonnie Lounsbury, West Auburn Road, commented on St. Louis Church.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 23, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 5

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Hayes had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. New Business

Resolve 02-01232019

Authorizing the use of the current Senior Citizen Center CIP funds for the demolition work at the Senior Center and to direct the City Manager to move forward with the proposed timeline of the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting, public hearing, and Council vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – the following individuals spoke in favor of the Senior Center project:

Frank Pippin, 36 West Dartmouth Street
Jan Biron, 94 Western Avenue
Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street
Stephen Martelli, 41 Broad Street, Apt. 2

City Staff provided a presentation of the proposed project as follows:

Peter Crichton – Overview
Zachary Lenhart – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding
Hal Barter – Construction
Marc Gosselin and Sabrina Best - Programming

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken as requested by Mayor Levesque.

II. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. 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.

III. 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 Cougle 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

IV. 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

1. 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 Side Brewing Co. located at 1110 Minot Avenue. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

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

Councilor Gerry – reported on a survey that has gone out for the Age Friendly Committee to help them gather information which may also help them in the future if they apply for grants and funding.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on MAG-ARP meeting last week, the School Building Committee’s Public Forum that was held last Wednesday, the Chamber Dinner held last Thursday, and this week the Citizen’s Advisory Committee will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, and also on Thursday this week will be the final Strategic Plan sub-committee (Quality and Growth) meeting before going to the Finance/Invest committee.

Councilor Hayes – reported that Elite Airways have leased a hangar at the Auburn-Lewiston Airport.

Councilor Titus – no report. Mayor Levesque announced that Councilor Titus was absent from the Trustee meetings due to the delivery of his new granddaughter. The Mayor and Council congratulated him on becoming a grandfather.

Councilor Fournier – reported that they have not had a School Committee meeting or a Library meeting since her last report.

Councilor Walker – reported that tomorrow night at Rolly’s Diner, the City Manager will be speaking and he invited people to attend.

Councilor Young – reported on the ELHS School Building Committees public forum that was held last week.

City Manager – reported that the FY20 budget process is under way, the Birthday Celebration is scheduled for Feb. 22nd as part of the Sesquicentennial, currently there are 25 locations that will be serving cakes at each of those locations. More information can be found at Auburn150.com. He reported on the Winterfest. He reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is scheduled for next Monday and he invited the council to joint workshop with the School Committee next Wednesday at 6:00 PM. He talked about possible fundraising for the new high school. He reported that LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) sent out surveys to businesses and employees to find out if employees are interested in using the transit system.

Assistant City Manager, provided an update on the Strategic Plan noting that it is moving along well, the final meeting of Quality and Growth sub-committee meeting is Thursday the 31st here at Auburn Hall at 6:00 PM where the focus will be priorities. Next the Investment sub-committee will begin their work on February 28th.

Councilor Walker thanked the Public Works Department for helping out during the Winterfest. He added that if it wasn’t for their help, the event wouldn’t have happened. He said it was a great effort by everyone and over 200 people showed up (at Sherwood Heights).

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2018 Monthly Finance Reports

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Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the December 2018 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 10

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes: January 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Community Little Theatre update - John Blanchette and Jennifer Groover presented.
- **Communication** - Recreation & Sport Facilities Departments Update - Marc Gosselin and Rory Mushlin presented.

IV. Open Session

Barbara Keene, North River Road commented on the possible formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road also commented on the possible formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director invited the Council and public to attend the Library's annual indoor Farmers Market between 4:30 – 6:30 PM on February 22, 2019 adding that the Library is also one of the 150th birthday cake sites on that same date.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

An Executive Session to discuss a poverty abatement for case # 2019-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) was held during the workshop, with possible action to follow under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for Order 17-02042019 stating "Ordered, that the City Council hereby grants an abatement for 2016 in the amount of \$3,631.64 for case number 2019-001, in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, and Young opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for Order 18-02042019 stating “Ordered, that the City Council hereby grants an abatement for 2017 in the amount of \$3,507.21 for case number 2019-001, in accordance to Title 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2).

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Hayes, Fournier, and Young opposed).

Public Comment

Public comments will be heard on the proposed amendment of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan (STAR/Senior Center).

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the STAR program.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that there is no meeting on February 18th due to the holiday. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2019. On Monday, February 11th there will be a meeting of the Mayor’s Action Group on Agriculture and Resource Protection (MAG-ARP). He invited the public to attend a birthday celebration here at Auburn Hall on Friday, February 22nd at 10:00 AM. Last he announced that there would be a Joint Workshop with the School Committee on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Gerry – no report.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the Strategic Planning Committee’s Steering Committee will be meeting on February 12, 2019 at 8:00 AM and tomorrow at 5:30 PM the School Building Committee will be meeting.

Councilor Hayes – no report.

Councilor Titus – reported that tomorrow at 3:30 PM the Marijuana Work Group will be meeting in the Community Room, also tomorrow at 6:00 PM Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at Sam’s on Court Street. The Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting on 2/19/19 and the Water District Board of Trustees will meet on 2/20/19, both at 4:00 PM at the District Office. He also stated that he would like the Council to have a workshop sooner rather than later to discuss concerns about the budget.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the last United New Auburn Association’s meeting that was held at Rolly’s. She noted that Senator Ned Claxton presented Rolly’s owner, Ken Blais with a State of Maine Award for his continued service as a responsible citizen and for all the work he does for the community. She thanked Liz Allen for the job she is doing in regards to Public Relations. She also thanked the owners of Lost Valley for all they do for the community. Last, she thanked the Mayor for his aggressive work fund raising for various events of the City.

Councilor Walker – reported that tomorrow night at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center at Pettengill Park where they are hoping to finalize the bylaws of the group. He also talked about the United New Auburn Association’s last meeting that was held at Rolly’s Diner and he shared some concerns residents have regarding the budget, and the Agricultural zone.

Councilor Young – stated that he is looking forward to watching ELHS at the KVAC track meet coming up this weekend.

Councilor Hayes commented on big ticket items that we are looking at and asked where is the money coming from? He mentioned the Water Treatment Facility and asked who bonds for that? Where are we going with Sports Tourism?

The Mayor stated that he respects the comments and feels the conversation should be continued in a workshop after the meeting adjourns.

Maine Biz Magazine just released their 2018 list of Hottest Real Estate Markets in the State of Maine and of the top ten, Auburn was #2 overall.

City Manager – reported on the upcoming 150th Birthday Celebration scheduled for February 22nd adding that anyone looking for more information can go to www.auburn150.com. He reported that it is time for Spirit of America nominations once again, more information can be found on www.auburnmaine.gov. He announced that a Joint Workshop between the City Council and School Committee will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, and the School Building Committee will meet tomorrow at 5:30 PM. He reported that the FY20 budget process is underway and he will be meeting with department heads this month to go over departmental budgets.

Assistant City Manager – provided an update on Strategic Plan process.

VIII. Open Session – Barbara Keene, North River Road commented on the Mayor’s State of the City Address and commented on the Main Street Maine program which she thought would be perfect fit for Auburn.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 13

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.

I. 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.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation - Proclaiming March 9th as Mary's Race Day for Mary's Firemen's Race for a Cure
- Proclamation – Proclaiming March 2019 as DeMolay Month
- Proclamation – National Children's Dental Health Month
- Communications – 2020 Census - Betsy Enright presented
- Communications – Information Technology (IT) Department Update - Paul Fraser, Director presented
- Update on the New Edward Little High School – Katy Grondin, Superintendent presented

IV. 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.

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.

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.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque reported on the 150th birthday celebration event that took place on February 22, 2019, on upcoming Sesquicentennial events, the formation of a Mayor's ad hoc committee on water quality, and last about the upcoming slalom ski race coming up at Lost Valley.

Councilor Young – congratulated the ELHS girls on winning the Class A Alpine skiing championship. He also reported that he attended a few of the cake sites for the birthday celebration, as well as the indoor farmers market at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Walker – commented on the birthday celebration noting that he also attended a few of the cake sites. He also reported that tomorrow, the United New Auburn Association meeting is scheduled at Rolly's Diner at 6:00 PM. Fire Chief Bob Chase will be the guest speaker. Last, the Neighborhood Watch group will meet at the Sixth Street Congregational Church on Thursday night at 6:30 PM.

Councilor Fournier – reported that she also visited a few of the cake sites and commented that Auburn has two very nice bed and breakfasts. One is the Munroe Inn on Pleasant Street and the other is located at 11 Forest Avenue.

Councilor Hayes – reported that he attended a Lion's Hockey tournament a week or so ago and while dining at Gritty's he saw the Kora Temple bag pipers and suggested that we reach out to them for the upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the CDBG Finance Committee met on Tuesday the 19th to review the proposal and make recommendations. They will be meeting again on Wednesday to finalize the grant program. This Thursday the 28th at 6:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Invest Strategic Planning Sub-committee. She commented on the Sesquicentennial events and said she would like us to do something to honor our native American history.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the committees she serves on have been working on their budgets. She also noted that she has had to miss a few meetings due to scheduling conflicts with other committee meetings over lapping.

City Manager – reported that the ATRC and the city have prepared an RFP for a walkability study that will be reviewed by the Complete Streets Committee on February 27th. The FY20 budget process is well underway in terms of meeting with Department Directors to go over Department budgets. A draft budget will be presented to the Council sometime in March. He noted that the Strategic Planning process is moving along well. He commented on the

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 27-03042019*

Approving the temporary sign request for the Auburn Business Association (Citizen of the Year).

2. 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.

III. 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

IV. 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

1. 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.

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

2. 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.

3. 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).

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. **Resolve 03-03042019**

Supporting the formation of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Water Quality.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Young to postpone this item until the March 18, 2019 regular City Council meeting.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that Lewiston/Auburn and LA Arts received a \$75,000 match art grant for pieces of gateway art. He was asked to appoint 3 people and they are Shawn Rice (Fine Arts Dept. Edward Little High School), Bill Lowe (Curator of Arts at Bates College), and Sabrina Best (City of Auburn staff representative).

Councilor Young – reported on the New England track meet that was held in Boston. The meet was streamed on youtube and for anyone that would like to watch, they can do so by going to on.baystaterunning.com. Photos can also be seen on mainerunningphotos.com.

Councilor Walker – reported that Walton School and Sherwood Heights School along with the United New Auburn Association will be holding their Chowder and Chili contest on Saturday, March 16th from 4:00-6:00 PM at Walton School.

Councilor Fournier – reported on the last school committee meeting where they discussed the School Department budget, their budget drivers, teaching positions, and more. She also reported that the Auburn Public Library's Auction Committee planning and fundraising efforts are underway.

Mayor Levesque - wanted to add to his report that he will be speaking tomorrow at the Auburn Business Associations monthly meeting at Gippers at 5:30 PM and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the next Airport Board meeting is scheduled one month from Thursday. He also noted that he would like us to invite representatives from AVCOG (Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments) to come before the Council to address programs they have regarding farm and forestry business and issues.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that tomorrow morning at 8:00 AM there is a Strategic Planning Advisory Committee meeting. Tuesday at 5:30 PM the Edward Little High School Building Committee will meet, and on Wednesday at 6:00 PM she will be attending the West Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group meeting. She will be speaking to the group about the Strategic Plan, the Mayor's Ag Committee, and the new high school project.

Councilor Gerry – reported that there is an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Auburn Senior Center. She said they are looking for applicants to join the committee.

City Manager – reported that the 150th Anniversary activities are continuing with a Memorial Day parade coming up. They are looking for participants. We are moving ahead with FY20 budget. He added that he would be happy to invite Sid Hazelton to attend a meeting if Council is agreeable. He commented on the Strategic Plan and he deferred to Assistant City Manager, Phil Crowell, to comment.

Assistant City Manager – he reported that the Strategic Plan Committee will be meeting tomorrow and will be working on prioritization. The Investment sub-committee had their first meeting last week, their next meeting will be on March 14th at 6:00 PM.

VIII. Open Session

Mary Sylvester, 208 Maple Hill Road, stated that she is also a Council appointed member of the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees and she said she was surprised to hear the comments made earlier regarding communication problems between the City and the Water District.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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).

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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 18, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 24

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.

I. Consent Items

1. 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).

2. 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).

3. 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.

III. 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)

IV. 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.

Frank Koch, 641 N. Auburn Road, 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).

V. **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.

8. Order 42-03182019

Appointing Charles Sheehan to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 43-03182019

Appointing Jason Pawlina to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 406(6)(A).

Passage 7-0. Time 8:50 P.M.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:57 PM.

Passage of Order 43-03182019 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Chili & Chowder Challenge, his trip to Washington DC, and he reported that he will be attending a breakfast hosted by Seniors Plus at the Hilton where Senator Collins will be a guest and will be presented with the Ikaria Award.

Councilor Young – reported on the Great Falls TV Advisory Board meeting that was held last week, and he reported on the meeting where they held the straw poll vote on the new high school where out of 200 people, 11 people were against it and everyone else was in favor.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Fournier – reported on the straw poll vote on the new high school, the fundraising effort, and she encouraged citizens to provide feedback to the school department. She noted that there is a new website for the new high school project at www.newelhs.org. She reported that the School Committee now has the School budget, she attended a 6th grade science fair at Fairview School, the School Task Force group will resume their meetings beginning on March 26, 2019, and she reported on the Auburn Public Library's auction adding that they are looking for donations, and the next APL meeting will be held at 7:30 AM tomorrow morning.

Councilor Titus – reported that the Auburn Sewer District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 PM at the District and the Auburn Water District will meet at 4:00 PM on Wednesday this week. He thanked the members of the Marijuana Committee and Assistant City Manager Crowell for the work that has been done. He thanked the members of the Age Friendly Committee on their work

and would like to see more detail on the Senior Center project. Last, he reported that on March 8th and 9th of this year was the Maine McDonald All-Star and Maine Association of Basketball All-Star banquet and games was held in Bangor where the Joshua Titus Spirit of the Gam award was presented to George Kempstra a student that was heavily involved in varsity basketball at Edward Little High School. He was also no the unified basketball team and did a great job there.

Councilor Hayes – reported that 3 Councilors toured the science projects at Fairview School.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that AMS (Auburn Middle School) was having a roundtable discussion on substance abuse disorder. She will provide details at a later meeting.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the Age Friendly Committee is meeting tomorrow at 5:30 at the Senior Center.

City Manager – reported on a meeting he attended with HUD officials and others on CDBG funding, he provided an update on the FY 20 budget process and he announced that a Special Council meeting is scheduled for March 25th where there will be a preliminary draft budget presentation and he and the Superintendent of Schools will be presenting their Capital Improvement Plans, and budget schedules will be handed out at that meeting. He provided a brief update on municipal revenue sharing, the upcoming employee recognition event, and he gave recognition to the Assistant City Manager, Phil Crowell for the work he has done on various projects since becoming Assistant City Manager.

Assistant City Manager – reported that the Strategic Plan Investment Sub-committee had a great second meeting, where they broke into groups and did a prioritization exercise adding that it has been a good process and there has been great participation from the community. The Strategic Plan Committee will be meeting again on 3/28/2019.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – February 2019 Monthly Finance Reports

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the February 2019 Monthly Finance Report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session – Discussion on legal rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Passage 7-0, time 9:20 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:38 PM.

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Young to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 1, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 32

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.

I. Consent Items

1. 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.

III. 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)

IV. 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.

1. Resolve 05-04012019

Granting permission to the Auburn Water District to issue its bonds in the amount of up to \$400,000 to finance the Alum treatment for Lake Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend the Resolve by adding the following language:

The Council understands that a prior, obligatory agreement by the AWD superintendent and the City of Lewiston Water Department agreed to a 50/50 split funding formula for the Alum treatment to take place this fall. The current agreement calls for a 50/50 split for capital projects, however this treatment which is a maintenance issue which their agreement calls for a funding percentage to be based on respective water use.

The Council understands that a plan will be in place to assure that going forward ALL expenses, capital investment as well as maintenance for the Lake Auburn water supply, will be split with the City of Lewiston, at a percentage that the trustees may agree is proportional to water usage.

Passage of amendment 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Resolve 05-04012019 as amended 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – Announced the date that the next regular council meeting will be held is on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 due to the April 15th Patriot's Day holiday. The Mayor will not be attendance, and he asked that Councilor Titus act as Mayor Pro Tem during his absence. He reported that he attended a breakfast celebration for Senator Collins hosted by Senior's Plus a few weeks ago, and as part of this, we've received publications that are available in the City Manager's office for anyone that would like a copy. Later that day, he had lunch with HUD Secretary Ben Carson, and they discussed opportunity zones. He also provided an update on his position on local option sales tax.

Councilor Young – reported on the recent passing of Rebecca Webber.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Fournier – no report

Councilor Titus – provided an update on the Water and Sewer District meetings. He also reported that he had a good visit at Washburn School. The Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting tomorrow at Sam's on Court Street. Last, he wanted to thank the Mayor and City Manager for their work fighting for the cause of Auburn's Revenue Share funding.

Councilor Hayes – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting this Thursday night.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that on April 9th at 7:00 PM the high school building committee will be meeting.

Councilor Gerry – reported that there is an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center which is next to the Hasty Community Center. She commented on the workshop discussion on recreation programs, and why she has been wearing a hat during the meetings.

City Manager – reported that he will be presenting the proposed FY20 operating budget next Monday. We will also be discussing the Farmer’s Market during the workshop that same night. He also reported on the Ag/Forestry working group who will be meeting in the near future.

Assistant City Manager – provided an update on the Strategic Plan. The Invest Subcommittee met last Thursday and will meet again on April 11th at 6:00 PM here at Auburn Hall. They will be wrapping up soon and the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on April 23rd at 8:00 AM.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Sessions:

Legal consultation on rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(E).
Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna.
Passage 7-0, time 8:42 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 8:45 PM.

Economic Development (Intermodal Facility), pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C).
Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Passage 4-0 (Councilors Gerry, Titus, and Hayes were not in the room for the vote), time 8:46 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 9:03 PM.

Legal consultation on rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(E).
Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Passage 4-0 (Councilors Titus, Hayes, and Gerry were not in the room for the vote), time 9:04 PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 9:12 PM.

Economic Development (Auburn Industrial Park), pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C).
Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Fournier.
Passage 5-0 (Councilors Gerry and Hayes were not in the room for the vote), time 9:13 PM.
Council was declared out of executive session at 9:23 PM.

- 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 36

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.

I. 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.

III. 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.

IV. 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

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 23rd 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 17th 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 22, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 39

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.

I. New Business

1. 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. New 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). 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.

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). 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 29, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 41

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.

I. 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.

II. 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).

- III. 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.

- IV. 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 6, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 43

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.

I. Consent Items

1. 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.

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Passage 6-0-1 Hayes abstained (he was not present for the April 29, 2019 meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation and Recognition – Central Maine Community College’s Lady Mustangs were recognized for winning their second USCAA National Title.

IV. 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.

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

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

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 19th 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.

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

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).

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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.

I. 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.

II. 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.

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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.

I. Consent Items – None

II. 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 29th – June 8th. More information can be found on their website at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. 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.

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).

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

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 5th 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 7th at 7:00 PM, the ELHS graduation will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 8th, on Tuesday, June 11th is the School Budget Referendum and new ELHS Referendum vote, and the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th 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.

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. 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.

III. 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 26th consecutive year that they have received this award.

IV. Open Session – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, reminded everyone of the Library’s auction fundraiser that runs through Friday June 7th.

V. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

X. 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.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

XI. 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.

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.

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 5th and 6th. The committee that is working an Ag Committee Ordinance will be meeting on the 6th of June at 6:00 PM here at Auburn Hall. On Friday at 4:00 PM the 150th 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 17th meeting to June 24th 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 17th to June 24th.

Passage 7-0.

The City Manager went on to report that there will be discussion at the June 24th 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 11th.

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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.

I. 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.

IV. 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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 150th 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.

VI. New Business

1. 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.

2. 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 1st and July 15th of 2019).

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 8th in the 5k race walk.

Councilor Walker – invited everyone to attend the Raising of the Bells on Tuesday, June 25th 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 23rd.

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 1st. 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 26th 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.

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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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

I. 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.

1. 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.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Proclamation** – Mayor Levesque read a proclamation declaring the month of July as Parks & Recreation Month

IV. Open Session – Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road spoke regarding comments made by public officials, and he read an email regarding the FY20 budget.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. 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.

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.

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 15th, we are bypassing our first council meeting in August, and will meet next on August 19th. In September, due to the Holiday on September 2nd, we will be meeting on September 9th and again on September 16th. He wanted to remind everyone about the Classic Chevy National Convention scheduled for Tuesday July 9th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Councilor Gerry – reported that the First Auburn Seniors will not meeting this Wednesday due to the 4th of July holiday. Their next meeting is in two weeks.

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 150th 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 8th at 4:00 PM at Auburn Hall, and the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 16th at 5:30 PM at the Hasty building.

Councilor Young – no report

Assistant City Manager – reported that on July 9th 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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

I. **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.

III. **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.

IV. **Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **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

VI. **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).

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 20th 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.

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 23rd, 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 6th 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.

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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 19, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 76

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

1. 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.

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. 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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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).

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Order 93-08192019

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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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

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 17th, 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.

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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 82

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 102-09092019*

Setting the time for opening the polls for the November 5, 2019 Election to be at 7:00 A.M.

2. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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 150th 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.

IV. Open Session

Rhyanna Larose, 164 Bennett Avenue brought up some safety concerns on Allain Street in Auburn.

V. Unfinished Business

1. 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.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. **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.

3. **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.

VI. 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.

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 28th, 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

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 18th the First Auburn Seniors are meeting and having a pizza party.

City Manager’s Report – reported that we just had our 3rd 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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 86

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 108-09162019*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

2. Order 109-09162019*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

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.

4. Order 111-09162019*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington Street N.

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 Fournier to remove Orders 108-09162019 through 113-09162019 from the consent agenda and add to new business.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

II. 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.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Attorney Michael Malloy went over the policy regarding the acquisition and disposition of city-owned property.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

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.

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.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. 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.

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 28th & 29th, and the Blue's & Brew's festival will take place on September 28th.

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 2nd, 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 2nd 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

I. 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.

III. 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.

IV. 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.

V. 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 4th meeting. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Don St. Germain, owner of Morris Auto Parts spoke.

VI. New Business

1. 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.

2. Resolve 10-10072019

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.

Councilor Young – no report

Councilor Walker – reported that November 2nd 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 15th here at Auburn Hall. The sub-committees will meet at 5:30 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 16th.

City Manager – reported that the Strategic Plan Report will be presented on October 29th 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 15th 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

I. 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

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.

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.

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.

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 31st 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.

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 22nd 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 26th the Halloween event will be held in New Auburn, the United New Auburn Association will meet at Rolly’s Diner on October 29th at 6:00 PM, on November 2nd 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 28th 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 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM is Fright Festival at the Auburn Recreation Department, the Art Walk will also be held on October 25th, and the Strategic Planning Landing will be on October 29th 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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 100

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

I. 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.

II. 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.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Zachary Lenhart 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.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. 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

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).

VI. 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.

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.

VII. 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 5th 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 31st, 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.

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 12th 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 31st 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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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 104

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 135-11182019*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Taylor M. Hopkins as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – November 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Recognition** – Extra Mile – Melissa Slattery (BJ's Wholesale Club Manager) was recognized for going above and beyond. BJ's donated over 20 large sheet cakes for our 150th birthday celebration.
- **Recognition** – Sophia White, Auburn Middle School student and winner of the Auburn Book Project was recognized
- **Proclamation** - Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- **Presentation** - Passenger Rail Study (Bob Stone and Bettyann Sheats presented)

IV. Open Session

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business – None

The Mayor called a ten minute recess.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 15-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 5. Shoreland Overlay District (SLO), Sec. 60-1003. - Timber harvesting. 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.

2. Order 136-11182019

Approving the Mass Gathering for the New Year's Eve Auburn Event to be held on December 31, 2019. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Ordinance 16-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec. 60-2 Definitions in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Jim Pross, Hersey Hill Road and representing the Lake Auburn Water Shed Protection Commission commented that the current language as drafted does not mention anything about excluding the Lake Auburn Water Shed Overlay District which puts the public water supply at risk. He encouraged Council to consider implementing new language.

Tizz Crowley, 35 University Street asked that the City Council considers tabling this item.

Joseph Grube, Lewiston Commissioner urged the Council to consider a special exception for the Lake Auburn Overlay District.

Camille Parish, 42 Lake Street, urged the Council to consider the proposed changes that Mr. Pross (representing LAWPC) put forth and not pass the first reading tonight and to be cautious when reviewing the proposed changes.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the proposed ordinance amendment by including language that would exempt the Lake Auburn Water Shed area from the 30%.

Motion on the amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, Titus, and Fournier opposed).

Original motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, Hayes, and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 17-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec.60-145 Use Regulations in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment - Jim Pross reiterated his earlier comments.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone this item to the December 2, 2019 Council meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

5. Ordinance 18-11182019

Amending Sec. 60-146 Dimensional Regulations in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the December 2, 2019 Council meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

III. Reports

Mayor Levesque – thanked the Economic and Community Development staff for their support with the Ag Zone items. He also announced that the Inauguration will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Young – reported that he attended a 10-mile road race on Cousens Island over the weekend. He also noted that he visited his mother yesterday. She is 91 years old. He also attended the Danville Junction Grange for contra dancing. He thanked Auburn residents that voted on November 5th and he congratulated his opponents. He said he plans on spending extra time with his family. He also mentioned that there is a Building Committee meeting tomorrow.

Councilor Walker – there is a Neighborhood Watch meeting on November 21st at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association will meet November 26th at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner, on November 28th the Age Friendly Committee will be offering a free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Community Center at noon, the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting on December 3rd at 5:30 PM at the Senior Community Center, and December 6th is the Christmas celebration and parade which will start in Lewiston and make their way through New Auburn and over to Festival Plaza.

Councilor Fournier congratulated Council members that have been elected and re-elected. She also reported that the School Committee is still working on the Superintendents evaluation.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Auburn Water and Sewer District budget meetings, adding that they will be meeting again (Sewer District on Tuesday at 4:00 PM and Water District on Wednesday at 4:00 PM). He also reported on the last Age Friendly Committee meeting he attended.

Councilor Hayes – no report

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the ELHS Building Committee meeting will be meeting at 6:30 and the Athletic sub-committee is meeting at 5:30 PM tomorrow. On Wednesday at 6:00 PM there is a meeting in Community Room where there will be discussion on a “jug handle” on Route 4. She also reported that she met with Zach Lenhert last week to discuss the Community Advisory Committee for CDBG and she encourages people to apply for that committee to work on the 5 year plan.

Councilor Gerry – stated that it has been a pleasure working with Councilor Young.

City Manager – reported that the FY21 budget process is underway, December 14th there will be a City Council orientation from 9AM – 2PM in Council Chambers. He recently met with Community Little Theater’s Board of Directors and he has asked them for a business plan by the end of this year. He commented the holiday celebration will take place on December 6th, and the New Years Eve Auburn event coming up on December 31st.

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

IX. Executive Session – legal rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time in 9:21 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:45 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 108

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

The meeting began with a brief presentation and discussion on the proposed Agricultural Zone Ordinance Change and Lake Auburn Overlay workshop item.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 137-12022019*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Deanne B. Peck as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 138-12022019*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn.

3. Order 139-12022019*

Appointing Bryan Bachelder as the Local Sealer of Weights and Measures with a term expiration of December 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

II. Minutes – November 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recycling Ad hoc Committee Update – Holly Lasagna and Ralph Harder presented.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to suspend rules and take item #1 out of order moving it from new business and placing it on the agenda before unfinished business.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Ordinance 19-12022019 (from New Business, taken out of order)

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII. Division 4, Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District, Sec.60-952 & Sec.60-953. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment:

Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road, commented that this is what she did not want to happen which is splitting the Ag zone which she stated takes away from South Auburn.

James Pross, Hersey Hill Road stated that he supports this and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

1. Ordinance 15-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 5. Shoreland Overlay District (SLO), Sec. 60-1003. - Timber harvesting. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 16-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec. 60-2 Definitions in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 17-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec.60-145 Use Regulations in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Hayes by changing “greater than 5 acres” to “greater than 6 acres”.

Motion to amend failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Titus, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

Passage of main motion 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, and Hayes opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 18-11182019

Amending Sec. 60-146 Dimensional Regulations in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public comment:

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented on the January 1, 2018 rule date stating that it should be January 1, 2017 because the first Ag Zone ad-hoc committed was in play at that time. He also noted that there are many roads in Auburn that were not officially dropped and people who own land on those roads will put them back in use so people can “cheat the system”.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Young to amend by changing from “more than 5 acres” to “more than 6 acres”.

Motion to amend failed 3-4 (Councilors Titus, Gerry, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

Main motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, Hayes, and Young opposed).

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 19-12022019

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII. Division 4, Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District, Sec.60-952 & Sec.60-953. First reading.

This item was taken out of order and voted on before Unfinished Business.

2. Ordinance 20-12022019

Adopting the Agricultural Committee Ordinance. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus 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 section 2-485.4 Powers and Duties # 12 by adding a time frame within 30 to 60 days of submission as follows:

Should any project in the City require the submission of a farm plan, the committee shall review the farm plan and provide a recommendation to the Planning Board within 30 to 60 days of submission.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 20-12022019 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Resolve 11-12022019

Supporting the Proposed Public Arts Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Young to amend by including a sunset clause stating that this will sunset in 3 years, unless the Committee provides Council with a full report and asks for an extension and the Council will determine whether or not they will continue.

Motion to amend failed 1-6 (Councilors Young, Lasagna, Hayes, Titus, Fournier, and Walker opposed).

Passage of main motion 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

4. Resolve 12-12022019

Establishing the L.A. 911 funding formula.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 140-12022019

Approving a waiver of tax lien foreclosure on Auburn Business Development Corporations property at the Auburn Enterprise Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reminded the public that the Inauguration is scheduled for December 16th at 6:00 PM at the Auburn Senior Community Center, Council orientation will be held on December 14th as well as upcoming retreats (the date has yet to be determined), December 6th will be a Christmas Tree/Menorah lighting, the 2nd New Year's Eve Auburn event will be coming up on December 31st. TV commercials will be coming out next week.

Councilor Young – reported that he has a Great Falls TV meeting coming up this week and announced that he would be having surgery on Wednesday.

Councilor Walker – reported that the United New Auburn Association will be part of the Holiday Parade. Santa will be at Festival Plaza somewhere between 6:30 and 7:00 PM, and in New Auburn, Santa will be lighting the tree around 7:15 PM. The Age Friendly Committee will be hosting a Christmas movie night on December 13th at 6:00 PM at the Senior Community Center. The Age Friendly Committee and Auburn Senior Citizens are putting on a New Year's party on January 1st at 10:30 AM, and at noon they will drop the ball. The Age Friendly Committee will be meeting on December 10th at 5:30 pm (the meeting was scheduled for December 3rd but was postponed due to the weather).

Councilor Fournier – noted that her duties as Mayor's rep for the School Committee have ceased as of November 20th.

Councilor Titus – reported on the Sewer and Water District Trustees meetings and announced that the Sunderland Drive Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting tomorrow at 6:00 PM at Sam's on Court Street. He also wanted to thank everyone including staff for everything over the last 4 years.

Councilor Hayes – no report

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the ELHS Building Committee meeting that was held last week. Their next meeting is scheduled sometime in January. She attended a meeting last week for Route 4 where there are plans to build a jug handle out by the outlet beach. Last, the next recycling meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5th and they will be touring Cassella, and their next regular meeting will be held on December 19th.

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Age Friendly Thanksgiving Dinner that was held on Thanksgiving Day.

City Manager Crichton – commended the Public Works crews and Electricians for their work putting up the Christmas lights and banners, he commented on the upcoming legislative session, the Council Orientation which is scheduled for December 14th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and noted that the City staff and the Community Service team put together baskets to feed 10 families for Thanksgiving.

VIII. Open Session – Bill Sylvester, Riverside Drive, questioned the Ag Ordinance proposal on the and said he hopes the income and acre rule applies to forestry too.

Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road, reported on the Auburn's Farmers Market will be held the second Wednesday of each month through the end of May from 4:30 – 7:30 PM at the Senior Community Center. She also commented that the articles they looked at this evening regarding the proposed Ag amendments were difficult to understand. She said many people wanted to speak but they did not because the articles were not clear.

IX. Executive Session – None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 114

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. All City Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Communications – Review of Planning Board Agricultural Zone Recommendations presented by Eric Cousens and Evan Cyr.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 19-12022019

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII. Division 4, Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District, Sec.60-952 & Sec.60-953. **Public hearing and second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public hearing – James Pross, Hershey Hill Road spoke on behalf of the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission in support of this ordinance amendment with the proposed clarifying language as recommended by the Planning Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend Section 60-952 (b) by accepting the modification recommended by the Planning Board by changing “Residential dwellings” to “*Residential dwellings in the Agriculture and Resource Protection Zoning District*” and by adding that “*at least 50 percent of the total annual household income of the farm occupants living in the farm residence will be derived from farm uses*”.

Passage 5-0-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry abstained).

Passage as amended 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 16-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec. 60-2 Definitions in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). **Public hearing and second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 17-11182019

Amending Chapter 60, Sec.60-145 Use Regulations in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). **Public hearing and second 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 Titus and seconded by Councilor Hayes to accept the changes recommended by the Planning board providing clarity by replacing “*total*” (in regards to income verification) to “*gross*”.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend Section 18 by changing “*containing greater than five, but less than ten acres*” to “*greater than 6.1 acres, but less than ten acres*”.

Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Lasagna and Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend Section 18 (d) by changing the effective date from “*January 1, 2018*” to “*October 1, 2017*”.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend Section 18 (C) (3) from:

“The parcel must contribute to a gross income per year of at least \$2,000 per year from the sales value of agricultural products as defined in Title 7 M.R.S.A, section 152, subsection 2, in two of the five calendar years preceding the date of application for Special Exception use approval. Gross income can include the value of commodities produced for consumption by the farm household” to:

“The parcel must contribute to a gross income per year of at least the amount required to meet the definition of Farmland in Title 36 M.R.S.A, section 152, subsection 2, in the two calendar years preceding the date of application for special exception us approval. Gross income includes the value of commodities produced for consumption by the farm household”.

Passage 4-2-1 (Councilors Gerry and Titus opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Passage as amended 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed and Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 18-11182019

Amending Sec. 60-146 Dimensional Regulations in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (AGRP). **Public hearing and second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public hearing - William Sylvester, South River Road and a licensed Forester with the State commented that we should not forget forestry in this economic equasion.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus to amend by changing the “*total*” income to “*gross*” where referenced in this section.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Hayes to amend Section 60-146 (1) (c) by changing from “*greater than five, but less than ten acres*” to “*greater than 6.1 acres, but less than ten acres*”.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Lasagna opposed, Councilor Walker was out of the room during the vote).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by changing the effective date from “*January 1, 2018*” to “*October 1, 2017*”.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker was out of the room during the vote).

Passage as amended 5-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained).

5. Ordinance 20-12022019

Adopting the Agricultural Committee Ordinance. **Public hearing and second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hayes for passage.

Public hearing –

Steven Beal, owner of a parcel of land in the Lake Auburn Watershed District, pointed out a grammatical error in Section 2-485.2 – Committee established where it states:

“An Agriculture Committee is hereby established to consist of nine members, seven members shall be appointed by the City Council and shall be residents of the city with highest priority given to selecting members who are actively engaged in agriculture or forestry” suggesting that it be worded:

“An Agriculture Committee is hereby established to consist of nine members, of whom seven members shall be appointed by the City Council and shall be residents of the city with highest priority given to selecting members who are actively engaged in agriculture or forestry”.

Bill Sylvester, South River Road, commented on membership of the committee and if all members should be Auburn residents.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend by adding “*of whom*” as suggested by Mr. Beal.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young to amend Section 2-485.4 – Powers and Duties subsection 12 by changing from:

“Should any project in the City require the submission of a farm plan, the committee shall review the farm plan and provide a recommendation to the Planning Board within 30-60 days of submission” to:

“Should any project in the City require the submission of a farm plan, the committee shall review the farm plan and provide a recommendation to the Planning Board within 60 days of submission”.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

Passage as amended 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

III. New Business

1. Order 141-12092019

Approving the liquor license application for Dee Samer LLC, DBA Aan-Chun Asian Fusion, located at 730 Center Street, Auburn, Maine. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 142-12092019

Extending the term expiration date for the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee to May 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 143-12092019

Approving the temporary liquor license for the New Year’s Eve Auburn Event to be held on 12/31/2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

IV. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Titus to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2019 VOL. 35 PAGE 119

Mayor Levesque called the Inaugural meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

The Auburn Police Department Honor Guard presented and posted the colors, followed by members of the American Legion Post 153 leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

All City Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. **Order 144-12162019** – Confirming Mayor Levesque’s Appointment of Brian Carrier as his designee to serve on the School Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by all for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Adjournment – The Inaugural meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2020 VOL. 36 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 01-01062020*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's recommendations and appointments to various Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to move the consent item to New Business.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- **December 02, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

- **December 09, 2019 Special Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

- **December 16, 2019 Inaugural Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Inaugural Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication – Introduction of Department Directors**

City Manager Crichton introduced the Department Directors to the new City Councilors.

- **Communication - Planning Board Memo (Merrow Road & Hotel Road concerns) – Michael Chammings provided an update.**

- **Presentation – Recreation and Sports Tourism - Marc Gosselin, Sabrina Best, Rory Mushlin, and Jeremy Gatcomb provided the City Council with an update on Recreation and Sports Tourism Department.**

- **Communications - Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Levesque provided an update to the City Council regarding his appointments to various boards and committees. Some require confirmation by the City Council and others do not.**

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – he welcomed and congratulated the four new Councilors as well as the Mayor and other returning Councilors. He commented on the Mayor's Inauguration speech where he spoke of his vision of the city, and he commented on the

relationship between the City Council and the School Committee. He encouraged the Council to continue working on that relationship and he quoted something a former Auburn Mayor told him “we can all agree to disagree as long as we don’t become disagreeable”.

Dave Simpson, Lake Street, commented on the cross walk on Turner Street in front of the YMCA. He said he would like to see flashing lights installed at that crosswalk adding that it is a dangerous place for kids and people to be crossing.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Order 01-01062020 – this item was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business
Confirming Mayor Levesque’s recommendations and appointments to various Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to strike Councilors Lasagna and Gerry from the Audit Committee. Replacements will be determined at a later date.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 01-01062020 as amended, 7-0.

1. Order 02-01062020

Appointing the Citizen’s Advisory Committee Council Representative.

The Mayor opened it up for nominations.

Councilor Gerry nominated Councilor Lasagna.

Councilor Carrier nominated Councilor Milks.

Votes for Councilor Lasagna were 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna and Boss in favor and Councilors MacLeod, Milks, Carrier and Walker opposed), votes for Councilor Milks 4-3 (Councilors MacLeod, Milks, Carrier and Walker in favor and Councilors Gerry, Lasagna and Boss opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Councilor Milks to serve in the Citizen’s Advisory Committee as the Council Representative.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Boss and Gerry opposed).

2. Order 03-01062020

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: PID #191-087 Reginald Street

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 04-01062020

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 0 Court Street PID# 218-017.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 05-01062020

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 31 Beck Avenue PID# 208-045.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 06-01062020

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 16 Albiston Way PID# 220-103.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street spoke in favor of the sale.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 07-01062020

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 72 Gill Street PID# 211-125.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 08-01062020

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 325 Turner Street PID# 250-177.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier 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 150th Anniversary New Year’s Auburn Event adding that the wrap up event will take place around the February 22, 2020 birthday. It will be held at the Auburn Senior Community Center where there will be a time capsule that will be interred by the Bells of St. Louis in New Auburn’s Anniversary Park.

Councilor Boss – nothing to report.

Councilor Walker – reported on the New Year’s Day event that was held at the Senior Community Center on January 1st.

Councilor Carrier – provided an Airport Board meeting update, and a School Committee update.

Councilor Milks – nothing to report.

Councilor MacCleod – nothing to report.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee.

Councilor Gerry – reminded everyone that there is a LATC is meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 12:30 PM at AVCOG, and MMA’s Freedom of Access training she attended.

City Manager Report – commented on the New Year’s Eve Auburn Event, how to find information regarding parking bans, the upcoming Winter Festival will take place January 24th-26th adding that more on this event can be found on our website.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October and November 2019 Monthly Finance reports

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the October and November 2019 monthly finance reports.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not present at the time of the vote).

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session** – Legal consultation on rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

This item was taken up during the workshop.

- B. Executive Session** – Economic Development Project Negotiations (North River Road, Minot Avenue, and Intermodal Facility), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker not present). Time in 8:27 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:09 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 27, 2020 VOL. 36 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 09-01272020*

Setting the time for opening the polls for 2020 Elections (7:00 AM).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - January 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication - Michael Malloy and Peter Crichton went over the Legal Services Report
- Presentation – Economic and Community Development staff provided Council with an overview of the Economic and Community Development Department
- Communication – Mayor Levesque announced 4 of his appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee. There are still several positions left to fill on that committee.
- Communication – Mayor Levesque went over his proposal to form an Ad hoc Committee to Review Boards, Committees, and Commissions
- Mayor and Council Communications:
 - Mayor Levesque – Winter Fest, the Council Retreat, Bangor Savings Bank grand opening, and his recent trip to Washington D.C.
 - Councilor Boss – Auburn Library Board meeting
 - Councilor Walker – Waste to Energy meeting
 - Councilor Carrier – School Committee meeting
 - Councilor Milks – none at this time
 - Councilor MacLeod – LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee), Great Falls TV is looking for committee members
 - Councilor Lasagna – none at this time
 - Councilor Gerry – Age Friendly Community event

IV. Open Session

- Laurier P. Morrisette, Auburn resident spoke.
- Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane commented on agricultural zone permit fees that were discussed during the workshop.

V. **Unfinished Business** - None

VI. **New Business**

1. **Order 10-01272020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: Gammon Avenue, Parcel ID 249-093.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

2. **Order 11-01272020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 16 Newbury Street, Parcel ID 231-035.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

The Mayor asked that the minutes reflect that it is sliver of land. Order 11-01272020 that was presented states:

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the sale of tax acquired and city owned property at 16 Newbury Street, Parcel ID 231-035, 609.6 square foot piece as indicated on presented map, for \$1,000 as indicated in request letter.

Passage 7-0

3. **Order 12-01272020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 97 Riverside Drive, Parcel ID 221-143.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

4. **Order 13-01272020**

Re-appointing Mathieu Duvall as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and Walker opposed), passage requires a 3/5 vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage of Order 13-01272020.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

5. Order 14-01272020

Re-appointing John Engler as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

6. Order 15-01272020

Appointing Matthew Leonard as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Boss opposed).

7. Order 16-01272020

Appointing Laurel Libby as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Boss opposed).

8. Order 17-01272020

Appointing Andrew Paradis as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

9. Order 18-01272020

Appointing Riley Bergeron as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

10. Order 19-01272020

Appointing Andrew Titus to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

11. Order 20-01272020

Re-appointing Patricia Madore to the LA 911 Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

12. Order 21-01272020

Appointing Susan Patneau to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

13. Order 22-01272020

Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report

Councilor Gerry – explained why she voted the way she did on the Board and Committee appointments.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the Recycling Committee meeting, the ELHS Building Committee will be meeting on January 28th, and she asked for a workshop to discuss the Ag Committee at the February 3rd meeting.

Councilor Macleod – reported on LATC during Communications

Councilor Milks – reported on the Water District meeting

Councilor Carrier – no report

Councilor Walker – the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly's Diner on Tuesday at 6:00 pm, and the New Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on Thursday at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a Valentine's Day lunch at the Senior Community Center on February 14th, and he said asked the City Manager to invite the PUC (Maine Public Utilities Commission) here to discuss how water charges are assessed.

Councilor Boss- no report

City Manager – the FY 21 budget process is underway, he announced that the Legislative Policy Committee will be meeting this week, he spoke about establishing a Student Internship program, they are also considering implementing Student Council Reps (to be discussed at a future workshop), and he spoke about Solar Power and holding a joint workshop with the School Committee scheduled for February 5th at 6pm.

The Mayor announced that he would like to host a joint meeting with the School Committee on February 5th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – December 2019 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for to accept and place on file the December 2019 monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0

VIII. Open Session

Mathew Leonard, 169 Davis Avenue commented on action taken by the Council on the board and committee appointments, and tax acquired properties.

Leroy Walker, 41 Broad Street, commented on action taken by the Council on board and committee appointments.

IX. Executive Session – to discuss a legal matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time in 8:56 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:34 PM.

Executive Session – to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker not present), time in 9:35 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:02 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 12

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the amended minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Council meeting (reflecting a change to Councilor Gerry's Council report. She asked that it be noted that she felt the Council should have gone into Executive Session during Board and Committee Appointments).

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Presentation – Pedestrian Safety Mitigation Plan (Eric Cousens, Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development and Patrick Adams, Maine Department of Transportation)
- Presentation -Strategic Plan (City Manager Peter Crichton and Asst. City Manager Phil Crowell) – this item was discussed during the Council Workshop.
- Presentation - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) (Michael Chammings and Brett Sawyer, Economic & Community Development Department)

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street on picking up dog waste.

Evan Cyr, 435 West Auburn Road with concerns with actions taken by Council at the previous meeting rejecting 2 appointments to the Planning Board leaving that Board short handed by 2 members.

Mayor and Council Communications:

Mayor Levesque – handed out a draft Order which will be presented at a future meeting authorizing the City Manager to create an internal working group to develop recommendations for an Opportunity Zone. He also noted that there will be a public forum on February 11th at 2:00 PM at the Senior Center regarding microgrants for the Food Insecurity Program, and commented on a successful Sports Tourism event held at Lost Valley this past Sunday (JP Parisien Memorial Ski Race).

Councilor Boss – Nothing at this time.

Councilor Walker - the Neighborhood Watch Group met this past Thursday, Fire Chief Bob Chase was the guest speaker.

Councilor Carrier – commented on the School Committee meeting, they are working on the Superintendent search.

Councilor Milks – Nothing at this time.

Councilor MacLeod – Nothing at this time.

Councilor Lasagna – Nothing at this time.

Councilor Gerry – Nothing at this time.

City Manager – reminded everyone of a Joint City Council/School Committee workshop on February 5th at 5:30 PM to discuss Solar Power.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 23-02032020

Authorizing the sale of the Tax Acquired Property at 53 Stevens Mill Road, PID# 208-042.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Order 24-02032020

Authorizing the sale of the Tax Acquired Property at 301 Stevens Mill Road, PID# 217-048.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to postpone this item until March 2, 2020.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 25-02032020

Appointing Andrew Titus to serve on the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 26-02032020

Appointing Shawn MacDonald to serve on the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Resolve 01-02032020

Supporting the formation of the Mayor's Ad-hoc Committee charged with reviewing boards, committees, and commissions of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report.

Councilor Gerry – no report.

Councilor Lasagna – no report.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the School Building Committee meeting.

Councilor Milks – no report.

Councilor Carrier – reported on the upcoming School Committee/City Council Joint Workshop on solar power to be held on February 5th, the Superintendent search is underway, there will be an Appointment Committee meeting held on February 5th at 4:30 PM for the Airport Board vacancy

Councilor Boss – attended the Court Street Study last Friday, the next public forum is scheduled for February 25th at 6:00 PM with another forum to be held sometime in mid March.

Councilor Walker – there will be an Age Friendly meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center and they will be hosting a Valentine’s Day lunch on February 14, 2020 also at the Senior Center.

City Manager – the IT department will offer IT training for those who are interested, Command Training will be held at a future date, the FY21 Budget process is underway, there is a Joint School Committee and Council workshop and executive session on February 5th at 5:30 PM, and the Fire Department tour/orientation will be held on Monday February 10th at 5:00 PM.

VIII. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street continued his comments on cleaning up dog waste. He also commented on the litter and trash problem in the City.

Andy Titus, thanked Council for his appointments to both the Sewer and Water District Board of Trustees. The Sewer District will be meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 4PM and the Water District will meet the following day at 4PM.

Larry Pelletier added that he put up flags in areas where there was dog waste in a three-block area. He said there were approximately 50 piles in the Anniversary Park area.

IX. Executive Session

Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:17 PM.

Council was declared out at 8:32 PM

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. All unanimously in favor. Time adjourned 8:32 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 16

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 Carrier had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Passage 6-0, time 7:02 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:19 PM.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 27-02242020*

Appointing Maegan Kyllonen as a Civilian Process Server, without a firearm, on behalf of the Auburn Police Department for 2020.

2. Order 28-02242020*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for a two-year term (2020-2022).

3. Order 29-02242020*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,601.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-1023 Bruce Fournier).

4. Order 30-02242020*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,690.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-649 Antwan Gildersleeve).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of the four consent items. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – February 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Auburn School Department - Revolving Renovation Fund Loan (Adam Hanson)
- **Presentation** – Opportunity Zone Overview (Michael Chamings and Brett Sawyer)
- **Department Orientation**
 - Office of the City Clerk – Sue Clements-Dallaire
 - Finance Department – Jill Eastman
 - Office of the City Manager – Peter Crichton

IV. Open Session – Linda Wooten, stated that she would like to see Auburn become a sanctuary city protecting unborn children in Auburn. She said she has prepared a draft ordinance that she would like the Council to review and consider. Handouts were provided to the Council.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 31-02242020

Re-appointing Bettyann Sheats to the Airport Board with a term expiration of 01/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Ordinance 01-02242020

Amending the City of Auburn Ordinances, Appendix A, Fees and Charges to reduce the building permit fees for Agricultural Barns and Buildings. 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 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 02-02242020

Amending the City of Auburn Ordinances for Solar Energy Generating Systems in the Industrial District (Chapter 60, Sec. 60-578 and Article XVIII Solar Energy Generating Systems). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 32-02242020

Authorizing the City Manager to create an Opportunity Zone working group to draft recommended ordinance, zoning, and policy changes.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. **Order 33-02242020**

Approving the extension of the City Manager's employment agreement through June 30, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

6. **Order 34-02242020**

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the gravel pit lease with JIG Aggregates, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he is watching legislation closely and will provide updates.

Councilor Boss – announced that tomorrow at 6:00 PM in the Community Room a public forum will be held on the Court Street Study, and on Friday the Auburn Public Library will be holding their annual Homestead Goods and Farmers Market will be held from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Library.

Councilor Walker – announced that Thursday at noon they will provide a beef stew lunch with a movie to follow at Auburn Senior Community Center.

Councilor Milks – reported on the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting that was held noting that they will be meeting again tomorrow at 5:30 PM. He also provided an update on the Sewer and Water District meetings that were held last week.

Councilor MacLeod – announced that there will be a school Building Committee meeting tomorrow, he provided an update on the Cable TV Advisory meeting, and he reported that he rode the LATC bus last week from the Senior Center with Councilors Gerry and Walker on a public transit trip.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:00 PM, the Recycling Committee will be presenting to the Council at the March 2nd meeting on their progress. Their next meeting is at 7:00 AM on March 27th. She added that the Senior Center provides an excellent lunch for seniors and it's a great way to meet people.

Councilor – Gerry, no report

City Manager Crichton – reported that he has started a conversation with the Lewiston Administrator regarding 911. Staff is working on the FY21 budget, department workshops will be starting soon and he will present the City Manager Budget sometime in April. There will be a strategic plan workshop March 16th at 4:00 PM at the Library, the remainder of Mondays in March there are meetings scheduled.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2020 Monthly Finance Report (due to Network issues at Auburn Hall, this item was postponed until the March 2, 2020 Council meeting)

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

- Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, time 8:50 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:08 PM.

- Economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C) – *this item will be taken up at another time.*
- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A) – *this item was taken up at the beginning of the meeting*

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 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. Councilor Carrier had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items:

1. Order 35-03022020*

Accepting the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019 and placing it on file.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the one consent item.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell discussed a proposed ordinance for City Council student representatives
- **Communication** – Draft Transit Study Update was provided by Marsha Bennett, Lewiston-Auburn Transit Coordinator and Jennifer Williams Transportation/MPO Director for the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center and Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
- **Communication** – Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS) Update was provided by Sandy Buchanan, General Manager for WMTS
- **Council Communications:**
 - **Councilor Gerry** – no communications or announcements at this time
 - **Councilor Lasagna** – no communications or announcements at this time
 - **Councilor MacLeod** – reported that Museum LA has a great exhibit going on right now on Child Labor and he encouraged the public to check it out
 - **Councilor Milks** – reported a constituent concern about people that are driving to Maine Waste to Energy without covering the trash and garbage is flying out of trucks on Poland Road and that area
 - **Councilor Walker** – reported that on March 4th, the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting at the Senior Community Center from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, March 8th

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Daylight Savings time starts, March 10th the Age Friendly Committee meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center, March 12th the Age Friendly Committee will meet at the Auburn Public Library from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room for a movie, March 17th there will be a St. Patties Day dinner at the Senior Center. Doors open at 4:30 PM and dinner will be at 5:30 PM, and on March 11th the Appointment Committee will be meeting at 4:30 PM.

- **Councilor Boss** – no communications or announcements at this time
- **Mayor Levesque** - no communications or announcements at this time

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **Order 24-02032020**

Authorizing the sale of the Tax Acquired Property at 301 Stevens Mill Road, PID# 217-048.

At the Regular Council meeting of February 3, 2020, this item was postponed to tonight's meeting. Action was no longer required as taxes on this property were paid in full.

2. **Ordinance 01-02242020**

Amending the City of Auburn Ordinances, Appendix A, Fees and Charges to reduce the building permit fees for Agricultural Barns and Buildings. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of the second and final reading.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Ordinance 02-02242020**

Amending the City of Auburn Ordinances for Solar Energy Generating Systems in the Industrial District (Chapter 60, Sec. 60-578 and Article XVIII Solar Energy Generating Systems). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the second and final reading.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. **Order 36-03022020**

Approving the employment agreement and appointing Phil Crowell as the new City Manager of Auburn effective July 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

2. Order 37-03022020

Approving the revolving renovation fund loan for the Auburn School Department. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call was taken.

3. Order 38-03022020

Appointing two City Councilors to serve on the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Board's, Committee's, and Commissions of the City.

Councilor MacLeod nominated Councilor Boss, and Councilor Lasagna nominated Councilor Gerry to serve. There were no other nominations.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Milks to appoint Councilor Boss. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to appoint Councilor Gerry. Passage 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – there is a MMA Leadership trip to Washington, DC on March 11th to meet with members of the delegation to talk about federal funds and how they are spent in our communities.

Councilor Boss – reported that the APL Farmer's Market went well, the next Board meeting is on the 17th of March at 7:30 AM.

Councilor Walker – reported that they had a great luncheon at the Senior Community Center where they offered beef stew to everyone and there was more than plenty to go around.

Councilor Milks – nothing to report

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Cable TV Advisor Board will be meeting on Thursday at 4PM, and he reported on the School Building Committee meeting that was held last Tuesday.

Councilor Lasagna – recommended that the renderings of the new school building be accessible to the public adding that they are very impressive. She reported that the next Recycling Committee meeting is a week from Thursday here at Auburn Hall in the bump out room at 7:30 AM.

Councilor Gerry – nothing to report

Manager Crichton – Reported that on March 16th there is a Strategic Plan workshop at the Auburn Public Library, he congratulated Phil Crowell for his appointment as the next City Manager for Auburn. There is a basketball game scheduled for March 17th between Police Department and Central Maine Community College basketball team which is a fundraiser for the PAL Center. He reported that there will be a tour of the Recreation and Sports Tourism Department on Monday, we are still working through the FY21 budget and he will be presenting his preliminary draft budget at the beginning of April, and we will be reviewing our policies, procedures and practices regarding the corona virus and will be coming back to the council on that. He also addressed the trash issue mentioned by Councilor Milks.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the January 2020 Monthly Finance report.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session – Economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6(C)).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0, time 8:00 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:43 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 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. Councilor's Gerry and Walker had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items: None

II. Minutes - March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Androscoggin River Water Quality Classification – the speakers were not available to attend so this item was postponed to the April 6, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

Water District and Water Rate Increase - Sid Hazelton, Auburn Water District Superintendent presented

Council Communications:

Mayor Levesque – reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. trip, and that he has been working on Covid-19 response since he has been back

Councilor Milks – Congratulated the ELHS Boys Basketball team and their coaches for winning the State Championship

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time

Councilor Boss- nothing at this time

Councilor Carrier- nothing at this time

Councilor Lasagna- commended City staff on how well prepared they are with the current pandemic issue

Councilor Walker (via conference call) – reported that there would be no boiled dinner presented by the Age Friendly Committee as originally scheduled for tomorrow

IV. Open Session – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library informed members of the Public that the Library doors closed at 6:00 PM due to Covid-19 pandemic. They are working on a process where they can provide books to the public.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 37-03022020

Approving the revolving renovation fund loan for the Auburn School Department. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 03-03162020

Adopting and ordinance, Article II, Division 3, City Council Student Representative, Secs. 267-270. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Macleod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 02-03162020

Expressing opposition to LD 2090 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

3. Resolve 03-03162020

Expressing alignment with and support for the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance regarding prevention, mitigation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

4. Resolve 04-03162020

Supporting the decisions and efforts of the Superintendent and School Committee regarding the Covid-19 pandemic in order to keep students and faculty safe, continue the educational year by all means available including technology, and providing food services to the student body in the most efficient means possible.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

5. **Order 38-03162020**

Directing the City Manager and or his designee to create a short-term loan program for Auburn Businesses not to exceed \$2500 per loan, with repayment no later than 06-01-2021 at a 0 percent interest rate. Total amount from the City's Emergency Reserve fund not to exceed \$50,000.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

6. **Order 39-03162020**

Directing the City Manager and or his designee to reallocate the \$10,000 from the Feeding Auburn microgrant in the FY 19-20 budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

7. **Resolve 05-03162020**

Agreeing to adopt the emergency legislation regarding remote meetings if passed by Legislature.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to suspend rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 5-0.

Order 40-03162020

Suspending all board, committee and commission meetings as defined by Charter or Ordinance, with the exception of City Council, School Committee, Planning Board, and any with a State mandate for action.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – encouraged the public to check our website, social media, and our new Instagram account adding that community events have been cancelled due to the pandemic. He also encouraged everyone to help each other out.

Councilor Milks – reported that he will recommend that the Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees meetings be suspended for now, however he noted that it will be up to the Trustees to decide.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Cable TV Advisory Board meeting and he encouraged residents to submit requests for things they would like to see on Great Falls TV.

Councilor Boss – reported that she was unable to attend the last Auburn Public Library Board meeting and she noted that the final meeting on the Court Street study will likely be cancelled. She will try to get an update and will share that information with the Council.

Councilor Carrier – reported on the Airport Board meeting, the School Committee meeting, and he reported that the Appointment Committee did not meet last week as scheduled due to scheduling conflicts.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the Recycling Committee meeting and they are looking for an extension in doing their final presentation. She also noted that the Maine CDC is a great resource to find more information on the Covid-19 virus.

City Manager – reported that he will be presenting his proposed budget on April 6, 2020, he noted that the ELHS Boys basketball team was scheduled to be recognized at the April 6th Council meeting. He also thanked staff for the work being done in regards to the corona virus issue and all of the work that is being done.

VIII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items:

1. Order 41-04062020*

Confirming Mayor Levesque’s appointments to the Audit and Procurement Committee (Katie Boss and Tim MacLeod).

2. Order 42-04062020*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,626.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-3899 Dwayne Paisley).

3. Order 43-04062020*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,160.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-3921 Jana Hansen).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

II. Minutes – March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Androscoggin River Water Quality Classification presented by Peter Rubins
- Edward Little High School Site Phasing and Building Schedule presented by Mark Lee
- Covid-19 Update provided by Phil Crowell

- Council Communications:
 - Mayor Levesque – reported that there have been a lot of calls and meetings over the last few weeks due to Covid-19, was on a call with the Governor and other Mayor’s today, they discussed various issues including the upcoming election. He talked about economic recovery, the emergency proclamation that was issued last week, landlord/tenant communications, and board and committee meetings.
 - Councilor Boss – nothing to report
 - Councilor Walker – commented that he will be glad when the restaurants open again
 - Councilor Carrier – nothing to report
 - Councilor Milks – nothing to report
 - Councilor MacLeod – nothing to report
 - Councilor Lasagna – commended the information on Auburn’s website and the Mayor’s (Levesque and Cayer) for their communications for new Mainer’s.
 - Councilor Gerry – nothing to report
 - Manager Crichton – Budget workshops are coming up on April 9th, April 13th, April 16th, and April 27th, and May 4th.

IV. Open Session – Bill Sylvester commented that he enjoyed listening tonight and he commented that the Ag Committee hasn’t moved anywhere adding that Forestry is important.

Resident Dana Bonenfant, 25 Andrea Lane submitted the following email comment:
“Once we are done with COVID-19, will we be working on repaving some roads? Andrea Lane is in horrible array, so is Center Street. There are other roads also.”

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 03-03162020

Adopting an ordinance, Article II, Division 3, City Council Student Representative, Secs. 267-270. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 44-04062020

Approving amendments to the Auburn-Lewiston Advisory Cable TV Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 45-04062020

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute and deliver to Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC or Hackett Mills Hydro Associates or their designee, a net energy billing credits agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call was taken.

3. Order 46-04062020

Authorizing the purchase of the Fire Department's new fire truck based on the provided bid with \$100,000 to be provided as part of the FY21 Capital.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 06-04062020

Limiting the increase in the school budget by 1.4 million dollars and the draw-down of the fund balance by no more than 20% this fiscal year.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend the resolve by replacing 1.4 million dollars to not more than an \$350,000 increase in the tax levy.

Passage of amendment 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of the resolve as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – nothing to report.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she has been assisting with delivering meals to seniors and Auburn residents.

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Councilor Lasagna – reported that there will be a date when Bates students can present to the Recycling Committee and the City Council.

Councilor MacLeod – reported that the LATC meeting is scheduled for the 15th of this month.

Councilor Milks – reported that the Water District will be meeting on the 15th of this month. He is not sure if there will be a meeting of the Sewer District, and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee will be meeting soon.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board will not be meeting this month but they did notify board members that construction has started on the runway.

Councilor Walker – thanked the Public Works Department for their quick service picking up tires that had been left on the side of the road.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on the status of the Auburn Public Library and the next Library Board meeting will be April 21st, and the Court Street study group has requested an extension to report their findings in light of the pandemic.

Manager Crichton – commented on how impressed he is with Auburn staff and all they are doing, especially the first responders.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2020 Monthly Finance Report and Revenue Discussion

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the February 2020 Monthly Finance report.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session

Legal Consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 9:18 PM. A roll call vote was taken. The remote meeting adjourned.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 28

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 9:08 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

I. New Business

1. Order 47-04162020

Ensuring safe options for temporary housing to victims of domestic violence and allowing for the use of existing Churches and Municipal Buildings (specifically Hasty Memorial Building) to help provide temporary housing solutions for victims of domestic violence with a simple staff level review for building safety.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

II. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn. All were in favor. Time adjourned 9:09 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items:

1. Order 47-04272020*

Appointing Election Clerks to serve a two-year term from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022 pursuant to Title 21-A §503.

2. Order 48-04272020*

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Tyler J. Trainor as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

II. Minutes

April 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

April 16, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Covid-19 Update provided by Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield
- Council Communications:
 - Councilor Gerry – nothing to report

- Councilor Lasagna – stated that she wanted to be sure that we are being thoughtful and ready to hit the road running when we are ready when it comes to boards and committees
- Councilor MacLeod – nothing to report
- Councilor Milks – nothing to report
- Councilor Carrier – nothing to report
- Councilor Walker – commented that he is hoping things will begin opening by May 4th
- Councilor Boss – commented that based on an epidemiology and historical perspective, the second wave is always worse when you lift restrictions.
- Mayor Levesque – appreciates staff actions, thought process, and how staff has taken into account proper protocol and precaution, adding that he is very impressed and thanked staff. He said there is a slow movement already towards a new normal, Hobby Lobby has been deemed essential and re-opened today, more restaurants are opening and forward thinking on proper planning. He noted that the Governor will be holding a press conference tomorrow afternoon. He talked about Community Gardens and whether they should be considered essential, the \$1.25 billion dollar stimulus adding that he will be advocating for additional stimulus funds, he discussed recovery, resurgence, and said he was pleased with the City budget that was presented. He also stated that the desire right now is to have an in person meeting on May 4th, and they are working out the details adding that if anyone is uncomfortable, they do not have to attend in person.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke or submitted comments via email.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 07-04272020

Supporting the Androscoggin River Water Quality Classification Upgrade from Class C to Class B.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that boards and committees have started meeting and would continue to do so as pertinent issues come up.

Councilor Boss – reported on the Auburn Public Library meeting held on 4/21 via zoom, the next meeting would be around the same time next month, most likely via zoom. She also noted that the Court Street study has been extended and the next meeting is scheduled for 5/1/2020 at 10:00 AM via zoom.

Councilor Walker – would like the City Clerk to provide an update on upcoming meetings and reported that things were coming along with the park in New Auburn.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board has not met, however they did receive correspondence from the Airport Manager regarding the CARES funding. He also reported that the School Building Committee will be meeting on May 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. On Wednesday, the School Committee will be meeting to discuss the school budget.

Councilor Milks – reported on the Sewer and Water Board Meetings held last week. Appointments were made for the year.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee meeting that was held last week. He also reported that the School Building Committee will meet on May 5th.

Councilor Lasagna – commented on our small farms and how they are doing, and how they are providing food to the community.

Councilor Gerry – nothing to report.

Manager Crichton – commented on the work being done by staff adding that they are doing a good job stepping up, and he thanked the Council and Mayor for their leadership as they work to move the City forward.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – March 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the March 2020 Monthly Finance report.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session - None

- X. Adjourn** – Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna, seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items: None

II. Minutes – April 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Covid-19 Update - Phil Crowell, Matt Fifield, and Marc Gosselin

Council Communications:

Mayor Levesque – commented that we’ve posted the list of farms from the Sun Journal’s list and have had over 1,000 views. He also urged people not to go to Mt Appetite at this time. It is very wet and muddy, and bikes are tearing up the trails right now.

Councilor Carrier - nothing at this time.

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time.

Councilor Lasagna – reminded people that this was the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment being signed. She thanked the Mayor for talking about the farms and reminded everyone that the farmers market on Main Street is set to open on Wednesday and Lewiston’s is set to open on Sunday. She reminded everyone to remember Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) where you can buy a share and get food delivered monthly. She thanked Peter for his email regarding remaining supportive and respectful of one another.

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time.

Councilor Walker – commented that we still have restaurants and recreation areas in New Auburn that are not open and are not sure if or when they will open adding that they cannot remain closed until July. A lot of businesses are struggling to hang on adding that something has to be done.

Councilor Gerry – nothing at this time.

Councilor Boss – asked if there are there any resources on the recovery page that will be helpful to businesses, adding that there are creative ways to stay profitable and what can we do for those that re not adapting and need to do so in order to stay afloat.

Councilor Carrier – asked about the issue on Riverside Drive, and will it be added to a future workshop as an agenda item.

IV. **Open Session** – No one from the public spoke, however the following email comment was sent via email.

Mayor Levesque:

I am very disappointed by your letter to Governor Mills, which includes the following line:

"I am writing today on behalf of the City of Auburn to urge you to lift the Stay Safe at Home order no later than May 4."

Decisions about how and when to modify Maine's social distancing policies should be made based on the best available data and epidemiological and public health principles, and in consultation with appropriate experts, including public health officials. Your letter doesn't even marginally mention the science or data behind the restrictions or the well-recognized criteria for relaxing restrictions. Instead, you praise Auburn's 'inspired leadership' and base your request on your personal opinion about the city's mood.

Economic issues are important, but data from previous pandemics shows that the most robust economic recoveries occurred in those places where restrictions were started early, were strong, and were not discontinued prematurely. One does not remove one's parachute just because the rate of descent has slowed.

*You are free to express a personal opinion, but as Mayor you are not entitled to claim that your personal opinion represents the City of Auburn. I cannot find any evidence that the City Council directed you to make this request **on behalf of the City**. Although some Auburn residents may feel as you do, my friends, acquaintances, and I most certainly do not. I am appalled that you have taken it upon yourself to speak for us without consulting us.*

*As a physician, a member of a high risk group, and based on my training and experience in preparing for infectious disease outbreaks, I disagree quite strongly with your request - but it would never occur to me to send a letter to Governor Mills advocating my position and claiming it was **on behalf of the City of Auburn or a local medical center**.*

I ask you to publicly state that your letter expressed your PERSONAL request, and was not 'on behalf of the City of Auburn'.

I am very, very unhappy about this.

Peter Elias, MD, 564 Lake Street

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 49-05042020

Adopting the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan as recommended by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Public comment and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 50-05042020

Adopting the amendments to the Annual Action Plan as recommended by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Public comment and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 51-05042020

Scheduling the School Budget Validation Referendum Election to be held on July 14, 2020 to coincide with the State Election.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 52-05042020

Approving a second, 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 MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

- **Mayor Levesque** – nothing to report

- **Councilor Gerry** – reported that she attended a zoom seminar last week put on by MMA and she found it very informative
- **Councilor Walker** – nothing to report
- **Councilor Milks** – reported that there is a Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting scheduled tomorrow at 12:30 via zoom
- **Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the School Building Committee meeting tomorrow at 6:30 PM via Zoom, the Recycling Committee will meet Thursday morning at 7:30 AM via Zoom.
- **Councilor MacLeod** – nothing to report, but he did ask for clarification about committees and when they will start to meet.
- **Councilor Carrier** – reported that the Airport Board has not had a meeting but did get a report that the construction on the runway is progressing, the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, and the Appointment Committee will meet next week.
- **Councilor Boss** – reported that the Library has had a voluntary return to work for staff. A date has not been set when they will be open to the public. All borrowed materials that have been taken out are due back on June 1st. She also provided an update on the Court Street Study. They met last week and will be holding a virtual community meeting on 5/21.
- **City Manager Report** – reported that staff has been busy, he is looking forward to the School Building Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, he talked about boards and committees resuming their meetings, he would like to talk to the Mayor about this and would also like to reach out to chairs to see if there is a need to meet at this time. There will be an update on the Court Street study at the May 18th Council meeting.

VIII. Executive Session

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 8:26 PM. A roll call vote was taken. The remote meeting adjourned.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items: None

II. Minutes – May 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness Month
- Proclamation – Arbor Week
- Proclamation – 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
- Update on the Library Avenue Project - Tony Beaulieu
- Court Street Study Update – Tony Beaulieu, Jennifer Williams
- Downtown Vision Discussion – Michael Chamings
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield
 - Recovery Plan Update – Marc Gosselin
- Council Communications:
 - Councilor Boss** – no communications at this time
 - Councilor Walker** – no communications at this time
 - Councilor Carrier** - no communications at this time
 - Councilor Milks** - no communications at this time
 - Councilor MacLeod** – commented that it was nice to see Auburn teachers driving around and waving to their students in his neighborhood
 - Councilor Lasagna** - echoed Councilor MacLeod’s comments adding that she is happy to hear what they are doing regarding the high school graduation
 - Councilor Gerry** – the Grab and Go Meal Program will continue until the 29th of May, then it will transition from meals to groceries
 - Mayor Levesque** – reported that he is working on securing additional funding for the City of Auburn (CARES Act), he would like to release committees allowing them to resume meeting whether it is via zoom or in person, particularly the newly formed Ag Committee

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke, and no comments were submitted via email.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 53-05182020

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute and deliver to BAP Power Corp (d/b/a Cenergy) or their designee, a net energy billing credits agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 04-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVIII: Solar Energy Generating System. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 05-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 2: Agriculture and Resource Protection District. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod 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.

4. Order 54-05182020

Appointing Darren Finnegan as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 55-05182020

Appointing Stacey LeBlanc as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 56-05182020

Appointing Dana Staples as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 57-05182020

Appointing David Bell to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 40/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 58-05182020

Appointing Scott Blanchard to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 59-05182020

Appointing David Griswold to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 60-05182020

Appointing Kathy Shaw to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 61-05182020

Appointing William Sylvester to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session to discuss appointments.

Motion failed 3-4 due to the lack of a 3/5 affirmative vote (Councilors Carrier, Walker, and Milks opposed).

12. Order 62-05182020

Re-appointing Mary LaFontaine to serve on the Board of Assessment Review with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 63-05182020

Appointing Casey Knight to serve on the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 64-05182020

Appointing Keith Ellis to serve on the A-L Cable TV Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Grab and Go Meal program noting that it is not just for senior citizens.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee met last week, the Recycling Committee met two weeks ago and began to plan what they want to present to Council, and their next meeting is scheduled for May 21st via zoom.

Councilor Milks – reported that the Sewer Trustee meeting is tomorrow at 4:00 pm and the Water Trustee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board has not met but they are being kept abreast on the construction that is taking place. He reported on the School Committee meeting noting that a new Superintendent has been hired (Dr. Cornilia Brown).

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the School Building Committee meeting, and the LATC meeting that was held last week.

Councilor Walker – no report.

Councilor Boss – reported that the Court Street Study group will be meeting on May 21st at 6:00 pm, the Auburn Public Library board will be meeting tomorrow morning, and she reported that almost all of the Library staff is back to work, however they are not open to the public yet.

City Manager – reported on Phil Crowell replacing him on various boards and committees he serves on when he retires, he commented on the budget and work done by staff, adding that he appreciates the support and leadership of the Council and Mayor.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the April 2020 Monthly Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Executive Session - Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:45 PM. The remote meeting adjourned.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the protests taking place in Lewiston and Auburn. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes – May 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Museum L-A Project Design and Exhibit Concepts – Rachel Desgrosseilliers, Thomas Platz, and Audrey Thomson presented.
- Covid-19 Update – (Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield)
 - Recovery Plan Update (Marc Gosselin)
- Council Communications:

Councilor Boss – nothing at this time.

Councilor Walker – nothing at this time.

Councilor Carrier – nothing at this time.

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time.

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time.

Councilor Lasagna – commented on the Recycling Committee

Councilor Gerry – commented on the Community Gardens

Mayor Levesque - commented on the summer City Council schedule and asked to consider postponing or cancelling one of the Council meetings in August as they did last year. He reported on the Memorial ceremony that was held last week at Mount Auburn Cemetery. He also said he has been advocating for early release of the CARES Act funds.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke and no written comments were provided.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 04-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVIII: Solar Energy Generating System. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod 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. Ordinance 05-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 2: Agriculture and Resource Protection District.
Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend the ordinance allowing Ag Committee review after 1% of all land in the Ag zone has been developed with solar power.

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Boss and Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of the ordinance as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 65-06012020

Adopting the 2020-2024 CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan & PY2020 Annual Action Plan.
Public comment and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 66-06012020

Reallocating \$235,000 of unspent proceeds from various General Obligation Bonds to finance a portion of the City's FY 21 Capital Improvements. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 67-06012020

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,310,000 to finance the City's FY21 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by adding \$800,000 to the Downtown Vision line item and allowing the City Manager to sign anything up to \$25,000 and anything more than that would require Council approval.

Passage of amendment 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Passage of Order 67-06012020 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

4. Resolve 07-06012020

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2021. 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.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by directing the City Manager to re-appropriate \$10,000 from the current budget that was earmarked for Auburn's share of the fourth of July fireworks (Liberty Festival) line item to be put in a dedicated account for the Mount Auburn Cemetery to be used to restore, update, and purchase additional monuments and if feasible, restore the man-made pond.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 07-06012020 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

5. Order 68-06012020

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 69-06012020

Authorizing the carry forward, up to \$400,000 from the FY 20 Budget, Emergency Reserve Account to the FY 21 Budget – Emergency Reserve Account.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Order 70-06012020

Appointing Phil Crowell to the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) Executive Committee, Androscoggin Resource Transportation Committee (ATRC), and the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) effective July 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

- **Mayor Levesque** – read an Executive Order 01-06022020 which he is issuing effective on June 2, 2020 regarding the Agriculture Committee.
- **Councilor Gerry** – no report
- **Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the Recycling Committee
- **Councilor MacLeod** – reported on the LATC meeting
- **Councilor Milks** – reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings
- **Councilor Carrier** – reported on the School Committee and status of the school budget
- **Councilor Walker** – reported on the upcoming Maine Waste to Energy meeting where they will discuss their budget
- **Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.
- **City Manager Report** – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support through this budget process.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.
All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted both in Council Chambers and remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

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Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Resolve 08-06152020*

Supporting the application for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grant Urban Agricultural Grant Application.

2. Order 71-06152020*

Nominating Mayor Jason Levesque to serve as full member on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee during the 2020-2022 biennium.

3. Order 72-06152020*

Appointing Phil Crowell to serve as an alternate member on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee during the 2020-2022 biennium.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - June 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes as corrected (that the meeting was held remotely due to concerns about the protest, not due to COVID-19).

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Covid-19 Update (Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield)
 - Recovery Plan Update (Marc Gosselin)
- Council Communications

Mayor Levesque – a special meeting will be held on June 22, 2020 to establish polling place(s) for the July 14th election. Boards and Committees can meet with approval from either the City Manager or the Mayor, the Mayor’s ad hoc committee to review Boards and Committees will be meeting beginning in July.

Councilor Carrier - nothing at this time

Councilor MacLeod – commented on the recreation departments softball program

Councilor Lasagna – asked questions brought up by a constituent about programming at the Senior Center, and talked about CDBG funds for COVID-19 education and awareness.

Councilor Boss - nothing at this time

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time

Councilor Walker – nothing at this time

Councilor Gerry – commented on the Community Gardens and lack of time allowed to spend in the gardens. She respectfully requested that the padlock be removed so they can get into the gardens at any time.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to suspend the rules and take Order 73-06152020 out of order.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Order 73-06152020

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 66-06012020

Reallocating \$235,000 of unspent proceeds from various General Obligation Bonds to finance a portion of the City's FY 21 Capital Improvements. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 67-06012020

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,110,000 (as amended during the first reading on 06/01/2020) to finance the City's FY21 Capital Improvement Program. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Resolve 07-06012020

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2021. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and second by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 09-06152020

Accepting the public art piece as recommended by the Public Art Group.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. Resolve 10-06152020

Declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential and calling on the Governor of the State of Maine to open all businesses.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to move the question. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Boss, MacLeod, and Carrier opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to postpone this item indefinitely. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Carrier, Gerry, Walker, and Milks opposed).

Public comment:

Lynn Ward 2004 Hotel Road, opposed to resolve

Sara Strong, 33 Whitman Spring Road, opposed to resolve

Mark Chasse, 55 Mayfield Road, spoke in favor of the resolve

Kelly Hutchins, Bradley Street commented

Jon Michael, 163 Summer St, spoke in favor of the resolve

Dana Staples, 32 Greenfield Drive, spoke in favor of the resolve

Several members of the public provided written comments which are attached to the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend by striking the paragraph “Whereas, precautions and limitations imposed by the Governor are being implemented in an arbitrary and capricious manner with Androscoggin County (3 deaths) being illogically lumped in with Cumberland County (55 deaths) and York County (11 deaths)”.

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Milks, Walker, and Gerry were opposed). A roll call vote was taken as requested by Councilor Gerry.

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Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend the next paragraph by striking the words “are being forced” and replacing with “have adhered to” and striking the end of the sentence. The paragraph would change from “Whereas, Auburn area residents are being forced to adhere to prescribed precautions, strict protocols and procedures and denied the rights afforded to other Maine Counties who are being allowed to resume safely living their lives freely” to “Whereas, Auburn area residents have adhered to prescribed precautions, strict protocols and procedures and denied the rights afforded to other Maine Counties”.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, and Milks opposed).

Motion by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to move the question. Both Councilor Gerry and Councilor Milks withdrew the motion to withdraw the question.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to strike the paragraph “Whereas Auburn Citizens are being forced to adhere to the state’s provisions and precautions, while protesters are given total freedom to disregard state requirements”.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, and Milks opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to strike Councilor names at the end of the resolve.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Walker, and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken as requested by Councilor Gerry.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to replace the word “demand” to “request” in sections II and III (the last two paragraphs).

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Milks and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend the 4th paragraph by striking “has long ago been met” with “has been met to date”.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna to strike “delegate re-opening decisions to municipal and county authorities” from the last paragraph, section III, but withdrew her motion.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to strike the paragraph that states “Whereas, reductions in revenue will necessitate the Auburn City Council deciding which services can continue, and which must be eliminated while preserving public safety as we meet our budget obligations”.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Carrier, Milks, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Passage of the resolve as amended 4-3 (Councilors Lasagna, Boss, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Resolve 11-06152020** Requesting that Governor Mills immediately begin distributing funds to Maine municipalities based on \$30 per capita in direct and flexible state funding.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry 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 – noted that this is City Manager Peter Crichton’s last official City Council meeting, adding that working with Peter it has been an amazing learning experience, adding that he appreciates his steady hand, professionalism, and the process. Mayor Levesque turned it over to Phil Crowell to say a few words. He noted that Peter has brought stability, experienced leadership, and a kind voice. Peter was presented with slides showing a beautiful chair and framed photo of Auburn Hall that will be delivered to Peter.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Milks – reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings

Councilor Boss – reported on the Audit Committee meeting that was held last week

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee meeting will be meeting tomorrow via zoom, and reminded everyone that Friday is Juneteenth, the date the Emancipation Proclamation was read after being signed.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on LATC, Great Falls TV

Councilor Carrier - airport board met last week, school committee meeting on Wednesday, new superintendent will be coming on board July 6th

City Manager – talked about the role everyone has as councilors, be the leaders they are collectively together with the mayor to move the city forward. Phil will need his support, as well as the asst city manager.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – May 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the May 2020 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Executive Session

- o Poverty Abatement, pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to enter into executive session to discuss the poverty abatement.

Passage 7-0, time 9:23 PM.

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Council was declared out of executive session at 9:35 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the abatement request of \$2,493.33 for 2019/2020.

- Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter.

Passage 7-0, time 9:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:55 PM.

- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 7-0, time 9:55 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:10 PM.

- Labor contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 7-0, time 10:10 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:30 PM.

VIII. Adjourn – Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



PUBLIC COMMENT
06/15/20 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The following Public Comments were submitted to the comments@auburnmaine.gov email as of 12:00PM on 6/15/2020:

From: Sarah Horton, address unknown

I do not support the resolve to declare all businesses as essential. This is clearly a move to make it more difficult to shut down in the event of the inevitable second wave of Covid-19. We as a community are not adhering to policies regarding masks and social distancing, as evidenced by the widespread unenforced mask policies and the resuming of social interactions without proper precautions. If you make this declaration, you are displaying a blatant disregard for the vulnerable populations in our community. As a small business owner, this situation has hit me particularly hard, with incredibly limited resources being offered by local, state and national government. Regardless, I value the health and well being of my fellow Auburn citizens above profits. Do the right thing, vote against this measure.

From: Jane Costlow, 104 Fourth Street

I sent this message to Councillors Gerry, Walker and Boss, but wanted to post it here as well: I want to thank Ms.

Gerry for reaching on the Next Door list and asking about what Auburn residents think about the proposal to declare all businesses essential, as a way to get them opened more quickly. I don't know all the details, but I did want to share a few thoughts.

I would feel better about the proposal if I thought my Auburn and Lewiston neighbors were observing social distancing and wearing masks when they are in stores. But it's pretty obvious to anyone who goes to a place of business these days that lots of people are not observing these rules/guidelines. In the past few days I've been at Hannaford in Auburn, Lowe's, and Paris Farmers' Union. Lowe's seems to be working the hardest to remind people that they should wear masks, and all the employees were wearing them. Still, there were a small number of people there without masks. The situation is worse at Hannaford (employees all have masks, but the times I've been recently I'd say between 1/3 and 1/2 are not wearing masks). At Paris Farmers Union none of the employees had masks on.

This lack of adherence to what we know will keep people safe really concerns me - not just for myself, but for others in the community, particularly those who are older and at risk. I think it's relevant to your discussion of whether or not to label all businesses "essential" because if we as a community want to do that, we ALSO ought to be following the rules - and I'm very skeptical that people will do that.

The news from various states is that there are starting to be major spikes in hospitalizations as states have opened up. I understand that there are real economic impacts for keeping businesses closed. I feel as though I'm doing my part by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing when I go to local businesses. But there are too many people who are NOT doing so for me to think it would be a good idea to open more businesses.

From: Alaina Patterson, Paul Street

Good morning,

As a resident of Ward 5, I do not support Resolve 10-06152020. While I understand the desire to open and protect our small and local businesses from additional economic losses, I do not believe the data supports a wide reopening at this time, nor do I believe that enough of our population - Auburn and statewide - are acting within their full power to protect each other from transmitting COVID-19 by wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing between individuals. I believe that a full reopening at this time would cause a sharp increase in cases in our zip code, and directly result in additional deaths. I do not believe additional deaths are a consequence we as a society can support in the name of protecting our economy.

Please vote NO on Resolve 10-06152020.

From: Jeremiah and Sara Bartlett, 107 Shepley Street

Good Evening,

Attached is a letter from two Auburn residents: Jeremiah Bartlett, as well as myself, Sara Bartlett) regarding the pending discussion and vote on Resolve 10-06152020, "Resolution declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential and calling on the Governor of the State of Maine to open all businesses."

Thank you for the opportunity to enter this as a comment into the public record. We hope you use it as part of your consideration of this resolve.

Letter follows:

REV. SARA AND JEREMIAH BARTLETT

107 Shepley Street, Auburn Maine 04210
jeremiahbartlett@gmail.com revsbartlett@gmail.com

June 14, 2020

Mayor Levesque and Members of the Auburn City Council
Auburn Hall
60 Court Street
Auburn, Maine 04210

Dear Mayor Levesque and Members of the City Council,

We have greatly appreciated the City of Auburn's focus and attention to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the losses in revenue and complications from risk of infection, many services continue, benefitting residents and businesses. Seeing trash pickup continue, classroom Zoom meetings for our youngest son, and street construction proceed in our neighborhood demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that life goes on.

In addition, our family has had concerns about the detail of data provided to Mainers regarding where and how the spread of COVID-19 has taken place in our state. We have had so much concern that our oldest son, Josh has taken great pains to craft a county by county Google Sheets document including total cases, active cases, and positive test rates for about a month now, and updates it on a daily basis. We have shared this information on social media to make it widely available for anyone who wishes to view it. Further, Josh's concerns have risen to the point where he directly contacted the Governor's Office to express our concerns in detail.

The impact of this pandemic has been significant on our family. Jeremiah's engineering group at the City of Portland has lost almost 40% of its staff since the beginning of the year due to budget cuts, and Sara has faced the challenge of having a church operate remotely. She is also on the Board of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, so has worked on these challenges as much or more than many church pastors. Each of us knows people who have passed due to the disease, including a professional colleague of Jeremiah's.

We have shifted much more of our spending to local businesses than normal to help them in their efforts to keep functioning, including Hannaford, Taber's, Blackie's, Heidi's, Heathco's, Side by Each, the Pinky D's Poutine Factory and Lamey-Wellehan, not to mention numerous businesses in Lewiston. Jeremiah has spent a significant portion of his job over the past month working with other City staff and businesses in Portland to support outdoor dining and shopping, resulting in making a difference for over 100 small businesses in Maine's largest City. It is not an exaggeration to say that each day we strive to make choices that will help Maine businesses, and Auburn businesses specifically.

But all this being said, it is clear to us with the data available that this current situation is far from over, and moving too quickly to go back to business as usual brings with it great risk to the public in general and even more so to many of our more vulnerable populations, including the sick, the elderly, and people of color.

We have watched with great concern the rapid rise in COVID-positive rates in states that have reopened all types of businesses, including the Carolinas, Texas, Arizona, and others. As a result, despite significant declines in states hit hardest by the pandemic, such as New York and New Jersey, the level of active cases in the United States have not significantly declined, based on public data available as of today (June 14, 2020). The overall number of positive cases nationwide has plateaued at the largest amount on the planet.

But our greatest concerns are with the many assertions in the resolution itself, which appears riddled with inaccuracies and does not appear to have been based on discussions with key stakeholders.

In the past two weeks (as of today, June 14, 2020), the rate of active COVID cases in Androscoggin County

have declined by four people, or a drop of three percent - hardly a notable change in case load. Yet the only metric the resolution appears to concern itself is the number of total deaths, as opposed to those who have experienced serious and potentially ongoing health issues due to this disease.

Sara, as previously mentioned, knows as well as anyone the challenges faced by worshippers in these times. But she has worked closely to familiarize herself with the guidance issued by one of the largest faith-based organizations in Maine, the Maine Council of Churches. In no way does this document appear to be based on discussions with this organization, which in has NOT advocated for a quick return to in-person worship.

The resolution also suggests hardship resulting from a two-week mandatory quarantine period if travel to and from New Hampshire is involved. Based on all available public information, this statement is outdated and inaccurate.

Further, this resolution is a slap in the face to the great majority of people who have expressed great concern in public with regards to the treatment of black people by law enforcement and other established organizations and done so safely. Sara personally attended an event and wore a mask the entire time, getting no more than six feet away from anyone outside of her household, despite the fact that the event was outdoors. It is highly unlikely these outdoor events will pose anywhere near as much a risk as upcoming national political rallies to be held indoors. And again, it does not appear that this resolution was based on any dialogue from organizations facilitating these events.

But lastly, and most significantly this document appears mostly concerned with the business climate in our area. Surely, the authors of the document must have had a dialogue with key stakeholders in the area? Yet, a quick check-in with Shanna Cox, President and CEO of the L-A Metro Chamber confirmed that absolutely no discussion took place with the largest consortium of businesses in the region.

As such, we can only draw the conclusion that this document was based on input from a precious few individuals wishing to impose their bottom-line decisions on literal matters of life and death. And we can only state this with the greatest of sadness and disappointment. Auburn can and should do better.

We want to close this letter with a parable familiar to those in the Christian and Muslim communities, in Luke 15: 3-7 and Matthew 25: 39-40 in the New Testament (known as Injil to Muslims). The story itself is short and simple: a shepherd leaves the 99 sheep together in the flock to seek and rescue the one lost sheep. We urge the Council to consider all of those in Auburn in these trying times, and not leave anyone behind.

Sincerely yours,



The Reverend Sara E. Bartlett



Jeremiah J. Bartlett, PE

From: Anthony D Farr, Penley Corner Road

Auburn City Council,

I have read the statement drafted to call on Governor Mills to declare all Auburn businesses "essential." While I don't agree with everything Governor Mills has done, I feel your decision to attempt a circumvention of the CDC and Mills' guidelines for reopening is reckless and I'll informed.

I studied Genetics- specifically Epidemiology at the University of Georgia, had a job offer for the CDC in Atlanta, and have many friends and former colleagues that still work for the Atlanta CDC. My stance is not based on media fluff or baseless opinions.

I feel that to declare ALL Auburn businesses while not addressing the public health education of our citizens is not the right path. A slower tiered opening with an emphasis on distancing and mask wearing would be the better approach but it seems people are only looking at this in the binary. Either full open or full closed. Please, I implore you to find an educated and informed path as opposed to relenting to those who either don't understand or are unwilling to educate themselves.

Please, consult educated experts. Make contact with a representative of the Maine CDC and ask for their guidance. Being informed and consulting experts will go a long way with your constituents.

I will say that if this pushes through without evidence that the city council has "done their homework," that will inform Auburn citizens that you value the wants of the few over the needs of the many and you value a false sense of economic security over public health.

And I say false sense, because if this comes back for a second round, your current proposal feeds into that scenario far more than an educated/tiered reopening.

I hope you heed my words. Be safe and well.

From: Samantha Sainte Marie, West Auburn Road

Hello,

I am a resident of West Auburn Road in Auburn and I oppose the resolution 10-06152020

Opening up all of our community and returning to life as "normal" is very unsafe for our community members as the cases of COVID-19 continue to increase. This pandemic has not stopped and continues to infect our community, state, country, and world. Despite our governor's efforts to protect Mainers, many residents, both locally and state wide, continue to fight restrictions and act apathetically. As much as I would love to support our local businesses, visit our parks and beaches, and spend time with neighbors, this is not a time to let our guard down.

As a mother to a toddler, a wife of a physician, a volunteer with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and an individual that is immunocompromised, I have to rely on the health and behaviors of those in my community to avoid illness. This disease could be fatal for me as it has been

fatal for others with similar health problems. When our mayor and town council say they want to return as business as normal what it means to me is that my life doesn't matter. My son doesn't need a mother, my family left with a void.

I challenge our town council to find ways to encourage and enforce safer practices in our community before everything is allowed to open. I don't go out into public often since the pandemic started to affect our community, but when I do go out, I see very little compliance with safely precautions and recommendations in our community. Very few people are wearing masks, keeping safe distancing, or cleaning their hands after touching their face.

One of the bigger global struggles of this pandemic is that there has not been a unified response on how to handle it. I also oppose the resolve to allow individuals towns and counties to make decisions about procedures and policies for managing the pandemic. Division will only continue to breed the apathy in our communities.

Instead of putting our heads in the sand and trying to go back to life before, this is a time to be creative and encourage ingenuity about how to support businesses and the health of the community. It would be sad to see more local businesses close, however the death of a company is different than the death of individuals. Health needs to take priority over wealth.

From: Timothy Szal, 96 Tournament Drive

To the Auburn City Council:

I write to request that the City Council REJECT the resolution brought forth by Councilor Gerry that would label all Auburn businesses essential and that calls on the Governor to open all businesses.

This would seriously harm public health and cause a dramatic rise in Covid-19 cases in the area. From my (careful) travels into a few different parts of the state, I would say that the L/A area has been and still is one of the riskiest places to be right now. People do not take social distancing or mask-wearing seriously, and seem to think that the virus is either a hoax or has gone away (which it hasn't). At my annual physical a couple weeks ago, my Dr. said that her primary job since the initial shutdown has been educating her patients on the seriousness of this disease.

I agree that the economic pain has been unimaginable, and that we want businesses to reopen. HOWEVER, the City Council must focus on promoting good public health FIRST, so that we can reopen safely. Masks should be worn in all businesses by all people, and social distancing and occupancy requirements must be observed and enforced. The City Council should also be helping businesses utilize outdoor spaces & streets to help in this regard. We need to have a plan FIRST, before we completely re-open. Declaring all businesses essential is not the smart way to go.

Finally, please remember that even when re-open, this virus is STILL HERE. It will take a vaccine to get us back to "normal".

Thank you for your time & consideration.

From: Suzanne Turgeon, 99 Lake Auburn Avenue

Please allow business owners to use CDC guidelines and common sense to open their businesses. I'm in favor of monitoring local businesses to make sure they are following the guidelines.

From: Donna Kassa, address unknown

To City Council members,

Janet Mills is holding us hostage. She is determined to undermine our economy, and way of life, for her own agenda. For three months we have been isolated from friends, family, work, and play. Maine has had a fragile economy, and now she is dooming the state that she swore to "protect", to disaster. This quarantine has already exceeded its intent. Maine has not been, and is not, a so called hot spot. Those individuals (and their families) vulnerable to Covid-19 are responsible to protect themselves. It is not rational, nor necessary, to penalize the vast majority. I am tired of standing in line to buy groceries, and anything else for that matter (limiting the number inside needs to end). I want to go to the library, out to eat, walk on any beach, and invite my out of state

friends to visit me without fanfare. Our businesses need our support without repercussions or fear. In fact, that applies to those choosing to support them as well.

I whole-heartedly support making all Auburn businesses essential. Every one is necessary to maintain a community that is economically healthy, I only wish that I could be there in person to be counted as a very concerned citizen who has had enough.

From: Sara Jane Boss, 82 Jennifer Drive

Greetings to the members of the Auburn City Council:

As a resident and taxpayer in Auburn, Androscoggin County, and the State of Maine, I am totally opposed to the proposed resolution that countermands the leadership and guidance of Maine's Governor and Center for Disease Control. As citizens of this country, we must stand together to protect the safety and well-being of every one of us. We must accept that our only alternative is facing the fact that this global pandemic, has now changed how we will all survive for many years to come.

Resolving that "the goal of "flattening the curve" and keeping Maine Healthcare System from being overwhelmed has long ago been met," is INCORRECT. We are still at the beginning stages of the pandemic according to epidemiologists and we must prepare for continuing to meet severe illness and death until a vaccine is available.

https://www.bluezones.com/2020/06/covid-19-straight-answers-from-top-epidemiologist-who-predicted-the-pandemic/?fbclid=IwAR1e00aIaI_3QgyyzqWa6tUjzmzm99mZlw33w7lvV_xgxz-Soliw_cNQDQ

While all business owners and governments rightly depend on commerce for income and deem it essential to their success, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot turn away our primary responsibility to the health of our community as a whole. We must seek alternative ways to support local businesses deemed non-essential to the health of our area. Governor Mills in coordination with the Maine CDC, the federal CDC, and the White House Corona Task Force, have developed a four step Reopening Plan for the State of Maine. Our county's compliance with these directives will enable the opening of business in Androscoggin when it is deemed safe.

Thank you for your refusal to sign Item #2020-6-15 Resolution declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential and calling on the Governor of the State of Maine to open all businesses.

From: Peter Elias, MD, 564 Lake Street

As a trained physician with both expertise and experience in the field of infectious disease outbreaks, I object strenuously to the proposed resolution to declare all Auburn businesses to be essential and to open everything in defiance of State regulations.

First, it is absurd and dangerous to consider ALL Auburn businesses as essential to Auburn. It is absurd because Auburn businesses are extremely varied in size, nature, and impact on the lives of Auburn citizens. It is dangerous because, when the city designates ALL Auburn businesses as essential, it risks incurring the obligation to respond to requests for help from every Auburn business, regardless of its nature and size - including those struggling or failing because of poor management or a poor fit with the needs of Auburn citizens.

Second and more importantly, when and how to open businesses or social functions are a complicated set of decisions that should be based on data and a combination of public health and economic principles. If the City Council has data to support this resolution, they should release that data along with an assessment by qualified public health experts. Mandating a blanket opening in this manner, without providing supportive data and support from relevant experts, is irresponsible political grandstanding and undermines the credibility of the Auburn City Council as a deliberative body.

From: Grant Jewett, 22 Vivian St

I wanted to voice my opinion that this resolution should not pass and should not have been considered. I understand that businesses are hurting, but we can't pretend we are not still in the middle of a pandemic. Since June 12th Androscoggin County has had 32 new cases reported.

Opening up all business is just going to put us back at the beginning where everything had to be closed. This resolution seems very short-sighted.

From: Joan Macri, address not provided

I have watched with great concern as our city and county numbers have surged over the past 6 weeks. I even write to the Sun Journal in mid-May to ask them to research what was behind the spike. We have gone from fewer than a 100 to almost 500 county-wide.

I am in my 70's with asthma and very concerned. I trust the Maine CDC and do not support opening Auburn in defiance of scientific evidence.

I taught economics. I understand the impact of closures. But health is more important in the long term.

From: Richard Johnson, 34 Ryans Way

We have four adults living in our two family house. We all encourage the passage of the resolution to allow all small businesses in Auburn to open for business.

From: Jordan Tate, 14 Helen Street

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the resolution declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential (Item #2020-6-15). For large corporations to be allowed to stay open because they implemented social distancing measures but not providing the same opportunity for small businesses is illogical, manipulative, and destructive to our local economy. If a business follows safety guidelines they should be able to reopen.

Furthermore, I have witnessed people of Androscoggin county leaving to go to restaurants and businesses in other counties that have started to open, defeating the purpose of keeping just a few counties closed! Not only does this increase the potential for viral transmission to other counties, it also hurts our economy by keeping us closed while allowing others to open where people are going to spend their money instead of businesses in their own communities.

I urge City Council to pass this resolve and allow our fellow Auburn residents to get back to work so they can support their families. Thank you for considering my public input.

From: Toby Haber and Mike Giasson, 76 Fern Street

We oppose the proposed resolution #2020-6-15. Not only does it not represent our views, but it is not sound legislation.

- * It is predicated on misusing- even abusing- the term "essential."
- * It supports business but did not consult the LA Metro Chamber.
- * It supports religious worship, but it does not reflect the advice of the Maine Council of Churches.
- * It does not reflect current data.

We do not feel the Governor's guidelines are "capricious"; rather, this resolution arbitrarily concludes we've waited long enough. The majority of public sentiment favors caution. We want the right to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe, and keep the local curve flat.

COVID-19 is not an abstract threat to us. We personally know friends who battled this awful virus, and some who have died from it.

Yes, it is an inconvenient truth. But our leaders must offer more than name-calling in this complex matter.

From: Daniel Boss, 82 Jennifer Dr

I am writing to oppose this resolution. I am opposed because I believe it is important not to second-guess the science behind the strategies for dealing with the pandemic that have been carefully worked out at the state level. The state is a more appropriate level of government to understand and impose calibrated restraints on re-opening because they are supported by science and expertise (CDC, DHS, epidemiologists) that municipalities do not have. We are making progress toward re-opening under these Maine-wide strategies, which are adjusted for local conditions, and should continue to follow this carefully planned guidance.

From: Scott A. Nussinow, 42 Candleberry Drive

Good afternoon.

I strongly oppose the Resolution as it has been initially presented to the Auburn City Council. Without reasonable safeguards, and more importantly, without appropriate oversight, this presents a dangerous health risk, and would not serve the good of the greater community.

Given that we do not know what downstream effects this virus may have on children, on pregnant women and their unborn children, and on the general population, such a wholesale 'opening' is an invitation for a healthcare nightmare.

That said, I am most understanding of (and sympathetic to) the needs of our community businesses. In light of that, I offer the following thoughts.

I would suggest a limited and phased opening - IF the business owners subscribe to and enforce - a best-practices protocol. This would include properly masked and gloved employees, proper and appropriate sanitization, and refusal to serve, house or otherwise accommodate customers who refuse to comply with these guidelines. Owners should be willing to post a (modest) bond, acknowledging their acceptance of these common-sense guidelines, and further, agree to pay fines and risk closure if such guidelines are not followed, abused or ignored.

This is not a complete list by any stretch - and is offered as a more balanced approach to harmonizing the needs of the city's economic health AND it's medical health. Rather than a populist position, this provides consideration to many, with minor inconvenience to few.

This would seem to be a fair and reasonable compromise for fair and reasonable constituents. Thank you for your consideration.

From: Cynthia Grimm, 41 Elm Street

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

I am writing the council to oppose the proposed Resolve 0-06152020. This is a dangerous action to take for a number of reasons.

- * It is predicated on misusing- even abusing- the term "essential."
- * It supports business interests, but did not consult local business organizations like the LA Metro Chamber.
- * It appears to support religious worship, but it does not reflect the advice of the Maine Council of Churches.
- * It does not reflect current data.
- * The city does not have the resources the state government has in testing and tracking infection rates and would not be able to create those resources without a significant investment that is not budgeted.

Re-opening too soon will completely undo the work we have all done to flatten the curve and minimize the number of people suffering and dying from this disease. I have personally had this virus, and I've lost 2 friends to it already. I know several people whose relatives are currently sick with the virus. This pandemic is still very active and still being transmitted. Relaxing restrictions based on the arbitrary idea that it's now safe to do so when there is absolutely no data to back that up is irresponsible and endangers the health of our community.

I urge you to stay the course, listen to the infectious disease experts, and assist businesses in altering their offerings to meet the current restrictions. When you have the power to protect lives and choose not to do so, you are culpable in any deaths that occur.

From: S/Edward Stanhope, 18 Tourmaline Lane

All are essential to the:

Owners

Workers

Customers

Tax collectors at every level are loosing out as well. ALL should be open as soon as possible.

Choosing winners and losers among them shouldn't be up to government but to the primary stakeholders. Thank you for considering and passing the All Businesses are Essential Resolution.

From: Charlene McPhee, 72 Hillcrest Street

I fully endorse Toby and Michael Giasson's statement.

From: Susan Martin, 186 Davis Avenue

I would like to express concern about the resolve which I understand is on tonight's agenda. The link I was given to access the actual resolution did not work, but from what I understand it would open the city ahead of state recommendations.

I am a member of a high risk population. I am already concerned about the incidence of Covid in Androscoggin County. If Auburn becomes the only city or town open in the county, it will become a magnet for people from surrounding areas. While some may see that as a plus, it concerns me that it would be impossible to maintain social distancing in any way.

States such as Florida, Texas, and Arizona that opened early are now facing resurgence in the number of cases. Making decisions that go against CDC recommendations seems unnecessary and may open the city to litigation on several counts. If the council feels they must consider overriding state guidelines, they should use a process that allows for more input and is based on some type of data. Thank you.

From: Matt Jones, 32 Bradman St., Auburn

Dear Council,

The city council's resolution to declare all businesses in Auburn "essential" is misguided. I urge councilors not to support it. No one on the city council is an epidemiologist or has access to the most up-to-date information on testing in the city. The state is currently not yet testing enough people or tracing contacts adequately to contain spikes in cases. Further, a substantial number of Auburn citizens ignore recommendations to wear masks in public - perhaps the fundamental way to reduce transmission and allow the economy to re-open. Low compliance in this matter delays our ability to reopen the state. Finally, the case rates in Androscoggin county are steady or rising. Tambrands, owned by a well-funded, international company has an outbreak at their plant. If a company with this level of means cannot prevent the spread of cases, what should we expect of our small business?

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. The meeting was conducted both in Council Chambers and remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Order 75-06222020 - Public Hearing and vote

Consolidating to two polling places (Auburn Hall - Wards 4 & 5, and Norway Savings Bank Arena - Wards 1, 2, 3) for the July 14, 2020 Election.

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.

2. Order 76-06222020

Confirming the appointment of Brian Wood as Auburn’s Assistant City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor and seconded by Councilor for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 77-06222020

Approving the Small Business and Microenterprise Loan Program Guidelines.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 78-06222020

Authorizing the cancellation of the July 6, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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II. Executive Session - Consultation with the City Attorney, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Passage 7-0, time 6:26 PM. The remote meeting adjourned.

III. Adjourn

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Lasagna had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

June 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

June 22, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Oath of Office – Brian Wood, Assistant City Manager
- Police Department State Accreditation Presentation – Maine Chiefs of Police Association President Chief Jack Peck
- Proclamation – National Parks & Recreation Month
- Planning Board Communication regarding the Comprehensive Plan
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield
- Recovery Update – Phil Crowell and Marc Gosselin
- Council Communications

Councilor Boss – reported that she did a police ride along with the Auburn Police Department, adding that she enjoyed it and she encouraged other Councilors to do the same.

Councilor Macleod – reported that he also did a police ride along with the Auburn Police Department adding that the police department we have is phenomenal and we should be proud of what we do as a City.

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the School Committee had a retreat last week and another one is scheduled for tomorrow. They are working on plans to bring students back.

Councilor Walker – reported that the city is looking very good overall, Public Works is doing a great job, the Recreation Department has a nice new press box at the ball field, and the lower Pettengill baseball field area looks great. He added that he still wants to see the Parks Department back.

Councilor Gerry – reported that they are now allowing more access to the community gardens. She noted that she would like an update on how many people are actively working their plots in the Newbury Street garden and how many are still available.

Mayor Levesque – reported that there was a nationwide contest to honor the anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment asking girls between 8 and 18 to create artwork to celebrate the anniversary. The first lady chose one winner per State. Sophia Carson of Auburn won for the state of Maine and will have an opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. and he would like to invite her to be recognized by the City Council. He also noted that he had several meetings with the new school superintendent, Dr. Brown. They’ve talked about the re-entry program and how the city can help with that. He also commented on an article that appeared in the Sun Journal a few weeks ago where statements were omitted in error. Judith Myers, Editor apologized immediately after hearing about it. She owned the mistake and found a way to fix it going forward. He said he was thankful for the way they handled it.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke, however one public comment came in via email from Nora Jarvis from the Auburn School Department.

From: Nora Jarvis, Auburn School Department

Hello,

I am a teacher in the Auburn School Department, and I'm writing regarding the plans being made to reopen schools.

I wanted to bring to your attention (if you haven't seen it already), this article that shared some shocking statistics about Maine's coronavirus cases and its impact on Black Mainers. Although Maine's Black population is tiny, 23% of those who tested positive for coronavirus are Black. This is deeply upsetting. Of course the reasons for this are multifaceted, but the fact remains that our district's Black kids and staff would be at a much higher risk if we were to return in person.

In an ideal world, we could start school in person. And I know how hard it would be on kids, parents, and us to continue remote learning. But we're talking about the lives of kids, their families, and staff. Reopening would disproportionately affect our Black students. Although Maine's cases are going down overall, it is clear that it is extremely dangerous for Black folks.

We need to ACT like Black Lives Matter and make policy decisions based on the fact that Black Lives Matter. Even one death is unacceptable.

Thank you, Nora Jarvis

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 79-07202020

Adopting the Agriculture Advisory Committee charge.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 80-07202020

Adopting the LFLP (Local Foods Local Places) Community Action Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone to a time not to exceed 6 months from today.

Motion failed 3-2-1 (Councilors Boss and MacLeod opposed, Councilor Milks abstained, an affirmative vote of 4 required for passage).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to a time certain not to exceed 3 months from today (October 19, 2020).

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Boss and MacLeod opposed).

3. Order 81-07202020

Approving the location for the public art piece.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 82-07202020

Accepting the fish sculpture as the second public art piece to be placed in Anniversary Park.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 83-07202020

Setting the date for the Special Municipal Election to fill the vacant Ward 1 School Committee seat for November 3, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

6. Order 84-07202020

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Re-appointing Jeremiah Bartlett to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

7. Order 85-07202020

Re-appointing David Das to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

8. Order 86-07202020

Appointing Stanwood Gray to the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4-1-2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

9. Order 87-07202020

Appointing Katie Boss to the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

10. Order 88-07202020

Re-appointing Chad Roberts to the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee with a term expiration of 7-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Macleod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

11. Order 89-07202020

Appointing Justin Purvis to the Citizen's Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6-30-2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

12. Resolve 11-07202020

Appointing Phil Crowell and Brian Wood as representative and alternate representative, respectively, to the Maine Service Center Coalition.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Walker – the United New Auburn Association is scheduled to meet on July 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Please wear masks.

Councilor Carrier – the School Committee retreat is scheduled for tomorrow, the work at the Airport has had a setback that could delay some work being done there due to plane crash that damaged the pavement.

Councilor Milks – the Sewer District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and the Water District meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, both at 4:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Councilor Macleod – LATC will be hosting a state transit technology summit July 28-31st, Great Falls TV update on channels and HD signal, School Building Committee went before the Planning Board and will meet on August 3rd.

Councilor Boss – Auburn Public Library Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled, the Library is open to the public on a limited basis with a limited number of people allowed in the building, and some activities require appointments.

City Manager Crowell - Welcomed our new Assistant City Manager, Brian Wood. They are working on projects they need to tackle. He reported that they are spending time with Directors to discuss goals and expectations, and he has been working on quarterly workshop schedules – with priority items that align with Council goals. He said that he would also like to have another Council retreat in the near future.

VIII. Executive Session

- Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C) – not needed
- Labor contract, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time in 8:29 PM. Council was declared out at 8:55 PM.

III. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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. Councilor Lasagna had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - July 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – Special recognition and celebration of Richard Whiting, Executive Director of the Auburn Housing Authority, on the occasion of his retirement following 40 years of dedicated service. The Mayor presented him with a Key to the City.
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell, Matt Fifield, and Fatuma Hussein
- Recovery Update – Phil Crowell and Marc Gosselin
- 2020 Byrne Jag Grant Application – Jason Moen
- TIF Future Guard - Michael Chammings and Brett Sawyer
- Council Communications

Councilor Gerry – commented on the Community Gardens

Councilor Carrier – nothing at this time

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time

Councilor Lasagna – commented on the last Regular Council meeting and the LFLP item

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time

Councilor Walker – nothing at this time

Councilor Boss – nothing at this time

Mayor – reported on the dedication of the Troy Barnies court at the Gulley that was held on Saturday. He also noted that the Chamber of Commerce is going to be having their monthly breakfast this month.

City Manager - nothing at this time

IV. Open Session – Ned Claxton provided an update on what is happening in Augusta and noted that it may not be until next year before legislature reconvenes.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 90-08032020 PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

Approving the consolidation of polling places for the November 3, 2020 election.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – Ned Claxton, Danbury Drive supports having as many voting locations as possible and asked that we consider mailing ballots to each registered voter in the city.

Written communications were provided by Renee A. Cote, Ward 2 resident, Tracy Robbins, 779 Pownal Road, Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street, Patricia M. Gautier, 136 Pride Rd., and Mary Roussel, Grandview Avenue. Comments will be attached to the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order to consolidate to three polling places, locations to be determined. Locations will be determined at the August 17, 2020 Council meeting.

Passage of the amendment 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and Gerry opposed).

Passage on the order as amended 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and Gerry opposed).

2. Order 91-08032020

Approving the Police Command Contract.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 92-08032020

Approving the Public Works Contract.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 93-08032020

Setting the date for the first Council meeting in September as Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that the Mayor’s ad hoc committee on boards and committees met last week and will try to meet every week on Thursday morning with recommendations coming forward in September or October.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on what is happening at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Walker – reported on the United New Auburn Association meeting that was held last week. He is hoping to have the Age Friendly meetings start back up in September.

Councilor Milks – reported that a Task Force put forward for the Water District to look at the bylaws. Those meetings are open to the public.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee met last Tuesday, and things are moving along.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Great Falls meeting coming up on Thursday.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting this Thursday. He is not sure if it will be in person or via zoom. The School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday to talk about student reentry. The School Department received a 2.9 million dollar COVID funding from the federal government, part of the funds can be used are for increasing space, East Auburn School will be purchasing a portable building for additional space.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she has been tasked with an assignment for the committee on boards and committees.

City Manager – provided an update on the Community Gardens (attached to the minutes), discussed public meetings, and board and committee meetings, and provided an update on the elections communication plan.

VIII. Executive Session – to discuss a legal matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Passage 7-0, time in 9:32 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:15 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Carrier had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 94-08172020*

Approving the change of roles on the County Budget Committee to Phil Crowell as municipal officer and Andy Titus as resident representative.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - August 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0. At the request of the Mayor, a roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Planning Board Comprehensive Plan updates – Michael Chamblings
- Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program – Brian Woods
- Covid-19 and Recovery Update – Phil Crowell
- Council Communications
 - Mayor Levesque reviewed a memo to the City Council clarifying Council Communications vs. Council Reports
 - Councilor Gerry provided information regarding the Market Bucks (part of the Food Security Program)
 - Councilor Walker commented on using Market Bucks at the Farmers Market

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

2. Order 95-08172020

Authorizing the sale of the tax acquired property located at 5 Sprucewood Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 96-08172020

Approving the location of the 3 polling places for the November 3, 2020 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 97-08172020

Receiving and acknowledging that the Leads of the Local Foods Local Places Community Action Plan have rescinded their request to seek council action on the Action Plan, therefore no action is needed on Order 80-07202020 which was postponed to the second meeting in October.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 98-08172020

Nominating Phillip Crowell, Jr., Auburn City Manager as a write-in candidate on the official ballot for Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee for District 20 from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022 with Assistant City Manager Brian Wood as Auburn's alternate member, in the absence of either City Manager Phillip L. Crowell Jr. or Mayor Jason Levesque.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the progress of work being done on the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Boards and Committees, and reported that he, along with the City Manager, and Assistant City Manager are working with the Chamber of Commerce to work on a recovery plan.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor MacLeod – no report

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Milks – reported that the Auburn Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting this week in the Community Room of Auburn Hall (Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:00 PM).

Councilor Walker – reported that there is a 911 meeting scheduled for Thursday the 20th, and a Waste to Energy meeting on the 25th of this month.

Councilor Boss – reported that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow morning and there will be Census workers there on Thursday the 27th to enroll people.

City Manager – reported that be providing the Council with information on the Grab and Go program on 9/8/2020, and he also updated the City Council with some staffing changes.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – July 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the Finance report for July 2020. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Sessions

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0. Time 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 PM.

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0. Time 8:15 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:22 PM.

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0. Time 8:23 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:28 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. 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.

1. Order 99-09082020 *

Accepting the Assistance to Firefighter’s Grant Award.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0. Councilor Milks was not in the room for the vote.

II. Minutes - August 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0. Councilor Milks was not in the room for the vote.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **November 3, 2020 Election Communication Plan** – Liz Allen, Rosemary Mosher, and Sue Clements-Dallaire
- **Covid-19, Grab and Go Program, and Recovery Update** – Matt Fifield, Sabrina Best and Marc Gosselin
- **Council Communications (about and to the community)**

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the Chamber recovery committee he is on (Quality of Life), and the Mayor’s ad hoc committee on Boards and Committees. He also communicated that he has been working with other Mayor’s around the State to try to get the Legislature to come back into session.

Councilor Lasagna - provided an update on the Ward 1 Neighborhood Watch Group meeting held last Wednesday

Councilor Walker – noted that there was an Age Friendly meeting held earlier in the day at the Senior Center

Councilors Gerry, MacLeod, Milks, Carrier, and Boss had no communications at this time.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

2. Order 100-09082020 Public hearing and vote

Approving the Special Amusement and Liquor License for Martindale, LLC., DBA Martindale Country Club located at 527 Beech Hill Road (new ownership).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 101-09082020

Approving the proposed amendments to the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) Compost Facility agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 102-09082020 Public Hearing and First Reading

Approving the discontinuance of Butler Hill Road.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing:

David Haynes, Butler Hill Road (initiated the request for the discontinuance) spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Jim Peak 25 Hillsdale Street spoke in support of the discontinuance.

Motion failed the first reading 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 103-09082020

Appointing two Councilors to participate in the work group to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) study of Lake Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to vote by secret ballot. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Nominations were made as follows:

Councilor Gerry nominated Councilor Carrier

Councilor Boss nominated Councilor Lasagna

Councilor Walker nominated Councilor Gerry

Councilor Carrier received 6 votes, Councilor Gerry received 5 votes, and Councilor Lasagna received 3 votes.

Passage of Order 103-09082020 Appointing Councilors Carrier and Gerry to participate in the work group to create a Request for Proposal study of Lake Auburn, 7-0.

6. Order 104-09082020

Appointing two Councilors to participate on the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Nominations were made as follows:

Councilor Lasagna nominated Councilor Boss

Councilor Boss nominated Councilor MacLeod

Councilor Walker nominated Councilor Milks

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to vote by secret ballot. Passage 7-0.

Councilor Boss and Councilor MacLeod each received 5 votes, and Councilor Milks received 4 votes.

Passage of Order 104-09082020 appointing Councilors Boss and MacLeod to participate on the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he will be leaving the State of Maine on Thursday on business for a few days. He will be following City protocols on going to a State with self-quarantine until he takes a COVID test.

Councilor Boss – reported on the Ag Committee meeting.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Carrier – reported on the Airport Board and the School Committee meetings.

Councilor Milks – no report

Councilor MacLeod – reported that there was a Zoom meeting of the LATC tomorrow.

Councilor Gerry – no report

City Manager – reported that the County Budget Committee meetings will start tomorrow. Saturday, October 24th is the date he is looking at to hold the City Council retreat. The Auburn Rec Department applied for Child Care programming and they hope to hear something soon.

VIII. Executive Session on Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).
Was held during the workshop.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 followed by a moment of silence in memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who recently passed.

All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Community Little Theater Communication (to be included in the minutes)
- Covid-19 and Recovery Update – Phil Crowell, and Matt Fifield
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
 - **Mayor Levesque** – wanted to communicate to the public that Holy Donut is coming to a location on Minot Avenue, Chipotle will be coming to a location on Center Street, and Wallingford’s is now open and doing a great job using precautions to keep everyone safe.
 - **Councilor Lasagna** – reported that she walked from Mill Street along the river to New Auburn, adding that it is looking beautiful and the river is a spectacular gem in the community.
 - **Councilor Walker** – reported that on Thursday night at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting
 - **Councilor Gerry** – reported that she attended the 9/11 event at the Auburn Fire Station
 - **Councilors Macleod, Milks, Carrier, and Boss** had no communications at this time
 - **City Manager Crowell** – wanted to communicate to the public that there will be a ribbon cutting for St. Louis Bells tower. It will be streamed so others can watch, they will also work with the Sun Journal and will be promoting that with an exact date and time

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 102-09082020 - Second Reading

Approving the discontinuance of Butler Hill Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment:

David Haines, 384 Butler Hill Road resident and initiator of this request discussed his dreams for this land and his reasons for the request to discontinue this road.

Alice Haines, Butler Hill Road resident spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Aimee Dorval, Executor Director of the Androscoggin Land Trust spoke about the ecological aspect of the Butler Hill Road area and spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Dana Staples, Greenfield Drive wanted to point out that this supports the Sports Tourism being promoted in the City and he spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to postpone to a date certain that would correspond with the presentation of the comprehensive plan.

Motion to postpone failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

Motion on Order 102-09022020 approving the discontinuance of Butler Hill Road failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

VI. New Business

1. Order 105-09212020

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 106-09212020

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 MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 107-09212020

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 108-09212020**

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 MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. **Order 109-09212020**

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. **Order 110-09212020**

Appointing Dana Staples as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 01/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. **Order 111-09212020**

Appointing Amy Dieterich to serve on the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. **Order 112-09212020**

Appointing Jo Sharpe to serve on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 113-09212020

Re-appointing Sally Gagne to serve on the Age Friendly Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 114-09212020

Re-appointing Diane Vincent to serve on the Age Friendly Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 115-09212020

Re-appointing Alfreda Fournier to serve on the Age Friendly Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 116-09212020

Appointing Joshua Daigle to serve on the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 117-09212020

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Appointing Buck Buchanan to serve on the Board of Assessment Review, as full member, with a term expiration of 10/01/2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 118-09212020

Appointing Adam Lee to serve on the Board of Assessment Review, as full member, with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

15. Order 119-09212020

Re-appointing Misty Edgecomb to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

16. Order 120-09212020

Re-appointing Rick Martel to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

17. Order 121-09212020

Re-appointing Suzanne Roy to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

18. Order 122-09212020

Appointing Haley Warden to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque-reported on the Ad hoc committee on Boards & Committees

Councilor Gerry-no report

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Macleod-reported on the LATC meeting

Councilor Milks-no report

Councilor Carrier-provided and Airport Board update, and a School Committee update

Councilor Walker – provided an update on the 911 meeting

Councilor Boss-reported on the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

City Manager Crowell – no report

IX. Executive Session - Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor and seconded by Councilor for passage.

Passage 7-0.

Time in 7:54 PM.

Council was declared out at 8:13 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor McLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 – September 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Auburn Housing Authority – Marty Szydlowski
- Covid-19 and Recovery Update – Matt Fifield
- Business Owners Update Regarding Covid-19 – Enka Suli, owner of 84 Court Restaurant spoke to the Council about how the pandemic has impacted her business
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
 - Councilor Walker – the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a bean supper “to go” fundraiser on Saturday, October 17th.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 06-10052020

Adopting the General Assistance Maximums. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing- no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 123-10052020

Setting the special City Council meeting dates for the Charter review.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

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Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the status of the work being done by the Mayor’s ad-hoc committee on Boards and Committees, the dedication of the St. Louis Bell Tower, and the ground-breaking on the new Auburn Suburban baseball fields.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on what is happening with the School Building Committee.

Councilor Gerry – asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor John Jenkins who recently passed.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the LATC Transit Study kick off meeting. He also noted that updates on the ELHS Building Committee can be found on elhs.org.

Councilor Walker – reported that Anniversary Park was in excellent shape for the dedication of the St. Louis Bells, he thanked Public Works and Eric Cousens and staff for all they’ve done to prepare for the event.

City Manager Report – City Manager Crowell echoed Councilor Walker’s remarks adding that Eric Cousens has gone above and beyond for the Bell Tower event. He reported that a voting grant opportunity came up. We applied and were awarded \$262,187.00 for the upcoming election. He also reported that the Legislative Policy Committee met to talk about the upcoming legislative session for 2021-2022. He announced that on Election Day, November 3rd, in order to provide additional safe distancing, the Tax Office will be closing for the day. Tax Office staff will attend training on that day as a group. He provided an update on the Lake Auburn RFP Study group, the 2020 US Census status, and reminded the City Council that October 24th is the scheduled date for the retreat.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director - August 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the August 2020 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – Real Estate Matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:57 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor McLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Workshop discussion was continued during the meeting.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – October 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Maine Town and City Managers Association (MTCMA) Award Presentation
Raegan Young, former intern for the City of Auburn was presented with the Edward F. Dow Award and former City Manager of Auburn, Peter Crichton was presented with MTCMA's Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year Award.
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
Councilor Walker reminded everyone of the upcoming Hello-ween event to be held at the New Anniversary Park on 10/31/2020 starting at 1:00 PM, and the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on a Thanksgiving take out dinner scheduled for Thanksgiving Day.
Councilor Gerry commented on the Grab and Go Program.
Mayor Levesque announced that he will be presenting an order at the next meeting that will take revenues acquired by the city from tax acquired properties (after fees, administrative costs, etc.) to go into an enterprise account to help residents remove blight from their property. He also announced that at the second meeting in November, he will be awarding the first Mayoral Award in memory of former Mayor John Jenkins that will go to an individual or group in Auburn that has had a positive impact on the mental or physical health in the City.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 06-10052020

Adopting the General Assistance Maximums. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 124-10192020

Temporarily suspending the temporary sign ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 07-10192020

Amending Appendix A (fee schedule) for delegated reviews of traffic stormwater and site location of development permits as proposed by staff. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that he has been working with others Mayor’s around the State and others on CARES money

Councilor Carrier – provided an update on the Airport Board meeting and the School Committee meeting

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor MacLeod – provided an update on the LATC meeting

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Milks – reported that the Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at AVCOG, and the Water District Board of Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday in the Water District’s garage

Councilor Walker – reported that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 pm at Walton School to discuss the reconstruction of Walton school

Councilor Boss – reported that the Auburn Public Library Board will be meeting tomorrow morning. She also provided an update on the Ag Committee meeting, and she attended the Maine Agriculture Committee meeting

City Manager Crowell – thanked everyone for taking the time to present Peter Crichton and Raegan Young with their awards. He thanked Auburn businessman, Don Buteau, President and CEO of Furtureguard for taking the time to provide a nice tour of the business. He provided the following reminders: the County Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday the 21st, absentee voting is going well and we are offering extended hours, and the Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, 10/24/2020

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – September 2020 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 2020 monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

Passage. Time in 8:38 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:01 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business - Charter Review Process

Sec. 2.8. - Review of Charter and ordinances.

The city council shall provide for the review of the city's Charter and ordinances in their entirety at least once every 15 years.

The purpose of this Special City Council meeting is for Council to review the Charter section by section and make proposed changes. There should be no substantial changes made during this process. Any proposed changes voted on during this process will be reviewed by the City Attorney. If proposed changes are to be made, Council will follow the process of making a motion, a second, and a vote on the proposed change. Proposed changes will only move the suggested change to the City Attorney for legal review. Once the legal review is complete, the slate of proposed changes will be voted on in its entirety in form of an Order. If approved, any proposed changes will have to go before voters at an upcoming election.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to add under Article I., section 1.4 Naming.

The only allowable names of the City are Auburn and the City of Auburn. As of adoption, there will be no official use of a moniker though from time to time a moniker may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives. As of adoption, the only approved slogan is "No Steps Backward" in either Latin or English though from time to time, a slogan may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to add under Article II., section 2.4 Meetings, the following:

In the event of a declared City emergency, meetings may be held remotely.

Passage 7-0.

Article V., Nominations and Elections

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to direct staff to conduct research on other Maine municipalities that have staggered terms for their City Council.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Milks, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding that all elected positions are capped at 6 consecutive years in the same elected position.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Lasagna, and Carrier opposed).

Article VIII., Financial Management, Sec. 8.2 Submission of budget and budget message.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Carrier to request that staff research a biennial budget to also include a supplemental annual budget.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod that the first draft of the budget be printed and distributed to the City Council by March 1st of each year.

Failed 1-5-1 (Councilors Boss, Milks, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Carrier opposed, and Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to include under Article VIII., section 8.3 that the School Committee Chair and Superintendent be part of the Manager's Budget Message.

Motion failed 0-7.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to direct staff to review Article VIII., Financial Management with the School Superintendent to make recommendations back before the City Council as expectations of the School Committee would fall in compliance with the City.

Passage 7-0.

Article VIII., Financial Management, Sec. 8.12 Emergency reserve fund (b)

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to direct staff to look further into considering that the emergency reserve fund shall be *maintained* annually in an amount equal to at least one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total amount to be appropriated for all purposes of the current fiscal year and in addition to being in alignment with Gap, that we assess the impact of any changes we make with Standards, Poor, & Moody.

Passage 7-0.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Walker had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – October 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor MacLeod wanted to make a correction under the Executive Session on Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(D). The minutes did not reflect the Councilors that made the motion and second (Councilor Walker made the motion and Councilor Carrier seconded the motion).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular Council meeting with corrections. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Letter to the City Council
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
 - Mayor Levesque – congratulations on the successful Hello-ween event and Auburn drive-in movies that took place. He encouraged all to vote tomorrow, Election Day.
 - Councilor MacLeod – LATC is offering fare free bus rides tomorrow
 - Councilor Boss – encouraged all to vote

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 07-10192020

Amending Appendix A (fee schedule) for delegated reviews of traffic stormwater and site location of development permits as proposed by staff. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 08-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 14, Article XVIII – Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses, Section 14-656, Section 14-658 and Section 14-659 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Ordinance 09-11022020**

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 60, Article IX – Home Occupation Regulations, Section 60-738 of the Ordinances of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Ordinance 10-11022020**

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Article IV – Housing Code, Division 1 – Generally, Section 12-146, Section and 12-226 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. **Order 125-11022020**

Adopting the Lake Auburn Impact Study RFP (Request for Proposal).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by adding to 8. Scope of Work and Deliverables, D. Final Report Outcomes, sub-section (1) to read as follows:

Compare identified options in all three categories and make holistic recommendations to the City Council on bundled improvements.

Passage 6-0.

Passage on the order as amended 6-0.

5. **Order 126-11022020**

Appointing members to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier.

The Mayor opened it up for nominations. There were four applicants and 3 open positions.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to nominate Jonathan LaBontè.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to nominate Jeremiah Bartlett.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to nominate Dan Bilodeau.

There were no other nominations.

Passage on the appointment of Jonathan LaBontè 5-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed).

Passage on the appointment of Jeremiah Bartlett 6-0.

Passage on the appointment of Dan Bilodeau 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque - encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow

Councilor Boss - no report

Councilor Milks - no report

Councilor Lasagna - reported on the School Building Committee

Councilor MacLeod - no report

Councilor Gerry - the city is offering free rides to the polls tomorrow, one vehicle is handicap accessible

Councilor Carrier – the Airport Board will be meeting Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Airport, and the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday evening.

City Manager Crowell – thanked staff and the volunteers that have been preparing for the election. Volunteers have been coming in daily to assist. He added that staff is well prepared for election day. He encouraged residents to check out our Elections Hub on our website. He added that anyone needing transportation to the polls should contact Public Works.

IX. Executive Session – None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Walker joined the meeting remotely. All other Councilors were in attendance in Council Chambers.

I. Executive Session – Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 5:05 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 5:31 PM.

II. New Business - Charter Review Process

Sec. 2.8. - Review of Charter and ordinances.

The city council shall provide for the review of the city's Charter and ordinances in their entirety at least once every 15 years.

The purpose of this Special City Council meeting is for Council to review the Charter section by section and make proposed changes. There should be no substantial changes made during this process. Any proposed changes voted on during this process will be reviewed by the City Attorney. If proposed changes are to be made, Council will follow the process of making a motion, a second, and a vote on the proposed change. Proposed changes will only move the suggested change to the City Attorney for legal review. Once the legal review is complete, the slate of proposed changes will be voted on in its entirety in form of an Order. If approved, any proposed changes will have to go before voters at an upcoming election.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to explore adding language in Section 9.1 (b) as follows:

A referendum which fails or passes by a majority vote in a citywide election may not be the subject of another referendum for at least 6 months after the election and no language will dictate a minimum or maximum effective timeframe for such referendum question.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to direct staff to research the addition of residency language on the circulation of petitions to get on the ballot and in conformity with Section 9.3 (C).

Passage 6-1 (Councilor MacLeod opposed).

The Mayor called for a five-minute recess at 6:28 PM. The meeting resumed at 6:33 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes

- October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

- November 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Macleod reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee noting that the Minot Avenue and downtown bus routes would not be running Tuesday and Wednesday due to driver shortages.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone of the Thanksgiving take out dinner being offered by the Age Friendly Committee. Orders will have to be called in ahead of time and the dinner is free. The deadline to order is November 20th.

Manager Crowell provided clarification on Councilor MacLeod's update on the bus routes that would not be running on Tuesday and Wednesday noting that although the bus will not be traveling that route, anyone in that area needing transportation can contact LATC to arrange for alternate means of transportation. He also notified the Council that two marijuana business licenses were denied and there is a 30-day window for the applicants to file an appeal.

Mayor Levesque reported on the press conference that was held earlier in the day and the marketing campaign.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

1. Ordinance 10-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Article IV – Housing Code, Division 1 – Generally, Section 12-146, Section and 12-226 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 127-11162020

Requiring masks and physical distancing during all City Council meetings.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by completely striking out the original language and replacing it as follows:

Whereas most Governmental buildings whether Federal, State or Municipally owned are deemed public places and provide public spaces for people to meet in and various departments to offer services for which residents and individuals are in need of – not all spaces in these entities’ are open to the general public.

Whereas it is ordered that when a State of Emergency is declared by our Governor, Governmental agencies Auburn’s Mayor and, etc. – Auburn’s council chambers will be deemed a non-public setting for the city’s departments, agencies, and the City Council to conduct their meetings in a non-comprised environment in order to carry out their duties.

Whereas, The Auburn City Councilors, Mayor, Manager and his or her staff during a pandemic will follow the CDC rules, social distancing and Governor’s mandates as best as practical.

Whereas, Councilors, Mayor, Manager and his or her staff shall wear a mask UNLESS they have a medical condition that make it difficult to wear one when milling around inside the Council Chamber and coming in and out of the room as they get ready for the meeting or when they get up from sitting but once seated if they so choose a mask doesn’t have to be worn.

Whereas, During the opening exercises and the meeting – the Mayor, City Councilors, Manager and his or her staff will be allowed to interact and speak unencumbered by a mask if they so choose in order to communicate in a manner that all participants in the room and at home can clearly hear and understand what the discussion is about and what is going on in the meeting.

Whereas the City councilors have an obligation to be able to hear what their Council mates, Mayor, Manager and staff are saying as clearly as possible to be informed and understand what they are voting on.

Whereas, as long as the City Council chamber is deemed a non-public setting/room during State of Emergency and the Council, Mayor, Manager and City Staff are fulfilling their duties and as acting as a body they will not be penalized for not wearing a mask while sitting at their place similar to those who eat at a restaurant.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Carrier, Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of Order 127-11162020 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Milks opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to suspend the rules.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to present and add to the agenda the following Resolve:

RESOLVE 12-11162020

Whereas the people of Auburn are struggling with economic hardship and social breakdowns associated with the seemingly never-ending restrictions imposed during the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas many small businesses of Auburn continue to struggle and face impending failure due to ever changing guidelines, rules, and regulations as a result of the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas the dreams and goals of families, children and parents of Auburn who have worked hard and endured many sacrifices are seeing their dreams and the dreams of their children being destroyed forever by the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas the citizens of Auburn with the least resources bear the heaviest burden of the economic and emotional crisis created by the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas we, the Auburn City council, take the Covid-19 virus very seriously and know the potential effects it may cause, and understand our own loss of free will, our forced compliance, our forced isolation, our loss of livelihood, our social breakdowns and the separation from loved ones has caused even more far reaching consequences than illness associated with Covid-19; and

Whereas the Legislature and Governor have failed in their responsibility to reconvene in a reasonable time frame to do the work of the People; and

Hereby let it further be resolved,

- 1. That the Auburn City Council calls for the Maine Legislature to convene as soon as possible to conduct the people's business; and*
- 2. That the Auburn City Council requests that the Governor reconsider her Executive Orders for the disproportionate adverse impact they have had on Maine's most vulnerable populations, businesses, schoolchildren, and families.*

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 128-11162020

Placing remaining proceeds from the sale of city-owned property #217-028-000-000 located at 5 Sprucewood Road in a special purpose fund for repair or remediation of blighted or abandoned properties within the downtown Auburn area.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that ELHS was closed on Friday due to COVID. He is hearing from a lot of concerned residents and parents. He also reported that the first Comp Plan ad hoc Committee meeting will be held on Thursday of this week, and he provided an update on the status of the Mayor’s Ad hoc Committee on boards and committees.

Councilor Milks- reported that the next Sewer and Water District meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday (Sewer) and Wednesday (Water) at 4:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Councilor Carrier – reported on the COVID cases at ELHS which is now operating in red status (totally remote).

Councilor Gerry – asked when the annual award honoring the former Mayor Jenkins would take place. Tentatively in December.

Councilor Lasagna – reminded everyone that the Farmer’s Market will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday’s in Auburn at the Senior Center.

Manager Crowell – reported that a Special Council meeting will be held on November 30th at 5:00 pm to continue the Charter Review. The School Committee will have representatives here for that meeting. The City Attorney will also be attending. He also provided an update on the COVID incidents in Auburn adding that Matt Fifield has been working closely with the School Department and Auburn businesses.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to place on file. Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded from Councilor Gerry to postpone until the next regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business - Charter Review Process

Sec. 2.8. - Review of Charter and ordinances.

The city council shall provide for the review of the city's Charter and ordinances in their entirety at least once every 15 years.

The purpose of this Special City Council meeting is for Council to review the Charter section by section and make proposed changes. There should be no substantial changes made during this process. Any proposed changes voted on during this process will be reviewed by the City Attorney. If proposed changes are to be made, Council will follow the process of making a motion, a second, and a vote on the proposed change. Proposed changes will only move the suggested change to the City Attorney for legal review. Once the legal review is complete, the slate of proposed changes will be voted on in its entirety in form of an Order. If approved, any proposed changes will have to go before voters at an upcoming election.

Dr. Connie Brown (School Superintendent), Karen Mathieu (School Committee Chair), and Adam Hanson (Business Manager for the School Department) were present and provided Council with the following proposed Charter amendments:

Sec. 4.2. - Composition and compensation.

The school committee shall consist of the mayor, or a city councilor selected by the mayor, and seven other members. Five members shall be elected, one from each ward by and from its registered voters. Two members shall be elected at-large by and from the city's registered voters. members shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified except that any candidate whose name does not appear on the printed ballot must receive at least 25 valid write-in votes in order to qualify for election to that position. The school committee may appoint by rule non-voting student representatives to serve with the school committee. *Student members will be secondary students and will serve a 1-year term*.

Sec. 4.4. - Meetings.

The school committee shall, at the call of the city clerk or deputy city clerk, first meet at Auburn Hall or such other public location within the city within 45 days after the regular municipal election to be sworn by the city clerk or deputy city clerk to the faithful discharge of their duties, and to elect a chairperson who shall be a voting member. The school committee shall meet for subsequent meetings at such time and place as it determines by rule. *The school committee will have a minimum two meetings per month.* Meetings of the school committee other than executive sessions shall be open to the public as required by state statute, and the school committee shall promote public participation in and public notice of its meetings in the contemporary means of information sharing. Agendas and supporting information for meetings shall be available to the public at the superintendent of schools' office at least two business days prior to the meeting as well as electronically through the city's website, if available.

Sec. 4.5. - Quorum.

A majority of the voting members of the school committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn or compel attendance of absent members.

The School Committee recommends this language be tightened up.

Sec. 4.7. - Voting.

A roll call vote shall be taken on the passage of any order or resolve when requested by any member. Any action by the school committee shall require at least four affirmative votes; however, in the event of a tie the measure fails. Five affirmative votes shall be required to hire or fire the superintendent of schools.

The School Committee requests that the City Solicitor review this language to ensure it is in compliance with Title 20-A Sub Chapter 2, Sub Section 1051 (Selection of Superintendents, Appointment) and 1052 (Discharge Requirements).

Sec. 4.9. – Superintendent of schools.

The school committee shall choose a superintendent of schools solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. The superintendent of schools need not be a resident of the city at the time of appointment, but shall be a resident of the city during tenure of office unless otherwise approved by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends that the hiring/termination language of the Superintendent be placed in this paragraph. The School Committee requests that City Solicitor review this language to ensure it is in compliance with Title 20-A Sub Chapter 2, Sub Section 1051 (Selection of Superintendents, Appointment) and 1052 (Discharge Requirements).

Sec. 8.7. - Amendments after adoption.

A. *Supplemental appropriations.* If during or before the fiscal year the city manager certifies that there are available for appropriation municipal revenues, including those of the ~~department of education~~ Auburn School Department, in excess of those estimated in the budget, the city council by resolve may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of such excess.

Sec. 8.16. - Procurement.

[A.] The city council shall by rule adopt, within one year from the adoption of this Charter, a procurement policy for the city's purchase of materials and services for all the city's departments, including the ~~department of education~~ Auburn School Department. This procurement process shall assure an understandable, comprehensive, fair process for such purchases based on state statute, state rules and regulations, and the city's experience and expertise in this area.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod seconded by Councilor Carrier to move forward with the recommendations of the school department and to draft language to present back at a future date (section 4).

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to direct staff to continue looking at options for staggered terms.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Lasagna, MacLeod, Milks, Carrier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to direct staff to research residency requirements regarding petitions and proposed language to be considered by the Council. Passage 7-0.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 remembrance to recognize the 79th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Councilor Walker then requested a moment of silence in remembrance of former City Councilor, Normand McKeone. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent – None

II. Minutes

November 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

November 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna reminded everyone about the Farmers Market that is held on Sundays from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

Councilor MacLeod reminded everyone that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) has a survey out, you do not have to use public transportation to complete the survey.

Mayor Levesque reported that the Festival Plaza Christmas Tree is now up and lit. He thanked the residents that donated the tree, and everyone that participated in putting up and decorating it.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 11-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to the Downtown Enterprise District. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 12-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand T-4.1 Traditional Main Street Neighborhood. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 128-12072020

Approving the proposed rate adjustments to the Policy on Emergency Medical Services Billing and Collection.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 129-12072020

Authorizing funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the FY20 CIP for Fitness Equipment be reallocated to Mt. Apatite upgrades.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 130-12072020

Approving an order preventing the unauthorized use of the City name, brand, likeness, and character.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend as follows:

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby authorizes that the only allowable names of the City are ‘Auburn’ and the ‘City of Auburn, Maine’. As of adoption, there will be no official use of a moniker, though from time to time a moniker may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives. As of adoption, the only approved slogan is “No Steps Backward” in either Latin or English though from time to time, a slogan may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives. Any City created commission, board, and committee and any outside group receiving funds or City staff support must submit for approval by the city council ***before use of*** any logo, slogan, or variation of name **prior to use**. Any outside group soliciting funds from local, state, or federal sources must seek permission from the City Council before using city council approved names, slogans, logos or monikers in their solicitation efforts that imply Municipal support.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of order 130-12072020 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to suspend the rules.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to propose a Resolve (13-12072020) as follows:

RESOLVE: The Auburn City Council hereby accepts and supports the “Auburn, your next _____ is closer than you think” as our approved slogan for use by the City and it’s departments/committees/boards/and commissions until further action by this council.

Any other use of this slogan or campaign material in whole or in part by any other entity is strictly prohibited unless permission received from the City Council and or authorization signed by the Auburn City Manager or his designee.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend as follows:

Any other use of this slogan or campaign material in whole or in part by any other entity is strictly prohibited unless permission received from the City Manager ~~Council and or~~ authorization signed by the Auburn City Manager or his designee.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 13-12072020 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to suspend the rules. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to propose a Resolve (14-12072020) as follows:

Auburn City Council Resolve, December 7th, 2020

Let it be known, based on the needs and wants of the residents of Auburn and the physical and psychological needs of our youth, this Council resolves for the School Committee to implement a plan for our youth to return to school at least 4 days per week starting January 4th.

Passage 4-3. There was a tie vote 3-3-1 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod opposed, Councilor Carrier abstained) and in accordance to the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote voting in favor of the resolve. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Boards & Committees. He will be sending out a survey to Board and Committee Chairs to find out what would be a good time to meet via zoom to talk about the proposal on Boards & Committees. The Comp Plan review has started and the committee will meet at least once a month.

Councilor Carrier provided an update on the School Committee upcoming budget.

Councilor Milks reported that budget hearings will be held for the Water and Sewer Districts coming up this week.

Councilor Gerry provided information on former City Councilor, Normand McKeone who recently passed.

Councilor Boss provided an update on the Auburn Public Library who is now doing curbside pickup only due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. Computer use is by appointment only and is limited. Mayor Levesque inquired about the Ag Committee and the status of the priorities of work and requested a report back at the next meeting.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on the joint use of fields with the School Department. He also provided an update on Covid-19.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October 2020 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the October 2020 Final Monthly Report. Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C). This executive session was held during the workshop.

Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Passage 7-0, time 8:23 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 131-12212020*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn with term expirations of December 31, 2021.

2. Order 132-12212020*

Appointing Bryan Batchelder as the Local Sealer of Weights and Measures with a term expiration of December 31, 2021.

3. Order 133-12212020*

Confirming the appointment of Dana Staples as the Comprehensive Plan Ad hoc Committee Chair.

4. Order 134-12212020*

Approving the waiver of foreclosure for ABDC (Auburn Business Development Corporation).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the four consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

November 30, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2020 Special Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

December 7, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Safe Voices – Elise Johanson presented
- City staff and community volunteers for the Grab and Go Feeding Program were recognized and presented with the Spirit of America Award
- Proclamation – The Mayor proclaimed December 21, 2020 as Extra Mile Day in Auburn
- Presentation of City Logos and slogans – Liz Allen and Phil Crowell
- Mayor Levesque provided a communication from Dr. Salim Furth, Mercatus Center
- Mayor Levesque provided a communication from Richard Trafton
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque – wanted to give the Council a heads up that there will be an order presented at the January 4th Council meeting to schedule the 2nd regular meeting of the month for Tuesday, January 19th.

Councilor Lasagna – encouraged everyone to take a ride around the City to check out the holiday lights.

Councilor Gerry – wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday adding that we've all been through a lot.

Councilor Walker – wanted to let everyone know that Mike Small (Small's Greenhouse located on Summer Street in Auburn) donated some beautiful poinsettias for Councilors and staff to take home. He also reminded everyone about the special holiday meal being put on by the Age Friendly Community noting that there is only one more day to call it in orders.

IV. Open Session - Larry Pelletier, Second Street, addressed the sidewalks in New Auburn.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 08-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 14, Article XVIII – Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses, Section 14-656, Section 14-658 and Section 14-659 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod 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. Ordinance 09-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 60, Article IX – Home Occupation Regulations, Section 60-738 of the Ordinances of the City. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote taken.

3. Ordinance 11-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to the Downtown Enterprise District. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 12-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand T-4.1 Traditional Main Street Neighborhood. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 135-12212020

Approving the Liquor License for Chipotle located on Center Street in Auburn. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room during the vote).

2. Order 136-12212020

Approving the CDBG-CV amendment to the PY2019 Annual Action Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 137-12212020

Approving the Tax Increment Financing District 25 (Futureguard, 101 Merrow Road).

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

The public hearing began at 8:08 PM. No one from the public spoke and the public hearing ended at 8:09 PM.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 138-12212020

Authorizing the waiver of all building permit fees for the new Edward Little High School.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. **Order 139-12212020**

Conducting all City Council meetings remotely until further notice.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to table this item indefinitely.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod were opposed). A roll call vote taken.

VII. **Open Session** – Larry Pelletier, Second Street commented on sidewalk issues in New Auburn.

VIII. **Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

Mayor Levesque – Provided an update on the work of the Comp Plan review committee.

Councilor Boss – Provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, the Ag Committee, and asked for an update on the Ad hoc Committee on Boards & Committees.

Councilor Lasagna – Requested an update from the Citizen’s Advisory Committee during committee reports, and also questioned the Point of Order question that was brought up earlier in the meeting.

Councilor MacLeod – Provided an update on the LATC survey and the School Building Committee meeting that was held last Tuesday.

Councilor Gerry – Provided information on the Age Friendly Committee’s upcoming take-out lunch.

Councilor Milks – Reported that the budgets were approved for both the Water and Sewer Districts. He also provided an update on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

Councilor Walker – Reported on the recent 911 meeting, and he noted that the Waste to Energy meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Councilor Carrier – Provided updates on the School Committee meeting and Airport Board.

Manager Crowell – Provided an update on a marijuana business license that was originally denied. It was scheduled to come before the Council for an appeal, however due to an error on a criminal background report that was provided, we are no longer denying the license for that reason. He thanked Mamie Ney, Library Director and the Library Board for continuing with the Auburn Adventures Program.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – November Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the November 2020 final monthly report. Passage 7-0.

9. **Executive Session**

- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker.
Passage 7-0, time 8:58 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:25 PM.

- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod.
Passage 7-0, time 9:25 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:45 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn.
Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 - December 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Women's Suffrage Mural – Rebecca Swanson Conrad
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor MacLeod – reminded everyone that the indoor Farmer's Market is closed until the Spring.

City Manager Crowell – provided an update on the Farmer's Market "bucks" that were distributed. They are no longer valid, however new Farmer's Market "bucks" will be available in the Spring. He also wanted to let the Council know that a plant was sent to the family of Normand McKeone, former City Council, who recently passed and a thank you note was received from the family.

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation's vacant seat noting that he has been appointed as an interim director of the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation filling the remainder of Dick Trafton's term (April 2021).

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 01-01042021

Approving the Packgen TIF District #26. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Walker abstained).

2. Order 02-01042021

Setting the date for the second council meeting in January to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 03-01042021

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with FB Environmental Associates for the evaluation of ordinances applicable to the protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – Forrest Bell, Adam Daignault, and Rich Brereton from the firm of FB Environmental Associates spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to the next regular Council meeting (January 19, 2021).

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – announced that he will be providing the State of the City address on 1/19/2021, he also commented on the PAL Christmas efforts where gifts were collected for 175 kids and gave thanks to the volunteers and everyone that donated toys.

Councilor Walker – reported on the holiday take out meal that the Age Friendly Committee put on noting that it was a big success.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, adding that the board of trustees will be meeting again January 19th. She reported on the Ag Committee meeting that was held last week, the next meeting is on the 26th of January. Last, she provided an update on the Comp Plan review team.

City Manager Crowell – echoed the comments made about the PAL Christmas effort and the holiday meal put on by the Age Friendly Committee. He noted that we are working through staffing challenges (quarantines, exposures, etc.) adding that all departments are still operating efficiently and still meeting the service needs of the community.

IX. Executive Session - Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (D).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 8:10 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 PM.

X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.
Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 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. A moment of silence was held in memory of Brian Sicknick who was a member of the Capital Hill Police Force. Officer Sicknick was killed during the Capital building riots on January 6, 2021.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 04-01192021

Setting the time to open the polls for all 2021 election for 7:00 A.M.

2. Order 05-01192021

Accepting the transfer of \$4,535.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-1787 David Cochran).

3. Order 06-01192021

Accepting the transfer of \$2,480.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-1787 Lloyd Lyttle).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Mayor Levesque delivered his State of the City Address which was pre-recorded
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna took a moment to reflect on the events that happened on January 6, 2021 at the Capital Building noting that while it is important look outwardly at the cracks in our democracy and our government, which led to the violence, we should also look inwardly at the cracks that may exist in our own community and the potential cracks within ourselves and do what we can to ensure equity and commitment to each other.

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, New Auburn resident, commented on litter and dog waste in the City.

V. Unfinished Business

4. Order 01-01042021

Approving the Packgen TIF District #26.

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Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to postpone this item indefinitely.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 03-01042021

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with FB Environmental Associates for the evaluation of ordinances applicable to the protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VI. New Business

1. Order 07-01192021

Approving the liquor license for El tequila Restaurant located at 245 Center Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 08-01192021

Authorizing the reallocation \$150,000 originally allocated for the Auburn Lewiston Airport main terminal parking lot to be used for the Eastside Aircraft Apron Reconstruction Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – announced that the Comp Plan ad hoc review committee has been meeting actively and the next meeting is scheduled for January 21st.

Councilor Carrier – provided a School Committee update.

Councilor Walker – reminded everyone about the upcoming Valentine’s Day (February 14, 2021) spaghetti dinner that the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on. The dinner is a take-out dinner, there is no charge, orders must be called in in advance. He also expressed some concerns about the Sopers Mill Road bid on underground piping and the pond in that area.

Councilor Milks – provided an update on the Sewer District meeting held earlier in the afternoon adding that the Water District Trustee meeting will be held tomorrow.

Councilor MacLeod – provided an update on the LATC meeting, and the Comp Plan ad hoc committee meeting.

Councilor Lasagna – asked for an update on the ad hoc committee on Boards & Committees and provided an update on the School Building Committee.

Councilor Boss – reported that she has been hearing from residents about their excitement about the newly opened Holy Donuts as well as some traffic concerns in that area.

Manager Crowell – provided the Council with some upcoming items slated for future Council meetings. He provided an update on COVID vaccinations.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – December 2020 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the December 2020 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0

IX. Executive Session

- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).
This executive session was taken up during the workshop.
- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).
Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 7:52 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned 8:15 PM.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. 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.

1. Order 09-02012021*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Logan Rossignol as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 10-02012021*

Setting the date for the second council meeting in February to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Continuation of Council Workshop on Ordinance Review
- Council Communications (about and to the community) – None at this time.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 01-02012021

Amending the zoning map adjusting the boundary to remove the parcel at 186 Main Street from the T.4.2 Form Based District and include the parcel in the T.5.1 Form Based Code District. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier 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. Ordinance 02-02012021

Expanding the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to replace current zoning in the Multi-family Urban District in the New Auburn neighborhood. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 11-02012021

Appointing Glen Holmes to the Auburn Lewiston Airport Board as the City Manager Representative.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 12-02012021

Appointing Eric Cousens to the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) Policy Committee, replacing the City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the Comp Plan review process noting that more information can be found on our website and he encouraged public feedback. He also reported that meetings were held last week and again this week with Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital to try to determine potential COVID vaccine sites.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone about the upcoming Valentine's Day spaghetti take out dinner. He also wanted everyone know that due to the storm, the Age Friendly Committee meeting is postponed to the 9th of February.

Councilor Gerry reported that the Grab and Go grocery program will be this Thursday instead of Wednesday due to the storm.

Councilor Macleod echoed the Mayor's comments on the Comprehensive Plan review and also encouraged public comments.

Councilor Lasagna reported that the ELHS Building Committee meeting has been moved from February to March.

Councilor Boss provided an update on the Ag Committee.

City Manager Crowell reminded everyone of the parking ban due to storm, and also noted that Auburn Hall may close, also because of the storm. That will be determined tomorrow morning. He provided Council with an update on upcoming agenda items. He reported that he and the mayor participated in the Legislative Policy Committee meeting looking at various bills that are being brought forth, adding that he will keep the Council up to date on those. He provided follow up on the Sopers Mill road piping project that was mentioned at the previous Council meeting, and last, he thanked Brian Soucy from our IT department for the work he has done to improve the audio quality for these meetings.

IX. Executive Session – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Passage 7-0. Time: 7:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:44 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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. A moment of silence was held in memory of Dr. Bernard Lown who recently passed away.

All Councilors were present.

I. 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.

1. Order 13-02162021*

Re-appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the one consent item.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- CDBG Annual Report Presentation – Zachary Lenhert
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Walker – provided an update on the Valentine’s Day spaghetti dinner, and he thanked all involved.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-02012021

Amending the zoning map adjusting the boundary to remove the parcel at 186 Main Street from the T.4.2 Form Based District and include the parcel in the T.5.1 Form Based Code District. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 14-02162021

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant's (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 03-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the language in the last sentence as noted below.

Be it ordained, that the City Council hereby amends Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 as follows:

Sec. 2-381. - Established.

The city has such boards, commissions, committees, agencies, and other subunits of its governing authority as are established from time to time by the city Charter or the city council. The school committee is established in the city Charter, and information regarding other city boards, commissions, committees, agencies, and similar bodies is available in this article and on the city's official website. The council has created advisory boards to provide oversight and facilitate communication between the various boards, commissions, and committees as well as the elected officials.

Passage of the amendment 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

Passage of Ordinance 03-02162021 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 04-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-430 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier 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. Ordinance 05-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 06-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-432 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 07-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-433 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 08-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-434 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 09-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-435 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 10-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-440 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

10. Order 15-02162021

Approving the formation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate and recommend changes to the city ordinance as it pertains to permitting and fees.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that he has been in communication with staff and has reached out to non-profit organizations that have goals offering different opportunities for youth in regards to recreation and how these programs can help people with disabilities and low to moderate incomes.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library services.

Councilor MacLeod – provided an update on The Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting, Great Falls TV meeting, ELHS building committee, and the Comp Plan sub committee meeting.

Councilor Milks – reported on the Sewer District meeting held earlier today and noted that the Water District will be meeting tomorrow.

Councilor Walker – requested time during an upcoming workshop for the Age Friendly Committee to provide an update. He also provided information on the Walk in the Park event scheduled for March 30th. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at Rolly’s Diner where they will discuss the event.

Councilor Carrier – provided an update on the School Committee meeting.

Manager Crowell – provided an update on the Solar Energy project update, the temporary closing of the Tax Office due to several staff members testing positive to Covid-19, and the search for a vaccination site. He also provided the Council with some upcoming agenda items.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the January 2021 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session - Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:09 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. 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.

1. Order 16-03012021*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Steve Chouinard, Constable Process Server to serve documents on behalf of the Auburn Police Department without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn for 2021.

2. Order 17-03012021*

Setting the date to hold the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 8, 2021.

3. Order 18-03012021*

Confirming the appointment of Robert Cavanagh as full member and Renee Cote as alternate member of the Registration Appeals Board as nominated by the Democratic party.

4. Order 19-03012021*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's re-appointment of Leonard Kimble to the Ethics Committee with a term expiration of 11-01-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the 4 consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Age Friendly Committee Update (Leroy Walker & Jan Biron)
- Economic Development City Owned Properties (Jay Brenchick)
- Council Communications (about and to the community) – There were none.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-02012021

Expanding the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to replace current zoning in the Multi-family Urban District in the New Auburn neighborhood. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 03-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage of the second reading for Ordinances 03-02162021 through 10-02162021.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 04-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-430 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

4. Ordinance 05-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

5. Ordinance 06-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-432 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

6. Ordinance 07-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-433 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

7. Ordinance 08-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-434 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

8. Ordinance 09-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-435 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

9. Ordinance 10-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-440 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

VI. New Business

1. Order 20-03012021

Approving the consolidation and polling place changes as recommended by staff. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Ordinance 11-03012021

Amending Chapter 60 to correct spelling, capitalization and word placement errors. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 12-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII re-zoning a portion of Parcels PID 057-003, 057-003-001, 057-002, 057-001 on Trapp Road from Rural Residential to Agriculture/Resource Protection. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 13-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII expanding the form-based code zoning district T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood, In the Court/Lake Street and Lake Auburn Avenue, Union, Lake, and Whitney Streets areas. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 14-03012021

Amending Chapter 52 – Traffic. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 15-03012021

Amending Chapter 24 - General Assistance. Public hearing and first 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.

7. Ordinance 16-03012021

Amending Chapter 61, Section 61-1 – Moratorium on social clubs and retail medical marijuana caregiver storefronts. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 17-03012021

Amending the Code, Appendix A to include language for the Veteran Relocation and Development Incentive Program. Public hearing and first 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.

9. Order 21-03012021

Appointing Ian Campbell to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6-1-2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 22-03012021

Appointing Riley Bergeron as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 23-03012021

Re-appointing Evan Cyr as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 24-03012021

Appointing Brian Dubois as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 25-03012021

Re-appointing Raymond Fortier to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 26-03012021

Appointing Kevin Arel to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

15. Order 27-03012021

Re-appointing Robert Cavanagh to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

16. Order 28-03012021

Re-appointing Courtney McDonough to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of 10-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

17. Order 29-03012021

Appointing Joseph Morin to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of 10-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

- a. Mayor's Report
- b. City Councilors' Reports
- c. City Manager Report

Councilor Carrier – Reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday, and he provided an update on the School Committee meeting.

Councilor Walker – Reported that there will be an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm. They are joining with the United New Auburn Association on the Walk in the Park event scheduled for March 30th. He reported on the 911 Committee meeting, and the Waste to Energy meeting.

Councilor Milks – Provided an update on the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees on the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) complaint.

Councilor Gerry – Noted that the Farmers Market will not be held on Sunday as mentioned earlier during the meeting.

Councilor MacLeod – Reported on the Comprehensive Plan work group meeting, the Audit Committee meeting, and the first Permitting Fee Structure meeting is scheduled for Friday.

Councilor Lasagna – Provided an update on the School Building Committee.

Councilor Boss – Reported on last week's Ag Committee meeting adding that they will be providing an update to the City Council at the April 5th meeting. She also provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.

Mayor Levesque – Provided updates on the Legislative Policy Committee, the Railroad Corporation, and the Comprehensive Plan work group.

Manager Crowell – Thanked the public for their patience while the Tax Office was closed temporarily. He also gave thanks and appreciation to the Council for fitting in all of the committee meetings into their busy schedules. He also stated that we are moving forward with the online permitting process. In regards to the Legislative Policy Committee, he noted that he will be paying close attention to those bills and will be sure to keep the Council abreast of those items.

VIII. Executive Session – Contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:22 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:40 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Leroy G. Walker, Sr., City Councilor
Ward 5
Age-Friendly Report 2019-2020

Good evening, Mayor Levesque, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Councilors and City Staff,

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, things had to change drastically with our Age-Friendly programs, but I am proud of what we, as a team, were able to accomplish. We found different ways to feed people in need, and gave them something to look forward to in these lonely, separated times. It was quite a challenge.

Beginning in August of 2019, our group raised funds by hosting the beverage booth at the Balloon Festival and we raised over \$1000.00 for the Age-Friendly program.

We held a Box Car Movie Night for kids, where the kids decorated boxes (provided by International Paper) to look like cars, and showed a youth movie. It was enjoyed by all. Over 100 people participated. Some of the box cars were taken home. The remainder were donated to a daycare center. They were very happy to have them.

On November 2, 2019, the ribbon cutting was held, opening the newly renovated Auburn Senior Community Center in Pettengill Park.

On November 24, 2019, we held an in-person Thanksgiving dinner, free of charge, to anyone who wanted to attend. There were approximately 150 people in attendance, and about 20 meals were taken home to those who couldn't attend. ReEnergy, Inc. donated \$500.00 to this event. Mike Small, of Small's Greenhouse on Summer Street in Auburn, donated beautiful poinsettias, valued at about \$200.00, for people to take home for the holidays.

On December 13, 2019, we held an adult Christmas Movie, "White Christmas", and served cookies and popcorn to all who attended. It was very well received. Approximately 50 people attended.

On New Year's Day 2020, we held an in-person meal of finger rolls, chips, pickles, olives, dessert and beverage to approximately 200 people. We showed a video count-down from New York's Time Square of the last 30 seconds of 2019 and handed out noise makers and hats to everyone. We had a puzzle, games, Corn Hole, and music for everyone to enjoy.

On January 20, 2020, we held our first bus tour with the City Link Bus Company, with Italian sandwiches being served, and a class on how the bus system works. Many people attended and were grateful for the information. About 20 people were present. Everyone had the opportunity to ride the entire bus route.

On January 22, 2020, we had a light lunch and movie, with popcorn being served. 52 people attended.

On February 14, 2020 – Valentine's Day, we held an in-person spaghetti and meatball dinner. Larry Gowell sang love songs and participants sang and danced. We had a full house on that day – 150 people.

On February 20, 2020, we had our second City Link talk, ride and Italian sandwich luncheon, with 27 people. Everyone took the bus tour.

On February 27, 2020, we had a beef stew lunch, followed by a movie. 65 people attended.

This is where things changed drastically.

On March 17, 2020, we would have held what would have become our last in-person dinner, a boiled dinner for St. Patrick's Day. We were not, however, able to hold this event due to the beginning of the Covid 19 virus. All of the food that was purchased for the dinner was given to the "Grab and Go" program, to be distributed by the recreation department.

On April 23, 2020, we were supposed to have a light lunch and movie, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On May 14, 2020, we had scheduled a Mother's Day lunch and movie with cake and popcorn, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On June 25, 2020, we planned a Father's Day light lunch and movie with cake and popcorn, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On July 23, 2020, we planned a Fun Day lunch with hamburgers and corn on the cob, with games like Corn Hole, board games, and more. This was cancelled due to Covid-19.

On August 27, 2020, we had planned a light lunch with games inside and outside. This was cancelled due to Covid-19.

On September 24, 2020, a light lunch and a movie with popcorn was scheduled, but cancelled due to Covid-19.

On October 22, 2020, we had planned a light lunch and a movie with popcorn. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

We also had a bean supper on October 17th, serving 41 people beans, hot dogs, bread, dessert and beverage. This was a "Stop and Go" meal, where people picked up their food and took it home.

On Halloween, the Hello-Ween program took place, serving over 500 children with candy and music at Little Andy Park, hosted by the United New Auburn Association and Age-Friendly Community Committee.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, we held a "Stop & Go" full Thanksgiving dinner for all who wanted or needed one. Over 250 people picked up a meal and took it home to enjoy. This FREE meal was sponsored by ReSource Waste Services and Cure, owned by John Morrison. Over \$600.00 in donations came in.

Finally, on December 30, 2020, we hosted a combined Christmas and New Year's "Stop & Go" luncheon of finger rolls, chips, dessert and beverage. We served approximately 265 people from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Matt Leonard co-sponsored this event.

For all of the meals, donations were accepted and gratefully appreciated. In spite of Covid-19, we have managed to continue to connect with our community members and keep them engaged.

On February 14, 2021, Valentine's Day, we held another "Stop & Go" spaghetti and meatballs dinner. It wasn't the same as last year, because there was no entertainment, dancing or singing, but there was plenty of food and good will from all of our Age-Friendly board members and volunteers, who consider themselves privileged to serve their community. We served 285 people from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We received \$370.00 in donations and John Morrison (Cure) sponsored this event. It was a great success.

We are planning to offer movies again at the Senior Community Center in Pettengill Park on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We plan to hold the first one on the third Wednesday of March, Wednesday, March 17th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for the movies. No food will be allowed in the facility. People can bring their own beverages, according to the CDC regulations. Masks must be worn. Registration is required in advance, as we can only allow 30 people in the building at one time. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

The Age-Friendly Community Committee wants to thank the Auburn Recreation Department and its staff for the great support to every one of our events. They have helped to make each one a great success.

Considering the fact that we have only been in existence for 2 years, with a pandemic taking place half-way through, we have successfully united our community and provided many people who have food insecurity and socialization issues with what they needed. It has been quite a challenge and we stepped up to that challenge. We've received many wonderful comments and thanks from almost every participant. We hope to continue for a long time to come with your support.

Thank you,

Jan Biron

On behalf of Leroy G. Walker, Sr., City Councilor, Ward 5

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.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes – March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – The Mayor John Jenkins Hands & Hearts Leadership Service Award was awarded to Deputy Fire Chief, Matt Fifield
- Presentation of the City Manager’s Preliminary Budget
- Proclamation – Greek Independence Day
- Recognition – The Maine Recreation and Parks Association has awarded the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department with the Facility of Merit Award for the Auburn Senior Community Center
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque – reminded everyone that the Auburn Mall is the host of the Androscoggin County mass vaccination site.

Councilor Gerry – noted that the LA transit bus will be stopping at the Auburn Mall for anyone that needs transportation to get their vaccine.

Councilor Lasagna - added that there is also free transportation to vaccination sites throughout the State which can be found on the Maine CDC website. She also said that she has been getting a lot of questions regarding the new proposed zoning and asked if we could hold a question & answer forum on this item.

Councilor Walker – announced that the Age Friendly Committee is going to offer a movie at the Senior Center for up to 30 people. Anyone interested should call the Recreation Department to make sure there is room. This will be held on March 17th starting at 1:00 pm. They will be offering another one next month. He also reminded everyone of the Walk in the Park event to be held on March 30th at noon.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-03012021

Amending Chapter 60 to correct spelling, capitalization and word placement errors. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 12-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII re-zoning a portion of Parcels PID 057-003, 057-003-001, 057-002, 057-001 on Trapp Road from Rural Residential to Agriculture/Resource Protection. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 13-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII expanding the form-based code zoning district T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood, In the Court/Lake Street and Lake Auburn Avenue, Union, Lake, and Whitney Streets areas. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks 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. Ordinance 14-03012021

Amending Chapter 52 – Traffic. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 15-03012021

Amending Chapter 24 - General Assistance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 16-03012021

Amending Chapter 61, Section 61-1 – Moratorium on social clubs and retail medical marijuana caregiver storefronts. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 17-03012021

Amending the Code, Appendix A to include language for the Veteran Relocation and Development Incentive Program. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one From the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 30-03152021

Re-appointing Bruce Bickford to the Railroad Company to serve from April 2021-April 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 31-03152021

Appointing Mayor Jason Levesque to the Railroad Company filling the remaining term of outgoing Director, Richard Trafton, serving from April 2021-April 2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 32-03152021

Initiating a Planning Board Ordinance Change to Amend Chapter 60 – Secondary dwellings.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 33-03152021

Ratifying the contract for (FOP) Fraternal Order of Police Patrol Detectives.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on proposed legislation, reported that he was invited by MMA to give a presentation to Rep. Golden on Thursday to talk about Auburn and how we are moving forward during COVID, and how we are using the stimulus funds and more.

Councilor Milks – reported that the Sewer Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday at 4:00 pm and the Water Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

Councilor Macleod – reported on the last LATC meeting, and the Permits and Fees sub-committee.

Councilor Lasagna – commented on the new ELHS Building outline and added that they are working on plans for the ground-breaking.

Councilor Carrier – reported that if anyone has questions for the School Committee budget, let him know and he will try to get the questions answered.

Manager Crowell – thanked the Finance Director and Department Directors for their work on the budget. He pointed out that he included an Annual Report in the Councilors budget packet adding that it will be available on our website for the public to view. He pointed out that the CIP plan can also be found in their workbooks. He talked about the traffic plan around the ELHS construction. He also went over the budget schedule.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the February 2021 Final Monthly Report.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Executive Sessions:

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:17 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 pm.

Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:33 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 34-04052021*

Setting the date for the second regular council meeting in April to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

2. Order 35-04052021*

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY2020 local solicitation - Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government document to be submitted with the grant application.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – March 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication - St. Mary's Nutrition Center Annual Report (Auburn Community Gardens)
- Agricultural Committee Update – Katie Boss, Scott Blanchard, David Griswold (via phone)
- Permit Fees Update – Tim MacLeod and Katie Boss
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Gerry – asked if there would be a presentation from St. Mary's Nutrition Center at a later date.

Councilor Walker – commented on the Walk in the Park Event.

Councilor Lasagna – thanked Eric Cousens, Liz Allen, and the City Manager for putting together the Community Conversation that took place last week regarding zoning.

Mayor Levesque – commented on the April fool’s joke (Auburn’s 2021 Lobster Festival) that went out last week. He also provided an update on legislative matters.

IV. Open Session - No one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 36-04052021

Authorizing the sale of real property to Tambrands, Inc.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 37-04052021

Disposition of building located at 16 Walnut Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 38-04052021

Disposition of building located at 32 High Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 18-04052021

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 60-34, Buildings per Lot (secondary dwellings). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier 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. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor – he, along with Councilors Boss and MacLeod, have been working with the Mercatus Institute (George Mason University) regarding zoning. They’ve offered to do a pre walk around/on site evaluation and meet with the Council. One of the lead professors will be in Boston in May and the Mayor would like to invite them to Auburn. The cost would be approximately \$1,500 to cover expenses such as hotel, transportation, and food.

Councilor Carrier – provided an update on the School Committee meetings, and Airport Board.

Councilor MacLeod – reported that there will be a public Zoom meeting at 6:00 pm on April 7th for Citylink bus service.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the high-volume vaccine site in Auburn adding that Citylink has a route that is running every half hour to provide bus service to individuals in need of transportation to get their vaccine.

City Manager – provided an update on the American Relief Fund, renewable energy credits, and the Lake Auburn study.

IX. Executive Session

- Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:43 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

- Property acquisition, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 9:10 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:30 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – April 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

CALEA Presentation – Karen Shepard, Program Director of CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) presented Chief Moen with their re-accreditation certification. This is their 5th accreditation award.

Council Communications (about and to the community) -

Councilor Boss – reminded everyone that Saturday is Earth Day and there will be a community clean up organized by Conservation Commission. She encouraged everyone to get out and participate in the clean-up.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that there is an ELHS Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 27th at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm there is a Medication Take Back event scheduled in Lewiston and Auburn, and the YWCA will be holding it's Stand Against Racism three-day, virtual event starting on April 21st.

Councilor Walker – the United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday. Their guest speaker will be Glenn Holmes. On April 27th, there is a Waste to Energy meeting at 11:30 am.

Manager Crowell & Mayor Levesque offered a joint statement announcing that the State of Emergency order for the City is being lifted. This is the State of Emergency that was implemented on April 1, 2020 by the Mayor and former City Manager. They did state that we should still adhere to the Governor's State of Emergency orders.

Mayor Levesque – reported that there were two grand openings last week for Back in Motion Physical Therapy, and another for Holy Donut.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Order 39-04202021

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Order 40-04202021

Waiving the \$150 business licensing fee for the Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball snack shack located at 4 Mount Apatite Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 41-04202021

Directing the City Manager to implement a City Equity Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – Fatuma Hussein spoke in support of the order.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend as follows:

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby directs the city manager to ~~use the accepted equity statement provided by City Spirit and~~ implement a city-wide policy on equity and inclusion utilizing the work done by the City Spirit and the equity inclusion tool kit made available for municipalities by the International Association of City/County Managers (ICMA).

The policy will define expectations for consideration of racial and social equity, and in particular, meaningful community involvement when planning, developing, and implementing policies, practices, programs and initiatives. It will provide a framework to advance equity in alignment with our strategic plan.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors MacLeod, Boss, and Lasagna opposed).

Passage of Order 41-04202021 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that he sent to Councilors a consolidated list of bills in Augusta that are being taken up by the legislative committee. He asked they reach out to either him or the City Manager if they have questions and to let them know if there is any legislation they are passionate about that they feel would benefit the City.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday and he will report back after the meeting.

Councilor Walker – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be offering a movie day from 1-3 pm tomorrow at the Senior Center. They will also be offering a beef stew dinner on Friday (to go). He also reported on a committee that has been formed by Susan Roy on the beach. A meeting is scheduled for April 28th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Councilor Milks – reported on the Sewer District meeting that was held earlier today and added that the Water District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4pm.

Councilor MacLeod – reported that AVCOG is having a follow up survey to the presentation on the transit system which is on their website.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library and noted that the Ag Committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

Manager Crowell – thanked Fatuma Hussein and members of the City Spirit Council for their work and their effort for the City Spirit. He also provided notification to the Council on a business license that was denied due to tax dollars owed to the City. The applicant has until May 5th to file an appeal.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – March 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the March 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:02pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



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Recent Trends in Residential Segregation in New England

Nicholas Chiumenti

Summary

Residential segregation in Boston has drawn considerable attention in recent years, but much less notice has been given to the issue with respect to the rest of New England. This regional brief focuses on residential segregation between all minority groups and non-Hispanic white residents in metro areas throughout the region. New England’s population is predominately non-Hispanic white; however, the region has diversified considerably since 1990, as most of the population growth has occurred among minority groups. Residential segregation by race/ethnicity declined over that same period in nearly every medium-sized and large metro

area in New England, though the levels remain modestly higher than the national averages. Contrary to the broader trends, many of New England’s small metro areas saw increases in residential segregation during the 1990–2017 period. While racial and ethnic minorities in the region tend to be clustered in fewer neighborhoods relative to the rest of the United States, they are less isolated from non-Hispanic whites; that is, on average, a minority resident of a New England metro area has a considerably higher share of white neighbors compared with minorities elsewhere in the country.

Key Facts

12%

Residential segregation in large New England metro areas declined 12 percent between 1990 and 2017.

64%

Hispanic population growth drove that decline; Hispanics accounted for 64 percent of New England’s total population growth between 1990 and 2017.

80%

On average, white residents of New England metro areas live in neighborhoods that are 80 percent white.



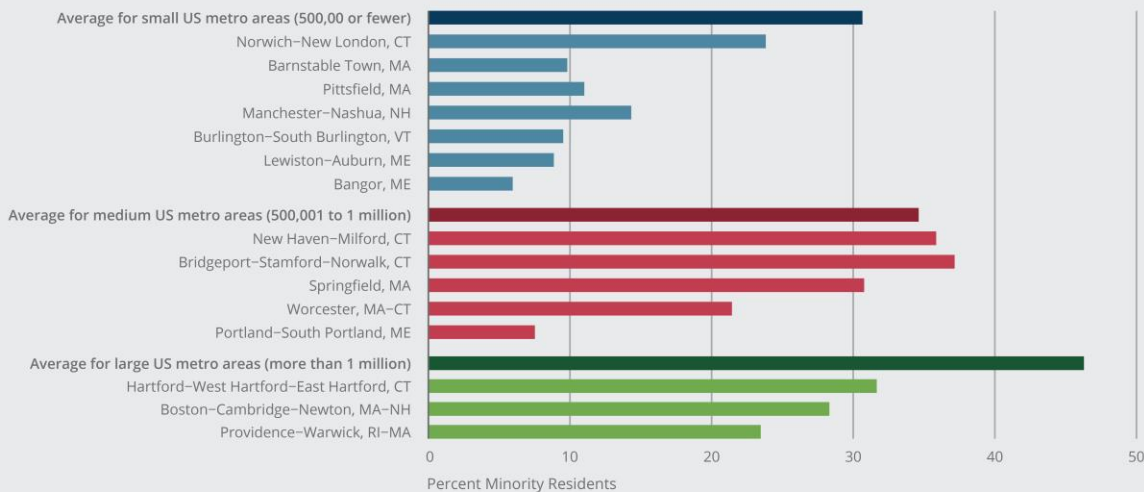
Between 1990 and 2017, residential segregation increased 10 percent in the region’s small metro areas, most of which are located in northern New England.

An Increasingly Diverse New England

For this report, “minority residents” refers to people who identify as belonging to at least one racial or ethnic group other than non-Hispanic white (for example Hispanic, black, or Asian). These include individuals who identify as multiracial or as Hispanic of any race. This report makes some references to specific minority groups in order to give context to or compare different experiences.¹

Compared with similarly sized metropolitan areas elsewhere in the United States, those in New England generally are home to fewer minority residents.² Figure 1 shows the share of New England metro area residents in 2017 who identified as belonging to any minority group. For every small (500,000 or fewer residents) and large (more than 1 million residents) metro area in the region, the share of minority residents was less than the average for all similarly sized US metro areas. In all but two of New England’s medium-sized metro areas (500,001 to 1 million residents) the share of minority residents was smaller than the average share for similarly sized metro areas nationwide. The exceptions were New Haven-Milford (Connecticut) and Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk (Connecticut), where the share of minority residents was even greater than those of every large New England metro area. Metro areas in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont had the smallest shares of minority residents, ranging from just under 6 percent in Bangor (Maine) to 14.3 percent in Manchester-Nashua (New Hampshire).

Figure 1: Minority Resident Population by New England Metro Area
As percent of metropolitan area’s total population in 2017



Note(s): Averages by metropolitan area size include all metro areas in the United States. Metropolitan areas refer to core-based metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). The minority population includes those identifying as single race, more than one race, or Hispanic.
Source(s): American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017

New England metro areas have diversified considerably over the past three decades. Since 1990, the minority population in these areas has more than doubled. Within metro

areas, the minority-population growth between 1990 and 2017 ranged from 105.7 percent in Hartford (Connecticut) to 360 percent in Lewiston-Auburn (Maine). Smaller metro areas in northern New England saw some of the largest increases by percentage; however, the minority population in these areas remains small in comparison with those of southern New England metro areas.

Every New England state saw an increase in its non-white population between 1990 and 2017, and the region as a whole saw an increase of 144 percent. The number of minority residents more than doubled in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island; tripled in Maine; and quadrupled in New Hampshire and Vermont. The increase in the Hispanic population was responsible for 64 percent of the total population growth in New England between 1990 and 2017; non-Hispanic black residents accounted for 21 percent of the region's population gains during this period. As a result, the New England population went from being 89 percent white in 1990 to 76 percent white in 2017.

Residential Segregation of Minorities

Rates of residential segregation have been on the decline nationally since at least the 1980s.³ Medium-sized and large metropolitan areas in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut mirrored this decline between 1990 and 2017; however, their rates of decline were generally slower than the national average. This finding is based on a measure of residential segregation called the dissimilarity index.⁴ The index represents the percentage of minority residents who would need to move to another neighborhood (in this case census tract) within a metro area in order for all neighborhoods to have an equal share of minorities.⁵ A lower percentage indicates a more even distribution of minority residents across an area and thus less residential segregation; a higher percentage indicates a minority population that is highly concentrated in a certain neighborhood or neighborhoods. Table 1 shows each New England metro area's dissimilarity index for the entire minority population relative to its white population.

In 2017, six of the eight medium-sized and large New England metro areas had rates of residential segregation that were higher than the national average for similarly sized metro areas. Based on the dissimilarity index, Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk (Connecticut) had the highest rate in 2017. In that year, about 53 percent of minority residents would have had to move in order for all neighborhoods in the metro area to have an equal share of minority residents.⁶ Conversely, New England's small metro areas tended to have lower-than-average rates; residential segregation was greater than the national average in only two of its seven small metro areas: Manchester-Nashua (New Hampshire) and Norwich-New London (Connecticut).

Even though Connecticut metro areas had the highest rates of residential segregation, the state saw some of the steepest declines in New England between 1990 and 2017. Hartford's dissimilarity index fell 17 percent, and in New Haven-Milford, it decreased 18 percent, the most of any New England metro area during this period. In other New England states' metro areas where the rates declined, they tended to do so at a pace that

was slower than the national average. The main exception here was the Boston-Cambridge-Newton (Massachusetts-New Hampshire) metro area, where the dissimilarity index also fell slightly faster than the national average.

During this period, the dissimilarity index of large US metro areas fell 13.1 percent on average, a drop slightly larger than the 12.6 percent decline in New England’s large metro areas. Nationally, the index for medium-sized and small metro areas fell an average of about 16 percent and 11 percent, respectively, but in New England, the decline was only 9.8 percent in medium-sized metro areas, while in small metro areas the index increased 10.1 percent on average.

Table 1: Residential Segregation of All Minorities Relative to White Residents

By New England metropolitan area, 1990–2017

Metropolitan area (MSA)	1990	2000	2010	2017
Large metro areas (more than 1 million residents)				
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	60.8	56.5	52.1	50.5
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	53.8	53.2	50.2	50.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	55.7	53.6	49.7	48.2
Average for large US metro areas	55.7	52.7	48.9	48.4
Medium metro areas (500,001 to 1 million residents)				
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	59.6	58.4	55.3	53.2
Springfield, MA	59.3	56.5	55.5	53.1
New Haven-Milford, CT	58.9	55.4	51	48.4
Worcester, MA-CT	47	46.1	43.8	42.7
Portland-South Portland, ME	27.3	26.6	27.8	33.1
Average for medium US metro areas	48.4	45	41.6	41.1
Small metro areas (500,000 or fewer residents)				
Norwich-New London, CT	41.7	41	40.5	39.4
Manchester-Nashua, NH	28.2	35.8	34.9	38.1
Bangor, ME	33.8	29.4	22.8	34.1
Pittsfield, MA	30.6	27.8	29.3	31.8
Burlington-South Burlington, VT	22	22.5	24.3	30.2
Barnstable Town, MA	31.6	27.1	24.8	29.5
Lewiston-Auburn, ME	23.2	19.8	35.4	27.6
Average for small US metro areas	41.7	38.6	35.8	37.2

Note(s): Table displays the dissimilarity index for all minority groups relative to non-Hispanic whites in New England metro areas. Values represent the percent of minority residents who would need to move out of their neighborhood (census tract) and into another within the same metro area in order for every neighborhood within that metro area to have an equal share of minority residents. Metropolitan areas were excluded if less than 3 percent of their population identified as a minority group. Averages include all metro areas in the United States by population size.

Source(s): Decennial census 1990–2010; American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017

Northern New England and southern New England appear to have been on divergent paths between 1990 and 2017. Metro areas in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont all saw their rates of residential segregation rise (according to the dissimilarity index), while those in southern New England, with the exception of the Pittsfield metro area

(Massachusetts), saw theirs decline. One factor that may help to explain this divergence is the different demographic changes these areas experienced. In Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont metro areas, the number of non-Hispanic white residents remained the same or grew between 1990 and 2017; in every southern New England metro area where residential segregation declined, the number of white residents also fell.⁷ Thus, in southern New England, predominantly white neighborhoods may have desegregated in part because, with white residents departing, it was more likely that only minority buyers or renters competed for available housing. These demographically driven changes were not present in northern New England.

In metro areas with smaller shares of minority residents, it can be difficult to accurately estimate the dissimilarity index.⁸ In 2017, fewer than 10 percent of northern New England's metro area residents were minorities. Because the dissimilarity index conveys the share of minority residents who have to move within a metro area, large changes in residential segregation can occur in places with smaller minority populations when relatively few minority residents relocate from one neighborhood to another. Thus in many northern New England metro areas, the changes in residential segregation between 1990 and 2017 may have been the result of the relocation of a relatively small number of minority residents. In addition, the 2017 estimates are based on a sample of residents from the American Community Survey (ACS), as opposed to the estimates from earlier years, which use the decennial census (a full count of residents). The 2017 estimates for areas with smaller minority populations have larger margins of error, so the actual changes in residential segregation may vary from these estimates.

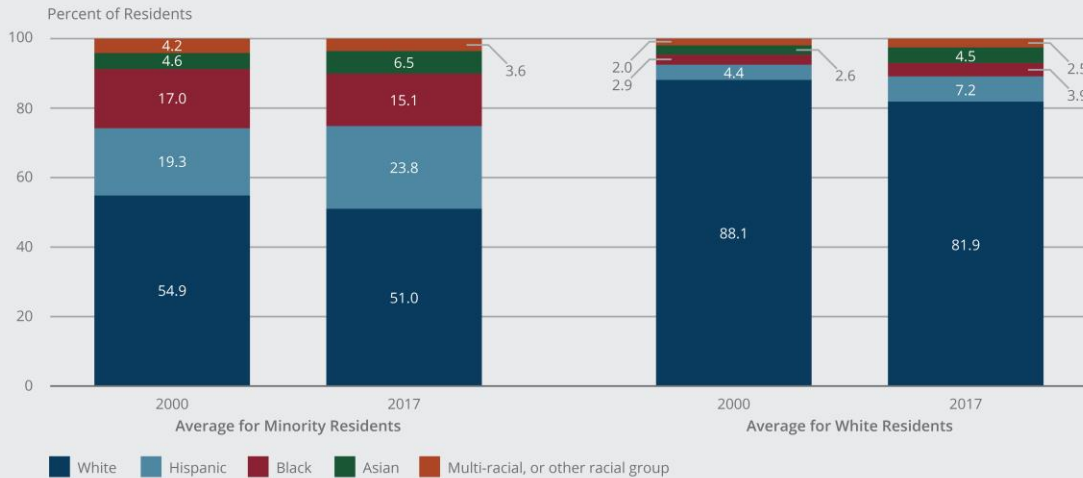
Despite data limitations for small metro areas, evidence indicates that residential segregation has been rising in northern New England, including during the 1990–2010 period, for which the more accurate full-count census data are used. With the exception of Bangor (Maine),⁹ all northern New England metro areas that saw their minority and non-Hispanic white populations grow during this period also saw an increase in residential segregation. Lewiston-Auburn (Maine) was the only metro area that experienced a decline in the number of non-Hispanic white residents along with an increase in residential segregation between 1990 and 2010. All medium-sized and large metro areas where the dissimilarity index fell between 1990 and 2010 also had a decline in their non-Hispanic white population but an increase in their minority population.

Neighborhood Diversity in New England

While minority residents of New England metropolitan areas experience somewhat greater residential segregation, being clustered into fewer neighborhoods compared with minority residents of other US metro areas, they are also more likely to live alongside a greater number of non-Hispanic white residents and are thus less “isolated” from them. In 2017, the neighborhood of a minority resident of a New England metro area, on average, was 51 percent white (Figure 2), compared with only 36 percent white in metro areas outside of the region. In part, this is because non-Hispanic whites make up a larger share of the population in New England than in the country as a whole. The neighborhood of a

white resident of a New England metro area, however, usually looks quite different from a minority resident’s neighborhood; on average, in 2017 only 18.1 percent of a white resident’s neighbors were minorities. In the average metro area outside of New England, a white resident lives in a neighborhood where slightly more than one-fourth (27 percent) of the residents are minorities.

Figure 2: Neighborhood Composition for New England Minority and White Residents
New England metropolitan areas, 2000 and 2017



Note(s): Percentages represent the neighborhood (census tract) average composition for New England minority and non-Hispanic white residents. The average share of the census tract population in each racial group is weighted by the share of minority or white New England metro area residents living in the census tract.

Source(s): Decennial census 2000; American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017

Since 2000, the average racial composition of New England metro area neighborhoods has changed. The share of non-Hispanic white neighbors has declined for minority residents, as well as for white residents, dropping, on average, 4 percentage points for a minority resident and 6 percentage points for a white resident. In both cases, the shift is primarily due to an increase in the number of Hispanic residents and, secondarily, to the rise in the number of Asian residents. Between 2000 and 2017, the Hispanic share of residents climbed 4.5 percentage points in the neighborhood of a minority resident and 2.8 percentage points in the neighborhood of a white resident, on average. In the neighborhoods of each, the Asian share of the population rose an average of 1.9 points.

For New England metro areas, the declining share of white residents living in the neighborhood of a minority resident is consistent with declining residential segregation, which may seem counterintuitive. However, as previously noted, the region is diversifying; the share of the overall population of New England’s metro areas that is non-Hispanic white fell 10.3 percent between 2000 and 2017. But during that period, the share of white residents living in the neighborhood of a minority resident declined only 7.1 percent, on average. Thus in 2017, the average racial and ethnic makeup of a minority

resident's neighborhood more closely resembled the region as a whole than it did in 2000.

Obstacles to Future Declines in Residential Segregation

Changing demographics helped facilitate declines in residential segregation, but these trends are not guaranteed to continue. From 2000 to 2010, the minority population in a white resident's neighborhood increased, on average, 5 percent annually. Meanwhile, in the neighborhood of a minority resident, the minority population increased only 3.7 percent annually, on average. While seemingly not large, this difference compounded over the decade and was also evident in the preceding 10-year period.¹⁰ However, the 2010–2017 period saw a reversal of this trend; the minority population of a minority resident's neighborhood grew faster than the minority population of a white resident's neighborhood, increasing, on average, at annual rates of 2.4 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively. These numbers suggest that the minority populations in predominantly white neighborhoods grew at a slower pace in recent years, and that new minority residents to New England metro areas are moving into predominantly minority neighborhoods.

The continuation of these patterns could disrupt the region's long-term trend toward declining residential segregation. The reasons for this shift in the most recent period are not clear, but rising home prices and an inadequate supply of housing may be at least partly to blame for the slower minority population growth seen in predominantly white neighborhoods. As problems of housing affordability continue, and potentially worsen, future progress toward residential integration will be at risk, because fewer minority households will be able to afford to live in neighborhoods where white households live. While lending practices no longer overtly discriminate against minority buyers as they once did, the cost of borrowing remains higher—and loan terms less favorable—for minority households.¹¹ Housing affordability looms large as an important barrier to residential integration. The effects of an insufficient supply of housing and the related restrictive zoning practices are increasingly acknowledged as exacerbating this issue.¹² New England's minority residents disproportionately experience the consequences of housing unaffordability, and an absence of affordable housing options will make it more difficult to further reduce residential segregation.

Concluding Remarks

Residential segregation between minority and non-Hispanic white residents in New England's more populated southern metro areas is declining, and it has been since at least 1990, mirroring a national trend. In these communities at least, changing demographics are likely playing an important role, as the Hispanic population has increased dramatically over the past three decades, and new minority residents have been responsible for all of the net population growth in southern New England's metropolitan areas. Thus, in southern New England, declining residential segregation may be, in part, a natural outcome of a diversifying region, as new demand for available

housing has been more likely to come from minority residents in recent years. In northern New England's metro areas, residential segregation increased between 1990 and 2017. The demographic trends present in southern New England that have facilitated residential integration were not present in northern New England during this period. Before 2010, trends involving where minority residents chose to live were favorable to declining residential segregation in the region's metro areas, but those trends seem to have shifted in recent years, with minorities more likely to settle in predominantly minority neighborhoods.

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Endnotes

¹ References to racial groups in this report refer to persons who identify as a single race. For example “black residents” refers to persons who identify as black or African American *only* and *not* in combination with another race (multi-race). Hispanics are treated as a separate minority group, even though Hispanics are identified in combination with a race by the US Census Bureau.

² Metropolitan areas refer to Core Based Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), as defined by the US Office of Management and Budget. Micropolitan Core Based Statistical Areas are excluded from this analysis.

³ Iceland, John, Daniel H. Weinberg, and Erika Steinmetz. 2002. *Racial and Ethnic Segregation in the United States: 1980–2000*. Special Reports CENSR-3. US Census Bureau. Washington, DC.

⁴ Massey, Douglas S., and Nancy A. Denton. 1988. “Dimensions of Residential Segregation.” *Social Forces* 67(2): 281–315.

⁵ Standardized census tracts were used in order to compare measures of residential segregation across years.

⁶ Alternatively, 53.2 percent of non-Hispanic white residents could relocate to achieve this same distribution.

⁷ The decrease in the white population in medium-sized and large southern New England metro areas between 1990 and 2017 ranged from 6.3 percent in Providence-Warwick (Rhode Island) to 17.8 percent in New Haven-Milford (Connecticut). Meanwhile the increase in the number of minority residents ranged from 105.7 percent in Hartford (Connecticut) to 204.2 percent in Worcester (Massachusetts-Connecticut). The Portland (Maine) metro area is the one medium-sized or large metro area where residential segregation increased during this period; its white population grew 12.7 percent, while the minority population increased 303.2 percent. There are three exceptions to this trend of a declining white population coupled with declining residential segregation. In Barnstable Town (Massachusetts), the number of white residents increased 8.4 percent between 1990 and 2017, but residential segregation declined 6.6 percent during this period. In Pittsfield (Massachusetts), the number of white residents declined 15.3 percent, but residential segregation increased 3.9 percent. Residential segregation also increased in Lewiston-Auburn (Maine), even while the white population decreased 5.2 percent.

⁸ Allen, Rebecca, Simon Burgess, Russell Davidson, and Frank Windmeijer. 2015. “More Reliable Inference for the Dissimilarity Index of Segregation.” *Econometrics Journal* 18(1): 40–66.

⁹ Bangor (Maine) had a decline in residential segregation during this period coupled with increasing minority and white populations. However, this metro area may be most susceptible to small sample size issues.

¹⁰ From 1990 to 2000, the number of minority residents increased an average of 6.4 percent annually in a white resident’s neighborhood, but only 6 percent, on average, in a minority resident’s neighborhood.

¹¹ Bayer, Patrick, Fernando Ferreira, and Stephen L. Ross. 2017. “What Drives Racial and Ethnic Differences in High Cost Mortgages? The Role of High Risk Lenders.” *The Review of Financial Studies* 31(1): 175–205.

¹² Rothwell, Jonathan T., and Douglas S. Massey. 2010. “Density Zoning and Class Segregation in U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” *Social Science Quarterly* 91(5): 1123–1143.

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:24 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

I. Consent – None

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to temporarily suspend the rules to change the order of the agenda.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve orders 44-05032021 through 54-05032021 below (Board and Committee appointments under New Business).

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 44-05032021

Appointing Amy Dieterich to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

2. Order 45-05032021

Appointing Mary LaFontaine to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

3. Order 46-05032021

Appointing Adam Lee to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

4. Order 47-05032021

Appointing Adam Platz to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

5. Order 48-05032021

Re-Appointing Rhyanna LaRose to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

6. Order 49-05032021

Appointing Donna Wallace to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

7. Order 50-05032021

Re-appointing Cynthia Larrabee to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

8. Order 51-05032021

Re-appointing Dana Morrell to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

9. Order 52-05032021

Re-appointing Mamie Ney to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

10. Order 53-05032021

Re-appointing Larry Pelletier to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

11. Order 54-05032021

Appointing Joseph Morin to the Planning Board as an associate member with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

II. Minutes – April 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna reported on the Community Conversations meeting that took place noting that she has heard a lot of positive feedback. She thanked Eric Cousens and other City staff for putting this together.

- Permit and Fee discussion (continuation from the workshop).

IV. Open Session – Nikkita Sampson, 9 Academy St. spoke in opposition of the sale of property located at 261 Main Street.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 18-04052021

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 60-34, Buildings per Lot (secondary dwellings).
Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

12. Order 42-05032021

Initiating a formal request to the Planning Board to Amend Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the Low-Density Country Residential.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

13. Order 43-05032021

Initiating a formal request to the Planning Board to Amend Section 60-34 to allow an additional one-family detached dwelling in all residential zoning districts where a single-family dwelling currently exists on the lot.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 55-05032021

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,050,000.00 to finance the City's FY22 Capital Improvement Program. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by adding 1.3 million to the Recreation playground line.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to increase the Recreation budget by \$15,000 for a dog park. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Passage of Order 55-05032021 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

15. Order 56-05032021

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

16. Resolve 01-05032021

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2022. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

17. Ordinance 19-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 7 and 8, Sections 60-307(1)(2) and 60-335(1)(2) Dimensional Regulations, Multifamily Suburban District and Multifamily Urban District of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to Change Lot Depth/Density Requirements. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

18. Ordinance 20-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, to remove the Downtown Enterprise Zone from the Auburn Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

19. Ordinance 21-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 12, General Business II, Section 60-225(b)(14) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to fix the improper reference from section 60-499(a) to Section 60-525(a). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

20. Ordinance 22-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Division 14, Section 60-553 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to explain the purpose of the conversation/open space form-based code district. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to strike “agriculture”. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by striking “*agriculture and forestry*” as follows:

The Conservation/Open Space District is reserved for natural resource and compatible open space uses such as ~~agriculture and forestry~~, low-intensity recreation, facilities that provide water access and similar low impact uses.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 22-05032021 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

21. Ordinance 23-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-668(b)(1) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to match the elevation requirement to current FEMA regulations. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

22. Ordinance 24-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision – Remove Mylar Requirements, Reduce Required Number of Copies and Reference Staff Consistently. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee adding that he will keep them posted.

Manager Crowell – reported that the Lake Auburn Study update will be postponed until mid-June. The next Comp Plan engagement series meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 pm at the Community Senior Center, the CDBG revised annual report will come before them either at the next meeting or the first meeting in June, they will be seeing the Spirit of America nominations soon, and Congressman Golden submitted 10 projects to be funded and the Auburn Fire Department Training Center was one of his choices, it is a million-dollar project, however it is not guaranteed to happen at this point.

IX. Executive Session – Contract Negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2021 VOL. 36 PAGE 142

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 8:55 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Councilor Milks had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week, David Griswold provided an update on the Forestry Board. This will be the 19th year Auburn is recognized as a Tree City USA.

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna – noted that there will be a ELHS ground-breaking to take place on Saturday. Dr. Connie Brown, superintendent provided details.

Councilor Walker – The United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday, the 25th at 6pm at Rolly’s Diner.

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the status of the American Recovery Program Act update, and he announced that there will be a workshop of the City Council held on June 22nd.

Manager Crowell – also discussed the City Council workshop that is scheduled for June 22, 2021. He noted that the Lake Auburn Study Presentation will be held during that workshop, as well as the infrastructure project discussion.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to suspend the rules to take up the School Committee budget item.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of Order 58-05172021 approving the FY22 Auburn School Budget.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 17, 2021 VOL. 36 PAGE 144

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to request that the Planning Board at it's earliest convenience, provide the City Council with a recommendation on reduction or elimination of commercial parking requirements, including commercially defined residential developments. Planning Board should also include possible modifications to existing zoning ordinances that support their recommendations for City Council to discuss and vote on.

This becomes Order 63-05172021.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

1. Order 55-05032021

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,350,000.00 to finance the City's FY22 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend to add an additional 800,000 to the Comprehensive Plan account. The proposed addition would increase the Authorization for the Issuance of the General Obligation Bond from 10,350,000.00 to 11,150,000.00.

Passage of amendment 5-1 (Councilor Gerry was opposed).

Public hearing – no members of the public was present.

Passage of Order 55-05032021 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 56-05032021

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Resolve 01-05032021

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2022. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 19-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 7 and 8, Sections 60-307(1)(2) and 60-335(1)(2) Dimensional Regulations, Multifamily Suburban District and Multifamily Urban District of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to Change Lot Depth/Density Requirements. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 20-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, to remove the Downtown Enterprise Zone from the Auburn Code of Ordinances. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 21-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 12, General Business II, Section 60-225(b)(14) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to fix the improper reference from section 60-499(a) to Section 60-525(a). **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 23-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-668(b)(1) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to match the elevation requirement to current FEMA regulations. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 24-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision – Remove Mylar Requirements, Reduce Required Number of Copies and Reference Staff Consistently. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Public hearing – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022.

Public hearing - no one from the public was present.

2. Order 57-05172021

Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for The 1800 Club located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public was present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the June 7, 2021 Council meeting.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor MacLeod opposed).

- 3. Order 58-05172021**
Approving the FY22 Auburn School Budget.

This item was taken out of order and voted on earlier on in the meeting.

- 4. Order 59-05172021**
Accepting Coe Street as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the meeting of June 7, 2021. After discussion, the motion to postpone was withdrawn.

Passage of Order 59-05172021 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

- 5. Order 60-05172021**
Accepting Spencer Drive as a City Street.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public was present.

Passage 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Carrier, Walker, and Gerry 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).

- 9. Order 61-05172021**
Authorizing use of Other Funds to fund a portion of the FY 21-22 CIP.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0.

10. Order 62-05172021

Initiating a formal request for the Planning Board to explore the feasibility of and to provide a recommendation on expanding the Auburn residential strip zoning.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session – no members of the public were present.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that he has been busy this past week working with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager on proposed legislation.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the next ELHS building committee is on Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Councilor Walker – wanted to recognize the Public Works crews on their efforts during Spring Clean-up stating that they did a great job.

Councilor Carrier – reported on the School Finance meeting that was held last week.

Manager Crowell – reported on the renaming of a brook that originates in Auburn and leads into New Gloucester, which is being named the Talking Brook. New Gloucester has approved it, there wasn't a real need to go before the Council formally unless anyone has any concerns. He noted that Fire Chief Chase will be giving an update at the next meeting on what they've been doing for work with the vaccination sites. He provided an update on the legislative bills that are being proposed. They continue to monitor the status of these bills and providing testimony as needed.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – April 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to accept and place on file the April 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Session – Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

The executive session was not needed.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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.

1. Order 64-06072021*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 8, 2021 Election.

2. Order 65-06072021*

Initiating a formal request to forward the draft Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Chapter to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

3. Order 66-06072021*

Initiating a formal request to forward a proposed draft ordinance change allowing auto sales in the General Business II district to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

1. Order 67-06072021*

Approving the Annual Reports to the Maine State Housing Authority for Tax Year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021, Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing Districts, #16 (Webster School), #20 (62 Spring Street), #21 (477 Minot Ave) and #22 (48 Hampshire Street).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the four consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. 7-0.

IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Summer Activities – Sabrina Best
- Covid Vaccinations Update – Chief Robert Chase
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque provided an update on the current legislative session and asked that Councilors reach out to either him, the City Manager, or the Assistant City Manager if there is any legislation that is concerning to them.

Brian Wood, Assistant City Manager provided an update on the cool down locations that are being set up in Auburn.

- X. **Open Session** – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, gave kudos to the Auburn Adventures, she thanked the City Council for the upcoming budget, and she announced an upcoming fundraiser at the Auburn Public Library called “Book around Town”.

XI. **Unfinished Business**

4. **Order 57-05172021**

Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for The 1800 Club located at 34 Court Street.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – Lisa Cooper, owner of the 1800 Club spoke.

Passage 7-0.

XII. **New Business**

2. **Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022.

No one from the public spoke.

XIII. **Open Session** - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. **Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

Mayor Levesque congratulated the ELHS Class of 2021. Graduation was held Saturday evening at Walton Field. He reported on the regional summit that was held last week and hosted by himself and the City Manager.

Councilor Boss provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Lasagna encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow on the school budget.

Councilor Carrier noted that it was great graduation on Saturday, and the School Finance committee will meet on Thursday.

Phil Crowell, City Manager reminded residents of the election scheduled for tomorrow, polls are open from 7am to 8pm and he provided the voting locations by ward.

III. Executive Session – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C) to discuss an economic development matter.

Passage 7-0. Time 7:38 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:15 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:26 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 64-06212021*

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Sadie Pinard as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 65-06212021*

Authorizing the cancellation of the first regular City Council meeting in July (July 12, 2021).

3. Order 66-06212021*

Referring the Shoreland Zone (Special Condition Overlay) to the Planning Board.

4. Order 67-06212021*

Authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government for this grant solicitation.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of the four consent items.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

II. Minutes – June 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – National Park’s & Recreation Month
- Energov Citizen Portal – Jill Cunningham
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna – congratulated the City of Lewiston for being the recipient of a Choice Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$30 million dollars.

Councilor MacLeod – noted that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee will be holding another public meeting via Zoom on the 23rd of June at 6:00 pm to discuss the new bus route.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

- 1. Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022

No one from the public spoke.

- 2. Order 68-06212021**

Approving the public art piece by artist Charles Hewitt, which will be located at Anniversary Park.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

- 3. Order 69-06212021**

Approving the proposed amendments to the Board & Committee Appointment Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

- 4. Order 70-06212021**

Approving the proposed amendments to the Fund Balance Policy.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

- 5. Order 71-06212021**

Approving the River Race Special Event application from the Lewiston Auburn Metro Chamber.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - Shanna Cox, President and CEO of the LA Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding the event.

Passage 7-0.

- 6. Ordinance 25-06212021**

Amending the Chapter 60, Article IV of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to strike Division 8. - Multifamily Urban Zoning District. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 26-06212021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 13, Section 60-525(b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to add automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies to the List of special exception uses in the Minot Avenue (GBII) zoning district. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend as follows:

Amend Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 13, Section 60-525(b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to add automobile and marine sales and services lots (not more than 8) as an ancillary service to existing businesses to the list of special exception uses in the Minot Avenue (GBII) zoning district.

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and MacLeod opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 26-06212021 as amended, 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 27-06212021

Amending Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the low-density country residential zoning district. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 28-06212021

Amending Chapter 60, Article V, Section 60-608 to remove minimum off-street parking requirements for all land uses (except residential). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

10. Ordinance 29-06212021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 14, Section 60-554 to remove all parking requirements (except residential) in the form-based code zoning districts. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

11. Ordinance 30-06212021

Amending the Conservation/Open Space Form-Based Code District by adding a purpose statement. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

IV. Reports

Mayor Levesque provided an update on the current legislative session. He also encouraged everyone to be careful around water, it can be dangerous, there have been quite a few fatalities around water recently.

Councilor Walker reported that the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on the 24th at 6pm at the Sixth Street Congregation Church. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting on the 29th of the month, Sabrina Best will be the guest speaker. The Age Friendly meeting will be held on July 6th at 5:30 pm at the Senior Community Center.

Councilor Milks reported that the Water Department PUC ratepayer complaint has come back. The response has been posted for the public to view on the Maine PUC website.

Councilor MacLeod reported that the LATC signed the new bus contract with Western Maine Transportation for another two years.

Councilor Lasagna reported that the ELHS Building Committee met last week, they are on budget, a site walk through will be coming up in the fall.

Councilor Boss reported on the Auburn Public Library fundraiser. It went well, the bags sold out.

City Manager Crowell reported that Brookfield will be submitting their relicensing application in July, the School Budget passed with a 4% turnout. The employment contract for Rick Lanman, Director of the Auburn Lewiston Municipal Airport will be expiring. He will not be renewing his contract and we will be looking for a replacement.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – May 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the May 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 7-0.

V. **Executive Session**

Economic Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (C) with possible action to follow.

The executive session was taken up during the workshop (motion was made by Councilor Gerry, seconded by Councilor Walker. Passage 7-0. Time in 6:31 pm and out at 6:56 pm).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry on Order 72-06212021 as follows;

“Ordered, that the City Manager is authorized to sign a purchase and sale agreement with the Auburn Housing Authority for a city owned lots located at 7 & 9 Fern Street contingent on AHA securing AHP grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, for the purpose of constructing a four-unit residential structure to promote homeownership for individuals and or families at or below 80% of median income.”

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed).

Poverty Abatement, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 with possible action to follow.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:15 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:25 pm.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage of Order 73-06212021 as follows:

“Ordered, that the City Council hereby approves the poverty abatement, case #2021-001 in the amount of \$2,376.29.”

Passage 7-0.

X. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Lasagna had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 74-07192021*

Initiating a formal request to send the Transportation Chapter and the Food Access/Growing the Agriculture Economy Chapter of the Draft Comprehensive Plan updates to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage. Councilor Gerry requested a roll call vote.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

II. Minutes – June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Council Communications (about and to the community) - none

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 25-06212021

Amending the Chapter 60, Article IV of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to strike Division 8. - Multifamily Urban Zoning District. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 26-06212021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 13, Section 60-525(b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to add automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies to the List of special exception uses in the Minot Avenue (GBII) zoning district. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by striking the amended language and adding “*Automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies, provided that vehicle display spaces are limited to not more than 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross building area permanently constructed on the site with maximum of 100 display spaces*”.

Passage of amendment 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Walker opposed).

Public hearing – Dave Rich, spoke and asked for clarification on the proposed amendment.

Passage of Ordinance 26-06212021 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 27-06212021

Amending Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the low-density country residential zoning district. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 28-06212021

Amending Chapter 60, Article V, Section 60-608 to remove minimum off-street parking requirements for all land uses (except residential). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend by removing the strikethrough where it states: “*applies to elderly housing as constructed under special local, state or federal guidelines restricting occupancy to elderly person.*”

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend as follows:

Residential, Single-family; farm – strike Two per each dwelling unit
Residential, Multifamily; two-family – strike 1 ½ per dwelling unit
Combine building types to one line & change to minimum of 1 space per dwelling
Residential Single-family; farm; Multifamily; two-family – 1 dwelling per unit
Elderly remains at ½ unit per dwelling

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 28-06212021 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 29-06212021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 14, Section 60-554 to remove all parking requirements (except residential) in the form-based code zoning districts. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry was opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 30-06212021

Amending the Conservation/Open Space Form-Based Code District by adding a purpose statement. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 31-07192021

Amending the Low-Density Country Residential and Rural Residential Strips abutting the Agriculture/Resource Protection Zone from the current depth of 450 Feet from center line of the roadway to a depth of 750 Feet from the centerline of the roadway or the rear property boundary, whichever is less. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one spoke, written comment was submitted prior to the meeting from Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road

It is my understanding that Council will vote on a potential change in lot depth in the rural residential zone. Over the past 2 years we have repeated attempts to change the zoning in our protected Ag/Forest resource zones. This change will be of no benefit to our zone, and in MY opinion will just be another foray to weaken this protected zone. Changes such as this are just another attempt to create more housing density in an area where it is NOT needed. Please vote this down.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Boss and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 32-07192021

Amending the zoning of the property located at 41 Steven's Mill Road (PID 208-043) from Suburban Residential to General Business II. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 33-07192021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 5, Section 60-992 (b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Map to allow as a Special Condition Overlay in identified areas of the Shoreland Zone, the height of all principal or accessory structures to exceed the 35-foot height limit to maximum of 50-feet. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 75-07192021

Allocating \$250,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds towards a city match of Efficiency Maine Residential grants for qualifying purchases, upgrades in accordance with their published residential programs as of July 8, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by including “*(excluding electric vehicles and LED bulbs)*”.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by adding the census track numbers (101 & 105) for clarity.

Passage 6-0.

ORDERED, that the City of Auburn Allocate \$250,000 from the allocated ARPA funds towards a city match of Efficiency Maine Residential grants for qualifying purchases, upgrades in accordance with their published residential programs as of July 8, 2021 ***(excluding electric vehicles and LED bulbs)***. This program is to be active as of its enactment, and City should be prepared to distribute funds no later than 8-15-2021. The funds will be allocated specifically to residential homes in the two designated census track areas; any allocation outside of the two census tracks ***101 and 105*** will be authorized if determined by the city manager to be an allowable allocation.

Passage of Order 75-07192021 as amended (above) 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

During the City Council workshop, an Executive Session was held to discuss Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C) with possible action to follow during the meeting as the last item under New Business. Action is as follows:

Order 76-07192021

Granting the City Manager or his designee the authority to execute the purchase and sale of the property at 526 Minot Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that there are a lot of summer activities going on and a lot of follow up meetings are happening with legislators and community residents regarding various issues.

Councilor Boss reported that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow morning at 7:30am, and the Ag Committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 5:30pm.

Councilor Macleod reported that the fundraising sub committee for the new ELHS will be meeting to discuss funding.

Councilor Milks reported that the Sewer and Water District meetings will be held this week 4:00 pm on Tuesday for Sewer and 4:00 pm Wednesday for Water.

Councilor Gerry reported that a vehicle was stolen from the Barker Mill's parking lot over the weekend. The vehicle was found and is in disrepair. She will be holding a fundraiser to try to help the owners of the vehicle.

Councilor Walker reported that tomorrow Age Friendly Committee will be playing a movie at the Senior Center from 10am until noon; on Wednesday, the First Auburn Senior Citizens will be meeting at 10am; on Monday, the Appointment Committee will be meeting at 4pm; next Thursday, the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6pm; and next Tuesday, the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6pm at Rolly's Diner.

Councilor Carrier reported that the Airport Board will be meeting this Saturday from 1-5pm for Strategic Planning. He also announced that the former Airport Manager, Rick Lanman recently passed away. His wife has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Auburn Lewiston Airport.

City Manager Crowell reported that staff has been working hard on events that are coming up. August 3rd National Night Out; August 21st the Bicentennial Parade; the Neighborhood Watch Groups are starting back up; a communication will be going out explaining the process to run for Municipal Office; and the New Year's Auburn planning is underway.

IX. Executive Session

Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).

Passage 6-0. Time in 7:56 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

Personnel matter (City Manager's Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec 405(6)(A).

Passage 6-0. Time 8:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:43 pm.

X. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Pledge of Allegiance

- I. **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.
 1. **Order 77-08022021***
Instructing the Planning Board to hold a second public hearing on Residential Strips with abutter's notification.
 2. **Order 78-08022021***
Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$100 business license fee for Saint Dominic Academy's Annual Holiday festival.
 3. **Order 79-08022021***
Approving the CDBG & HOME Action Plan and Budget.
 4. **Order 80-08022021***
Authorizing the City Manager to cast the ballot for the MMA Annual Election.
 5. **Order 81-08022021***
Re-appointing Kathy Shaw to the Ag Committee with a term expiration of 4/1/2024.
 6. **Order 82-08022021***
Appointing Stanwood Gray to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2024.
 7. **Order 83-08022021***
Appointing Kryston Chapman to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.
 8. **Order 84-08022021***
Appointing David Griswold to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.
 9. **Order 85-08022021***
Appointing Larissa Martin to the Citizen's Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/30/2022.
 10. **Order 86-08022021***
Initiating a formal request to send the proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Chapter to the Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendation at their September 2021 meeting.

Councilor MacLeod requested that Order 78-08022021 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Councilor Gerry requested that Order 86-08022021 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of the 8 remaining consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – July 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Auburn Community Concert Band – 40 Years Update – Milt Simon presented
- Spirit of America Presentation – Milt Simon and Councilor Leroy Walker were both presented with a Spirit of America Award.
- Tax Commitment Year 2021/2022 – Karen Scammon and Joe St. Peter presented
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna noted that the ELHS Building Committee will hold their meeting tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Walker reported that there will be a movie showing tomorrow at 10:00 am at the Senior Community Center.

Councilor Gerry reminded everyone that tomorrow is National Night Out beginning at 5:30 pm at Festival Plaza and Main Street.

Mayor Levesque provided an update on some upcoming events - the Maine State Bicentennial Parade which is scheduled for August 21st, the Blues and Brews Festival is scheduled for September 25th at Anniversary Park, and New Year's Eve Auburn is scheduled for December 31st.

IV. Open Session – Lance Pierce, owns property on Perkins Ridge Road had questions regarding the Residential Strips item.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 32-07192021

Amending the zoning of the property located at 41 Steven's Mill Road (PID 208-043) from Suburban Residential to General Business II. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 33-07192021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 5, Section 60-992 (b) of the Auburn Code of Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Map to allow as a Special Condition Overlay in identified areas of the Shoreland Zone, the height of all principal or accessory structures to exceed the 35-foot height limit to maximum of 50-feet. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Items removed from the Consent Agenda:

Order 78-08162021

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$100 business license fee for Saint Dominic Academy's Annual Holiday festival.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

Order 86-08162021

Initiating a formal request to send the proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Chapter to the Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendation at their September 2021 meeting.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Councilor Gerry asked for a roll call vote.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

1. Order 87-08022021

Approving the formation of a new department, Capital Infrastructure and Purchasing.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod 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. Order 88-08022021

Approving the allocation of \$175,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to execute the approved organizational realignment.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 34-08022021

Amending the setback requirements in Chapter 14 – Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVIII-Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses Section 14-659 (a)(4). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 89-08022021

Approving the Mass Gathering for the Bicentennial Parade to be held on August 21, 2021. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor MacLeod – reported that the LATC Bus service will not be running on August 21st, the day of the parade.

Mayor Levesque – announced the October 4th meeting will be cancelled because the City Manager and Assistant City Manager will both be out of the State.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board would be meeting on Thursday at 5:30 pm, the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm, and last, he wanted to recognize his wife Candace for 38 years of marriage today on their wedding anniversary.

City Manager Crowell – announced that Brian Wood and his wife Simone were celebrating the birth of their new baby boy, Max adding that mom and baby are both doing well. He also notified the City Council of a business license denial, a lodging house license at 63 academy street.

IX. Executive Session – Personnel matter (City Manager Review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time in 8:06 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:21 pm.

X. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned following the executive session at 8:21 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 90-08162021*

Changing the date of the first regular meeting of September from 9/13/2021 to 9/7/2021.

2. Order 91-08162021*

Cancelling the first meeting of October (October 4, 2021).

3. Order 92-08162021*

Appointing a representative (the Mayor) and designating an alternate representative (the City Manager) to vote on behalf of the City of Auburn at the Maine Service Centers Coalition business meetings.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 5-0 (Councilor Gerry was not present during the vote).

II. Minutes – August 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 5-0. (Councilor Gerry was not present during the vote).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Rail Corridor Advisory Council Update – Mayor Levesque presented
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna provided an update on the ELHS Building Committee.

Councilor Walker noted that the New Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group will meet on August 26th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:00 pm, the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly’s Diner on August 31st at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Gerry stated that she would like the Planning Board to hold another meeting/public hearing on the proposed strip zone amendments.

Mayor Levesque – reminded everyone that the Maine State Bicentennial Parade is scheduled for this Saturday, August 21st and other upcoming events are the Brew and Blues Fest on September 25th, the Auburn New Year’s Eve event is scheduled for December 31st, and on Wednesday, August 25th there will be a fireworks extravaganza at the end of the Community Band Concert at 8:30 pm. He noted that he attended and spoke at the Evergreen Subaru ribbon cutting this past Friday, and Center Street Dentistry celebrated their grand opening. He stated that there is a lot of new growth in Auburn - all positive and he encouraged the Councilors to talk to their constituents about these things. He said he also attended the Make a Wish event at Mac’s Grill. The night before he emceed the All-Decade Sports Teams event at CMCC.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 34-08022021

Amending the setback requirements in Chapter 14 – Business Licenses and Permits, Article XVIII-Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses Section 14-659 (a)(4). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business – None

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss authorizing the Finance Director to carry forward \$60,000 from the FY21 budget to be used for fringe benefits for the Fire Department employees.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. This is Order 93-08162021.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that he part of the Maine Municipal Association’s Housing sub-committee, if anyone has ideas about housing please let them know.

Councilor Walker announced that tomorrow at 10:00 am the Age Friendly Committee will be presenting a free movie for members of the public at the Auburn Senior Community Center. On Wednesday at 10:00 am the First auburn senior citizens are meeting at the Municipal Beach at 10:00 am for a cookout.

Councilor Milks reported that the Sewer Trustees are meeting on Tuesday, and the Water Trustees are meeting on Wednesday, both at 4:00 pm at the Auburn Water District.

Councilor MacLeod reported that LATC met last week and approved a new emergency schedule should they run short of bus drivers. He also noted that there will not be any bus service on Saturday due to the parade.

Councilor Boss reported that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 7:30 am.

City Manager Crowell reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is scheduled for September 7th, he provided information on cooling stations that are available to the public. He noted that parade route improvements are underway, and he clarified that the requirement mentioned by Councilor Lasagna for vaccination is because we are Fire/EMS who provide medical services to the public. He provided an update on the status of the Lake Auburn Study. He reported that we are seeing an uptick on police calls and an increase of opioid issues.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – Final July 2021 Financial Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the final July 2021 Finance Report.

Passage 6-0.

- IX. Executive Session** – Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E). *This executive session was held during the Council Workshop.*
- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Passage 6-0. Time adjourned 7:55 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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.

1. Order 94-09072021*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

2. Order 95-09072021*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

3. Order 96-09072021*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

4. Order 97-09072021*

Approving the revision of Order 36-04052021 previously adopted by the City Council regarding authorization to sign on behalf of Auburn Lewiston Airport.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – August 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation - World Refugee Day September 16, 2021
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor MacLeod noted that the pizza place in Ward 2 (Pizza Market) has reopened after being closed for a month for renovations.

Mayor Levesque reported that he received a letter from Lake Auburn Community Center. They are requesting the acquisition by the City of Auburn for the restoration of the Lake

Auburn Community Center which is located in North Auburn. He added that this could provide great recreational opportunities for the City and he would like to schedule a workshop on this item.

IV. Open Session

Mike Farrell, spoke regarding his property at 154 Eastman Lane and 1865 Hotel Road.

Dr. Susan Stanford, 33 Goff Street spoke regarding the Auburn Redevelopment Program (weatherization grant).

Rudy Wing spoke regarding his property at 499 Penley Corner Road.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 02-09072021

Supporting the creation of the ad hoc Public Safety Buildings Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Council Walker to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Milks and MacLeod opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to hold a special meeting on September 16, 2021 in order to hold a public hearing on the proposed Charter amendments.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Carrier, Milks, MacLeod, Lasagna, and Boss opposed).

2. Resolve 03-09072021

Supporting the naming of the Lewiston Auburn footbridge as the John Jenkins Memorial Footbridge.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 98-09072021

Directing staff, at the request of Councilor Gerry, to hold another Planning Board public hearing on the residential strip zones at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Carrier, Walker, Milks, MacLeod, Lasagna, and Boss opposed).

4. Order 99-09072021

Authorizing the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Comprehensive Plan fund for the last phase of the MDOT feasibility analysis.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one From the public spoke. A written comment was submitted by Auburn resident, Bob Stone as follows:

“As an Auburn taxpayer, please accept this email as registering my personal opposition to the recommendation by Auburn City Staff to spend \$10,000 as Auburn’s portion of a \$200,000 Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) ‘feasibility analysis’ for expanding passenger rail access to Lewiston-Auburn. A number of years ago, I was in opposition to spending \$50,000 as Auburn’s local share portion of a \$500,000 study by the MDOT which was eventually used to produce a “Demand Propensity”^[1] report and an “Operating Plan and Corridor Assessment”^[2] As I recall, the Auburn City Council voted unanimously to fund the study.

No financial projections were included as there weren’t sufficient funds to produce financials.

So, here we are again, about to spend the next chunk of money to further study the prospect of passenger rail to Lewiston and Auburn.

Summary of Concerns

(1) Auburn, along with Lewiston, are the only two municipalities being asked to fund the 10% local share. There are a number of municipalities that will be impacted by the proposed passenger rail service, including New Gloucester, Pownal, North Yarmouth, Yarmouth, Cumberland, Falmouth and Portland. I would expect Portland area entertainment, sports, restaurant and shopping establishments to see some great portion of any train riders coming in from points North. Have those towns/cities denied requests to participate, or, even better, were they even asked to participate? If not, why not?

(2) Just what are we getting as a deliverable for Auburn’s investment in the city?

(3) This is a “skin in the game”^[3] demonstration by the City of Auburn, according to a letter in support of this expenditure by a Lewiston State Senator. The “Final Phase” report^[4] estimated construction costs of over \$250 million and annual operating costs of \$15 to \$20 million. How much

of these costs will the City of Auburn be responsible for? We could be opening a Pandora's Box of expenses.

(4) Assuming Federal funding to some unknown extent for building and operation of a rail service, are there any strings attached to commit a local share for x amount of years regardless of expenses exceeding revenue which the Final Phase report clearly demonstrated would be the case.

(5) On a national basis, politicians love passenger trains. The traveling public? Not so much. Transit ridership in most of America is declining.

(6) The Demand Propensity report included projections that an inter-city type of passenger rail service would see one-way trips upwards of 220 riders a day with 10-12 train segments running daily. Inter-City is a limited train service like the NNEPRA "Downeaster" service from Portland to Boston and back. The Demand Propensity report also included projections of upwards of 650 riders per day in a commuter rail type of service with 22 segments to and from Portland per business day.

(7) How many Auburn taxpayers have any idea that \$250 million will be spent, potentially (inflation not factored into this estimate) and \$15 to \$20 million, potentially^[5] (again, inflation not factored into this estimate) to transport a very minimal number of train riders daily?

(8) The world didn't begin yesterday. Passenger rail in Maine, through Lewiston and Auburn, went out of business in 1960 when the Maine PUC approved Central Maine Rail Road's request to terminate passenger service. Passenger rail is an expensive, inflexible, polluting transportation system that saw its better days prior to the invention of the mass-produced family automobile over 100 years ago. Without the support of massive amounts of "other people's money", passenger rail would likely not exist with the possible exception of the New York City metro area. In a very lightly populated area like the Portland-L/A corridor, a break even will be extremely difficult to achieve, ever.

Just so that you are aware, the Downeaster service from Brunswick to Boston, through Portland, is heavily subsidized by the Federal and Maine state governments. Although it passes through Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, Maine is the only state government that funds a subsidy that enables the inter-city passenger rail service to continue in business. Politicians meeting in Augusta might define this as "fair", and apparently have unanimously approved the legislation to conduct this study as "fair", but this taxpayer sees nothing "fair" about it.

We are in a period of escalating inflation, with large annual increases in inflation expected for years to come. Chasing cost increases will be exhausting. This is not the time to be building this public works project, in the taxpayer's opinion.

As to transportation as a whole, the action now is primarily involved in electric vehicles, ride sharing, autonomous (driver-less) technology, and complex, vehicle to signaling interfaces that will radically alter the way Americans "get around" town. Investing in a 150 year old, big iron system seems incredibly short-sighted."

Motion failed unanimously.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reminded everyone that School is back in session, please drive slowly. He noted that on September 25th, the Blues and Brews Festival, sponsored by Auburn Savings Bank, will be held at Anniversary Park beginning at 1:00 pm. He reported on the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade that was held noting that it was a great event and he thanked staff for their work on the event. He noted that he will be speaking in front of the Legislative Committee on affordable housing on Thursday and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please send them to him beforehand.

Councilor Boss provided updates on the Auburn Public Library, the Ag Committee, and she also suggested that we create a forum on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the City.

Councilor MacLeod reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting.

Councilor Gerry asked if the City Manager was going to provide an update on the 9/11 ceremony.

Councilor Walker would like an update on the Chestnut Street Gully. The City Manager stated that this will appear on the City Council workshop agenda on September 20th.

Councilor Carrier reported that the Airport has hired an interim manager (Betty Ann Sheats) who will be filling in until a permanent director is hired. He also asked the City Manager to please direct the Police Department to hire additional staff to issue traffic citations to people that are exceeding the speed limit.

City Manager Crowell reported on the 9/11 20th Anniversary event that is scheduled for Saturday, the 11th at 8:15 am at Central Fire Station. He clarified that no action has been taken by LATC to eliminate bus routes at this time. He also noted that the Lake Auburn study has been delayed. He is hoping to see something soon and will make it available as soon as possible. He provided an update on traffic enforcement adding that they are working on that and allocating for additional officers. He also addressed issues with traffic backing up on Court Street and Western Avenue due to construction of the new ELHS that is taking place.

IX. Executive Session – None

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

City Manager Crowell opened by asking for nominations from the Council to appoint someone to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the temporary absence of Mayor Levesque.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to nominate Councilor Carrier to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. There were no other nominations. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. Mayor Levesque had an excused absence.

Pledge of Allegiance

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- 1. Order 100-09202021***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller Corp. located at 78 & 80 Hotel Road.
- 2. Order 101-09202021***
Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Co., LLC. located at 522 Washington Street.
- 3. Order 102-09202021***
Approving the appointment of Councilor Lasagna to the Maine Waste to Energy Committee.
- 4. Order 103-09202021***
Approving the appointment of Councilor MacLeod to the LA911 Committee.
- 5. Order 104-09202021***
Approving the appointment of Councilor Milks to the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.
- 6. Order 105-09202021***
Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilor Boss to the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the six consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – September 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – U.S. Constitution Week (September 17- September 23, 2021)
- Court Street Upgrades/50% Design – this presentation was postponed
- Announcing the creation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) ad hoc committee
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

In the absence of Mayor Levesque, he requested that Anne Parker be given a few moments to speak, in his stead, regarding John Jenkins and the naming of the Auburn-Lewiston footbridge after him.

Councilor Lasagna announced that on October 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm a Planning Board meeting is scheduled and there will be discussion on possible zoning changes, and on October 4th at the Senior Center there will be a question and answer period for the public to engage in, regarding proposed zoning changes.

Councilor Gerry also commented on the October 4th question and answer period on proposed zoning changes to be held at the Senior Center.

City Manager Crowell thanked Anne Parker for speaking and added that she has agreed to help promote and celebration the event that will be held for the naming of the bridge.

Assistant City Manager Wood presented slides on proposed ordinance/fee changes that were to be presented during the workshop.

IV. Open Session

Mike Farrell, formerly of 145 Eastman Lane commented on the late John Jenkins noting that he doesn't want anyone to forget that Mr. Jenkins had a big heart and was forgiving. He provided a letter to Councilors and asked that the Councilors acknowledge that they read the letter.

Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road and owner/operator of Valley View Farm and Chair of the Ag Committee provided an update on the work and progress of the Ag Committee.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 106-09202021

Approving the comprehensive plan updates on the Food and Agriculture Chapter. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 107-09202021

Approving the comprehensive plan updates to the transportation chapter. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 108-09202021

Appointing two Council Representatives to serve on the Mayor’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-hoc Committee.

Councilor Gerry nominated herself for the position.

Councilor Lasagna nominated herself for the position.

There were no other nominations.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks to appoint Councilors Gerry and Lasagna to serve on the Mayor’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-hoc Committee.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 109-09202021

Approving the Soccer Maine donation and agreement for use of the Futsal Court in Chestnut Street “Gully” Park as recommended by staff.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session

Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road and owner of Valley View Farm commented on a text message she stated that her husband received last week from Mayor Levesque which referenced her, and she read the text to the City Council.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Boss – thanked Kathy Shaw for her update on the Ag Committee. She also provided updates on the Auburn Public Library and reported on the Audit Committee meeting that was held last week.

Councilor Lasagna – thanked the Planning Board for the work they are doing and thanked the City Staff for their time, energy and thoughtful work on this issue as well.

Councilor MacLeod – Reported on the LATC meeting, and the School Building Committee informal meeting (a tour of the high school). He also added that the Auburn Public Library has great Tuesday afternoon programming for kids.

Councilor Milks – the Auburn Sewer District meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and the Water District meeting is scheduled on Wednesday. Both start at 4:00pm at the Water Department building.

Councilor Walker – announced that the United New Auburn Association will have a yard sale at Rolly's on Saturday from 9am until 2pm. He stated that he was glad that Anne Parker came in to speak, and he added that he did not mean to put a cloud on the dedication of the footbridge and that he was very sorry, it was not his intent.

Councilor Carrier – provided an update on the School Committee meeting and mask mandates.

City Manager Crowell – provided a reminder that there is no City Council meeting on October 4 but there is a question and answer session that night at the Senior Center on proposed zone changes. He also provided an update on the OSHA requirements on vaccination and testing for organizations with 100+ employees. He is waiting to hear more.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – August 2021 Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the August 2021 Monthly Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session

Personnel Matter (City Manager performance review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 8:03 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:20 pm.

X. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned following the executive session at 8:20 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Boss was absent. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. 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.

1. Order 110-10182021*

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Isaac LaBonte as Constable with Firearm for the City of Auburn.

2. Order 111-10182021*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,210.50 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Androscoggin Superior Court Docket No. CV-18-051 Kenneth Gardner.

3. Order 112-10182021*

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$150 Business License Fee for the Danville Junction Grange.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 6-0.

I. Minutes – September 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting as corrected. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Pedestrian Safety Month
- Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ARPA Ad hoc Committee Update
- Delivery of Final Lake Auburn Study Report
- Bring Auburn Back
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna announced that the Auburn Ag and Forestry Committees are holding a Farm Snapshot tour on Saturday between 10am and 1pm.

Councilor Walker announced that the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a baked bean luncheon at the Auburn Senior Community Center on Saturday from noon to 1:30pm.

City Manager Crowell reported that Senator Susan Collins was in Auburn touring the Fire Station and 911 Center on Friday. She had worked with staff to secure funding opportunities toward our radio system which is tied in with school system to provide emergency response directly from school staff personnel to the dispatch center. He also talked about additional funding to be used for public safety facilities, and lead abatement within the city.

IV. Open Session

Virginia Levasseur, 20 great falls plaza, regarding sweeping and snow removal in the parking lot by the esplanade.

Chris Moretto, Captain of the Fire Department spoke regarding ARPA funds and would like the City Council to consider compensating first responders with premium pay for their work during the pandemic.

Nick Gagnon, Auburn Police Department, also spoke regarding ARPA funds and would like to request hazard pay for first responders for their work during the pandemic.

Rudy Wing, 499 Penley Corner Road spoke regarding his property.

David Griswold 199 Gamage Avenue, provided information on the Riverwalk Story Walk exhibit. He also informed the Council that the Community Forest Board applied for a grant, Project Canopy and last week 12 Ginkgo trees were planted on Washington St with that grant.

The Mayor called a 10 minute recess.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 113-10182021

Amending the Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Chapter. Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Macleod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Ordinance 35-10182021

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Fees and Charges. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to strike the fees for jukeboxes, motion picture screens, pool halls, and roller-skating rinks.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to remove the fees for coin operated devices.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 35-10182021 as amended 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that he attended an international convention for Mayor's that was held in Greece. He then announced the grand opening of Reid's Gun Shop on Minot Avenue.

Councilor Carrier gave an update on the School Finance Committee meeting.

Councilor Walker reported that the United New Auburn Association and the Recreation Department will be holding a Trick or Treating event on Saturday the 30th in Anniversary Park in New Auburn.

Councilor Milks announced that the Sewer District will be meeting tomorrow at 4pm and the Water District will be meeting at 4pm on Wednesday, both at the Water District Building.

Councilor Macleod reported on the LATC meeting.

Councilor Lasagna provided an update on the Maine Waste to Energy meeting that she attended.

City Manager Crowell reported that we are still waiting for the OSHA rules on employers with over 100 employees. He also reported that he and Brian (Assistant City Manager) both attended the International City and County Manager's conference in early October, the sessions and training were fantastic.

Sue Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk provided an update on the election and absentee voting.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – September 2021

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 2021 Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

IX. Executive Session – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Passage 6-0. Time 8:32 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:42 pm.

X. Adjournment – motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 8:42 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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.

1. Order 114-11012021*

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the business license fee for the Edward Little Music Association.

2. Order 115-11012021*

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Zachary Roy as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Compensation for Elected Officials – Phil Crowell
- Proclamation – Extra Mile Day
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque reminded everyone that Veterans Day is coming up and there will be a ceremony held at the Veteran’s Memorial Park at 10:30 am. A grand opening will be held at noon at the new Staples Store on Union Street. He provided information regarding Sustainable Auburn. Brochures will be going out soon. He also provided an update on the requests from Auburn Fire and Police Departments regarding the consideration of hazard compensation to be covered with a portion of the ARPA funds.

Councilor Carrier stated that the Disabled American Veterans are holding an annual fundraiser helping at Shaw’s on Saturday and Sunday.

Councilor Lasagna asked about the status of the work being done on diversity, equity and inclusion in the City.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 35-10182021

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Fees and Charges. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Carrier to accept the changes as recommended by Assistant City Manager Wood. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed).

Passage as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Gerry opposed).

1. Ordinance 36-11012021

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 – Street Names & Numbering. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 37-11012021

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, General Assistance Maximums. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that MMA and the Governor’s Committee on affordable housing will soon have recommendations to present to the Legislature. He also reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and he encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, the successful Halloween event they hosted, and she thanked the staff for their help.

Councilor Lasagna – provided an update on the Maine Waste to Energy meeting that she attended.

Councilor Milks – reported that the Water and Sewer Districts proposed budgets are in, and there are no rate increases on either side. He provided an update on pipe replacement – the goal is two miles a year.

Councilor Walker – reported on the United New Auburn Association’s Halloween Event that took place on Saturday. He also announced that the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on another free Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Donations are welcome.

Councilor Gerry – commented on the ARPA meeting that was held before the workshop, and the BAB program.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the School Committee will be meeting 6pm on Wednesday, and on Thursday at 5:30 pm the Airport Board will be meeting here at Auburn Hall in the Community Room.

City Manager Crowell – provided an update on the work that is underway on diversity, equity and inclusion.

VIII. Executive Session – None

IX. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 8:02 pm.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Milks had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. 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.
 - 1. Order 116-11152021***
Accept the transfer of \$1,145.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-569 Jamil Dabson).
 - 2. Order 117-11152021***
Accept the transfer of \$1,037.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-299 Patrick Murico).
 - 3. Order 118-11152021***
Appointing Jason Agren to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 4. Order 119-11152021***
Appointing Preston Chapman to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 5. Order 120-11152021***
Appointing Trisha Fletcher to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 6. Order 121-11152021***
Appointing Jim Pittman to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 7. Order 122-11152021***
Appointing Robert Stone to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 8. Order 123-11152021***
Appointing Andrew Titus to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 9. Order 124-11152021***
Appointing William Welch to the Public Safety Building Ad hoc Committee as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
 - 10. Order 125-11152021***

Re-appointing Tim Cogle to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2023 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

11. Order 126-11152021*

Re-appointing Paula Curtis-Everett to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2023 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

12. Order 127-11152021*

Appointing Michael Thurston to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2026 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

13. Order 128-11152021*

Appointing Nicholas Gagnon to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2026 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the 13 consent items.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – November 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Extra Mile Recognition – Jolene Girouard and Todd Whitcomb were both recognized for their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service and were each presented with a plaque.
- Mayor Levesque read a proclamation for Small Business Saturday for 2021
- Communication - Residential Strip Zones (Eric Cousens)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna read the following and provided handouts to the Mayor and Council.

“Words have immense power to wound or to heal. The right words catalyze personal transformation and offer invitations to citizenship and community service. The wrong words stigmatize and dis-empower.”

~William White

- Substance use disorders are treatable and that recovery is a reality and possible for everyone, and provide opportunities to help people with substance use disorder achieve recovery
- We can never forget that the faces of substance use disorders are real people. They are a beloved family member, a friend, a colleague, and ourselves
- Substance use Disorder is a chronic medical condition characterized by clinically significant impairments in health, social function, and voluntary control over substance use. As such, they are

subject to relapse, and influenced by genetic, developmental, behavioral, social, and environmental factors. They are driven by changes in the brain:

- (1) enable substance-associated cues to trigger substance seeking (i.e., they increase incentive salience);
 - (2) reduce sensitivity of brain systems involved in the experience of pleasure or reward, and heighten activation of brain stress systems;
 - (3) reduce functioning of brain executive control systems, which are involved in the ability to make decisions and regulate one's actions, emotions, and impulses.
 - Supported scientific evidence shows that these changes in the brain persist long after substance use stops.
- People who suffer from substance use disorders (recovering or not) have essential worth and dignity
 - Shame and discrimination prevents many individuals from seeking help
 - By some estimates, it can take as long as 8 or 9 years after a person first seeks formal help to achieve sustained recovery
 - From Surgeon General: "stigma has created an added burden of shame that has made people with substance use disorders less likely to come forward and seek help. We must help everyone see that addiction is not a character flaw – it is a chronic illness that we must approach with the same skill and compassion with which we approach heart disease, diabetes, and cancer."

Mayor Levesque reported that he and the City Manager and a few of the Councilors attended the Veteran's Day event at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lewiston. He reminded everyone of the Veteran's reimbursement program that the City of Auburn offers. He reported that he attended the joint (LA Chamber of Commerce and City of Auburn) ribbon cutting at the new Staples building. He also provided an update on the Auburn Start Up Program.

IV. Open Session

Braden from Braden's Vegetable Stand stated that he farms his grandfather's land on Hatch Road. He said he had a great year with his squash and he would like to donate 75 pounds of butternut squash and three turkeys to the Senior group.

Councilor Gerry awarded the 2021 Bruce Gerry scholarship to Braden (\$100 towards his college education, the second \$100 to help him with his farming business).

Judy Harris would like to see the City of Auburn consider starting a botanical garden to teach young people about native plants.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 36-11012021

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 – Street Names & Numbering. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. **Ordinance 37-11012021**

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, General Assistance Maximums. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. **New Business**

1. **Order 129-11152021**

Approving the sale of surplus property of the Auburn Lewiston Airport in accordance with Article VIII of the Interlocal Agreement for the disposal of surplus property.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. **Ordinance 38-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (Mayor). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, Auburn resident commented that he would like to see this amended by requesting a lower amount.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to reduce the increase from \$7,000 to \$6,000. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Ordinance 39-11152021**

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. **Ordinance 40-11152021**

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 41-11152021

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 2, by adding section 2-441 compensation of the Regulatory Advisory Board. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 42-11152021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (City Council) effective 12/18/2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane commented that he would like to see this amended by requesting a lower amount (\$3,000) and would like to see it take effect immediately (December of 2021).

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 43-11152021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members effective 12/18/2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, Rubelite Lane commented that he would like to see this amended by reducing the amount to \$3,000 but would like to see it take effect immediately.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 44-11152021

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members effective 12/18/2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

9. Order 130-11152021

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Auburn School Department and Quirk Automotive, Corporation to create a playing field for Washburn Elementary School.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Gerry – thanked the woman that spoke regarding the botanical garden for coming forward with her suggestion.

Councilor MacLeod – reported that LATC and E911 will be meeting this Thursday.

City Manager Crowell – announced that the inauguration will be held on December 13th at the Auburn Senior Center, and planning is under way. He also provided an update on an equity and inclusion exercise that was done during a recent leadership team meeting. It was a great day with a lot of take-aways for staff.

Councilor Walker – reported that a Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for 18th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6pm. The Age Friendly Committee will be putting on another Thanksgiving dinner this year on November 25th.

Assistant City Manager Wood – provided an update on the Dec 4th Christmas parade and tree lighting. The parade will begin in New Auburn this year.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October 2021 Final Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to accept and place on file the October 2021 Final Finance report.

Passage 6-0.

IV. Executive Sessions

- Contract Negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time 8:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:56 pm.

- Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)

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Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time 8:56 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

- V. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 9:10 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes – November 15, 2021, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication from Kennebec Behavioral Health
- Communication from Mayor Levesque - Comprehensive Plan-Future Land Use & Strip zone information
- Presentation recognizing the service of Councilor Lasagna (2 terms), Councilor Boss (1 term), Councilor Carrier (2 terms), and Councilor MacLeod (1 term).
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna – wanted to give thanks to members of the community that have shown up time after time in support of the work they’ve done. She noted that it has been extremely meaningful and educational for the Council to hear from them.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 31-07192021

Amending the Low-Density Country Residential and Rural Residential Strips abutting the Agriculture/Resource Protection Zone from the current depth of 450 Feet from center line of the roadway to a depth of 750 Feet from the centerline of the roadway or the rear property boundary, whichever is less. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing:

Thomas Shields, Maple Hill Road had a number of questions regarding the proposed amendment. Why did Planning Board vote no on this? If a lot expanded 450 from road and add another 300 if the land allows, what is the purpose of that? How many houses and septic systems are going to be put there? He noted that adding further density to those kinds of places is difficult. He also wanted to know many house lots are on the map on the Maple Hill Road and Dillingham Hill Road area.

Fred Holler, 352 West Auburn Road, stated that this was the third time he has attended a public hearing on this and he hasn’t heard anyone that has talked in favor of this proposed amendment.

He said that he feels it is a major change for the city and would like more concern to be given on this matter.

Michael Heskanen, 380 Youngs Corner Road supports the Planning Board's recommendation to not approve this amendment.

Cynthia Alexander, 582 West Auburn Road, thanked the Council for all of the work they do and the time they put in. She stated that she agrees with all of the comments that have been made thus far. Comprehensive plan is focused on growth but doesn't consider all residents and where they are at. She stated that she values her privacy and would not want neighbors to build behind her home, and she would like to know how to get an exemption if this were to pass.

Sid Hazelton, 121 Conant Avenue and Auburn Water District Superintendent, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay zone. It would put the filtration waiver at risk. A study was done, and the zone changes were discouraged. A filtration system would cost approximately 40 million dollars.

Susan Brown, 152 Dillingham Hill Road stated that she was grateful that Sid Hazelton spoke.

Scott Alexander, 582 West Auburn Road stated that his land is not suitable for leach field, so his leach field is on someone else's land. By expanding his land to be buildable lot when it is not a buildable lot to begin with. He stated that his taxes would go up but there would be no value to him. He stated that he is very concerned, and very frustrated adding that a lot of thought should be given to how it will be developed.

Mike Parent, 275 Dillingham Hill Road said that he thinks this proposed amendment is discriminating to people who chose to buy and live in those areas.

Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road said that she has talked to a lot of longtime residents of the city, one person told her that when she first moved here 35,000 acres were protected in the agriculture resource protection zone, now we have approximately 18,000 acres that are protected and they are talking about removing another 1,000 acres. She said she understands why people are frustrated - they are seeing land being taken from them to raise taxes.

Bill Sylvester, 1128 South River Road said he Feels this should be in the comprehensive plan. He serves on the Agriculture Committee and they did not recommend a zone change. He stated that this is a poor time to be making decisions about zoning in any town or city due.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road stated that he is also frustrated and feels the agricultural resource protection areas are being squeezed out.

Steve Damian, 703 South Witham Road stated that the Planning Board did a good job voting against passing this at this time, adding that he is opposed to the proposed change.

Michael Morrissey, 825 Perkins Ridge Road stated that he is opposed to the proposed change, adding that the proposed changes in the watershed protection zone will poison our water system.

Carl Skilling, 1425 Riverside Drive, stated that people use his land to recreate. He said he did not buy the property to have a bunch of houses around him and he would like the things to stay as is.

Chuck Naum, 968 Perkins Ridge Road stated that he is already at the 750 feet but he does not support proposal adding that we should listen to our Planning Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Boss to postpone this item indefinitely.

Passage to postpone indefinitely, 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 38-11152021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (Mayor) effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend by including an effective date of 1-1-2022.

The vote was 3-3-1 (Councilors Boss, MacLeod, Gerry opposed, Councilor Milks abstained) resulting in a tie vote and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, the Mayor voted to break the tie vote, voting in favor of the amendment. Amendment passes.

Passage of the ordinance as amended 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, MacLeod, and Milks opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 39-11152021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion as made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to include an effective date of 1-1-2022 and the full amount of \$4,000 annually.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors MacLeod and Gerry opposed).

Passage of the ordinance as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 40-11152021

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend to include an effective date of 1-1-2022 and the full amount of \$1,200 annually.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry Opposed).

Passage of the ordinance as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 41-11152021

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 2, by adding section 2-441 compensation of the Regulatory Advisory Board. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 42-11152021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-25 Salaries (City Council) effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend to include an effective date of 1-1-2022 and the full amount of \$4,000 annually

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Milks, Gerry, and MacLeod opposed).

Passage of the ordinance as amended 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Gerry, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 43-11152021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Sec. 2-382 Salaries of school committee members effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod, no second.

Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

8. Ordinance 44-11152021

Amending Chapter 2 - Administration, Division 4 – Planning Board, Sec. 2-466 by adding section (f) compensation of Planning Board members effective 12/18/2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod, no second.

Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 45-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III – Fire Code. Sec. 20-55. - Appeals. public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 46-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, by adding Sec. 20-84 – Permits; requirements. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 47-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 20-32 – Fees for service. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 48-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A: Fees; Fire Prevention and Protection. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 131-12062021

Amending the City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2: Adopting a revised Future Land Use Plan. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

6. Order 132-12062021

Authorizing the allocation of APRA funds for the procurement of a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 133-12062021

Authorizing the allocation of ARPA funds for the Museum L/A Expansion Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by reducing the amount from \$1.5 million to \$1 million to Museum LA and \$500,000 to Community Little Theater.

Motion failed 2-5 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, MacLeod, Milks, and Carrier opposed). A roll call vote was taken as requested by Councilor Gerry.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend to not exceed \$1.5 million but not fall below \$500,000.

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Milks, Gerry, and Walker opposed).

Passage of the order as amended 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

8. Order 134-12062021

Authorizing the allocation of ARPA funds for Premium Pay for first responders (Police and Fire).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 135-12062021

Authorizing the allocation of \$50,000 of ARPA funds to conduct a study of the Tot Lot Revitalization Project.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by allocating the \$50,000 to the study and any remaining money to be used to implement the program as decided by the Committee.

Motion failed 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend to allocate the \$50,000 for the study and any money not used for the study will be allocated toward the implementation of the study with the final approval of the City Council.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of the order as amended 7-0.

10. Order 136-12062021

Authorizing the allocation of \$150,000 of ARPA funds to conduct a water quality initiative of the Lake Grove Municipal Beach.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 137-12062021

Approving the allocation of Auburn's portion in ARPA funds to install a backbone dark fiber network.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 138-12062021

Approving the collective bargaining agreement for Police Patrol/Detectives.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 139-12062021

Approving the collective bargaining agreement for the Police Command Unit.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 140-12062021

Approving the \$1,500 budget request for the Agriculture Committee to cover operating and incidental committee costs.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by approving a one-time payment to the Agriculture Committee in the amount of \$200 to cover costs of events that have already taken place this year.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of the order as amended 7-0.

15. Resolve 04-12062021

Supporting the Climate Plan action goal.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Milks opposed, Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

VII. Open Session

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library commented that she did not see Library Avenue allocation (ARPA funds) on tonight's agenda adding that the road is getting worse.

Tim Cowan, President of the Community Little Theater, thanked the Council for their supportive comments tonight, adding that they will be coming forward to present a plan.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported on the Christmas tree lighting, and thanked everyone involved, the City of Lewiston will be holding their Inauguration on January 3, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Our inauguration is scheduled for December 13th at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Councilor Carrier – stated that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone, and he encouraged people to get involved.

Councilor Boss – echoed Councilor Carrier’s sentiment stating it has been an incredible 2 years on the Council and on the Planning Board the year before that. She thanked everyone for the work and collaboration. She also encouraged involvement.

Councilor Lasagna – she said over the last 4 years, she was glad to be able to be part of this group and working with a stellar city staff, adding that Auburn did a really good job with the pandemic and she is very proud of the work that she and the Council have done.

Councilor MacLeod – reported that there is a LATC meeting on the 9th, also echoed what other councilors said about the experience of the last two years on the Council.

Councilor Milks – announced that the Water and Sewer Districts have a joint meeting on their budgets on this coming Wednesday.

City Manager Crowell – wanted to mention that the Auburn Business Association is a big part of the events that take place and getting things done. He provided an update on the Sustainable Auburn Program.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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.

1. Order 141-12202021*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's board and committee appointments.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the one consent item.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – December 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Mayoral Appointments
- Hydro Power Communications
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Walker announced that the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a New Years Day celebration at noon time at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

Councilor Whiting stated that the Auburn Nordic Ski Association is open for cross country skiing.

Mayor Levesque reminded everyone about the upcoming New Year's Eve event that is to be held on Friday, December 31st on Main Street in Auburn.

IV. Open Session

Walter Reynolds, Public Works Department employee stated that a proposal has been put together, for the City Council to consider, requesting additional compensation from ARPA funds for PW employees that worked during the pandemic.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 45-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III – Fire Code. Sec. 20-55. - Appeals. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry 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. Ordinance 46-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, by adding Sec. 20-84 – Permits; requirements. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 47-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 20-32 – Fees for service. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 48-12062021

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A: Fees; Fire Prevention and Protection. Second 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.

VI. New Business

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to authorize the City Manager to take any action necessary to effectuate an agreement with the State regarding apportionment of funds from the Opioid litigation. This is Order 147-12202021.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 142-12202021

Approving the Mass Gathering permit for the New Year's Eve event. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 143-12202021

Approving the liquor license for the New Year's Eve event. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 144-12202021

Approving the amendments to the Auburn-Lewiston Local Cable TV Operations Interlocal Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 145-12202021

Establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the City standard for incident management.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 146-12202021

Amending Order 132-12062021 previously adopted by the City Council on 12/06/2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Staples abstained).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque announced that he has taken the Mayor’s seat on the School Committee, their first meeting was on Wednesday and it went well.

Councilor Milks stated that the Water and Sewer budgets were approved last week at a public meeting.

Manager Crowell stated that the budget process has started and is in full swing. A workshop will be held with the Council to provide them with information regarding access to our Munis system which will be available to them. Tablets will be handed out to new councilors as soon as possible. He provided an update on staffing challenges, and policies relating to COVID and he thanked staff for doing a fantastic job to ensure that services are still being provided.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – November 2021 Final Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to accept and place on file the November 2021 Final Finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IV. Executive Sessions - None

V. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Time 7:48 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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. Councilor Hawes had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. **Order 01-01032022***
Confirming Chief Moen’s Constable Appointments.
2. **Order 02-01032022***
Re-appointing Brian Bachelder as the Local Sealer of Weights and Measures.
3. **Order 03-01032022***
Changing the date of the second regular City Council meeting in January from January 24, 2022 to January 18, 2022 due to the holiday.
4. **Order 04-01032022***
Setting the time to open the polls for all 2022 elections at 7:00 am.

Councilor Staples requested that item 3 be removed from the consent agenda and moved to new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the 3 remaining consent items.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – December 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Swearing in Officer Logan Rossignol
- Planning Board reasons for recommendations for residential strips
- Communication – Mayor Appointments
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque – reported that he is working on an executive summary on the New Year’s Eve Auburn event adding that it was a success. He stated that there are vacancies on the Planning Board, and provided an update on the current legislative session.

Councilor Walker – reported back on the New Year’s Day event at Senior Center put on by the Age Friendly Committee, adding that it was a success and he thanked the sponsors for their contributions.

Councilor Whiting – reported that the Auburn Nordic Ski Association is still functioning in spite of warm weather.

Councilor Gerry – Commented on the Age Friendly New Year’s Day event that was held at the Senior Center adding that it was a successful event.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda per the request of Councilor Staples.

Order 03-01032022

Changing the date of the second regular City Council meeting in January from January 24, 2022 to January 18, 2022 due to the holiday.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

1. Order 05-01032022

Directing staff to forward proposed zone changes to the Planning Board for consideration and review pursuant to Chapter 60, Article XVII Division 2 of City Ordinances.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting to amend by prioritizing bullets A, B, and C, and reviewing bullet D (Subsurface Wastewater Disposal in the Lake Auburn Watershed) last.

Passage 6-0.

Passage of Order 05-01032022 as amended 6-0.

2. Ordinance 01-01032022

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinance, Sec. 2-58. Time and place of regular meetings. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 02-01032022

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinance, Sec. 2-430. Membership; responsibility (Regulatory Advisory Board). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 06-01032022

Amending the Board and Committee Appointment Policy as recommended by staff.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that the School Committee will be holding a workshop tomorrow followed by their regular meeting on Wednesday.

Councilor Morin reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday.

Councilor Walker provided an update on Maine Waste to Energy.

Councilor Staples noted that the Auburn Public Library Board didn't meet in December.

City Manager Crowell thanked staff for their presentations, as well as thanking the staff members that worked over the holidays with the New Year's Eve event and the storm that we had Christmas Day. He added that there have been challenges with the work force, like

many other businesses out there. We have several vacancies, which also impacts overtime. He also encouraged members of the public who are looking for employment to look at our vacancies page on our website. Last, he provided a COVID update, and the CDC changes on returning to work.

- IX. Executive Session** - Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C)
Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0, time 7:40 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:05 pm.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

- I. 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.

- 1. Order 07-01182022***
Appointing Brian Dubois to the Planning Board as a full member with a term expiration of 1-1-2025.

- 2. Order 08-01182022***
Appointing Toni Ferraro to the Planning Board as full member with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

- 3. Order 09-01182022***
Appointing Joshua Daigle to the Planning Board as an associate member with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

- 4. Order 10-01182022***
Appointing Kathy Shaw to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of 6-1-2022.

- 5. Order 11-01182022***
Appointing James Timoney to the Auburn-Lewiston Airport Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

- 6. Order 12-01182022***
Re-appointing Patricia Madore to the 9-1-1 Committee with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

- 7. Order 13-01182022***
Re-appointing Jennifer Kimble to the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10-1-2025.

- 8. Order 14-01182022***
Appointing Tina Eugley to the Age Friendly Committee with a term expiration of 6-1-2023.

- 9. Order 15-01182022***
Appointing Pam Rousseau to the Agriculture Committee with a term expiration of 4-1-2024.

10. Order 16-01182022*

Appointing David Gonyea to the ad hoc Public Safety Building Committee.

Councilor Whiting requested that the three Planning Board appointments (items 1, 2, and 3) be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage of the remaining 7 consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication from the Agriculture Committee – Kathy Shaw presented
- Budget Portal Presentation – this item was canceled
- Police Overview – Chief Moen presented
- EMS Status / Fire Overview – Chief Chase presented
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque announced that he will be giving a presentation to the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) on zoning and housing availability via Zoom. He will provide more information as it becomes available. He announced that the Winter Festival will take place January 27, 28, 29, 30th with events taking place throughout the city. More information can be found on the Recreation Department website. He also read a statement he prepared on Recruitment and Staffing for various departments within the City and School Department. He will bring this forward for a vote at the February 7th as part of the ARPA incentive.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 01-01032022

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinance, Sec. 2-58. Time and place of regular meetings. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 02-01032022

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinance, Sec. 2-430. Membership; responsibility (Regulatory Advisory Board). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend by adding the following language: ***“Persons appointed by the city council to serve on other boards, agencies, panels, and or commissions shall not serve concurrently on the Regulatory Advisory Board”***.

Passage of amendment 6-1 (Councilor Staples opposed).

Passage as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

The following three items were removed from the Consent Agenda and added under New Business per the request of Councilor Whiting.

Order 07-01182022

Appointing Brian Dubois to the Planning Board as a full member with a term expiration of 1-1-2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Order 08-01182022

Appointing Toni Ferraro to the Planning Board as full member with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by replacing Toni Ferraro with Stephen Martelli.

Motion to amend failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed).

Ms. Ferrarro was in the audience and was asked if she would like to address the Council. She provided them with an overview of her background and qualifications and stated that she feels she is qualified and capable to serve on the Planning Board.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Order 09-01182022

Appointing Joshua Daigle to the Planning Board as an associate member with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Whiting and Gerry opposed).

1. Order 17-01182022

Adopting the revised CDBG-CV Budget as presented. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 18-01182022

Adopting a remote meeting policy pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 403-B.
Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to temporarily suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Staples opposed). A motion to suspend the rules requires a three-fifths vote.

VII. Open Session

Kathy Shaw, Sopers Mill Road stated that she is working on creating a small farmers market in Auburn this season.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the School Committee meetings, another is scheduled for tomorrow. He has been nominated as Chair of the Finance Department for the School Department.

Councilor Walker commented that Stephen Martelli was ok with not being reappointed at this time.

Councilor Whiting reported that all trails are open at the Auburn Nordic Ski Association.

Councilor Gerry reported that the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting tomorrow for their regular meeting.

Councilor Morin provided an update on the Airport Board.

City Manager Crowell reported that the Legislative Policy Committee (through Maine Municipal Association) will begin the process to review proposed bills, beginning January 20th. The FY 23 budget process is underway, budget meetings will begin next week with all departments. He spoke about staffing challenges we are facing, adding that they are working with the Human Resource Department on this. Absences due to COVID are also impacting us in various departments, currently the Tax Office. We are reducing the hours and closing between 1-2pm so staff is able to take a lunch break. The ice rinks are going up at Anniversary Park and the Futsal Court, and last, he noted that the Public Works Department has used roughly 50% of the salt supply due to weather and icy conditions.

December 2021 Final Monthly Report – this item is postponed until the first meeting of February due to the absence of the Finance Director.

IX. Executive Sessions:

Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C) – taken up during the Council workshop.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C) – no longer needed.

Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D) – taken up during the Council workshop.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Workshop items that we did not get to during the workshop were carried over to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

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1. Order 19-02072022*

Appointing a representative (City Manager, Phil Crowell) and alternate (Assistant City Manager, Brian Wood) to vote at the Maine service Centers Coalition business meetings.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the one consent item.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Conservation Commission Communication/Update – Sam Boss (annual report)
- Auburn Public Library Overview – Mamie Anthoine Ney
- City Clerk Overview – Sue Clements-Dallaire
- Community and Business Development Overview – Glenn Holmes
- Planning Overview – Eric Cousens
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Whiting noted that there is a new exhibit at Museum L-A.

Councilor Walker provided information on the upcoming Snow Ball event scheduled for Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2022 at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

IV. Open Session:

David Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue announced that next Thursday at 7:00 pm a webinar will be held in lieu of the regular Forest Board meeting focusing on Browntail

moths and other invasive insects featuring speaker Allison Kanoti. There will be a follow up Saturday the 19th with a field session.

V. Unfinished Business – None

The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess.

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 01-02072022

Approving the Auburn Water District \$2 million dollar bond to be used for pipe replacement.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 20-02072022

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate for the purchase of property located at 424 Mt. Auburn Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 21-02072022

Approving the ARPA funding allocation for Employee Retention.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend with the following language:

Ordered, that the Auburn City Council hereby approves the allocation of \$565,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support the premium pay and retention efforts for Municipal employees.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 21-02072022 as amended 7-0.

4. Order 22-02072022

Approving the ARPA funding allocation for Information Technology (IT).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Staples abstained).

5. Order 23-02072022

Approving the ARPA funding allocation for water and sewer studies and implementation stemming from studies.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Ordinance 03-02072022

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article XIV, Taxi Cabs. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

The Mayor asked to dispense of the second reading on two separate days, which requires a unanimous vote of the Councilors present and voting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 04-02072022

Amending Auburn's Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Fees and Charges. Public hearing and first reading.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

The Mayor asked to dispense of the second reading on two separate days, which requires a unanimous vote of the Councilors present and voting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 05-02072022

Adopting a Disorderly House ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. Ordinance 06-02072022

Board and Committee restructure Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing:

Sam Boss, Chair of the Conservation Commission highlighted a few points that he would like the Council to consider. He asked how the appointment process will work, adding that he would like to see current members be retained as part of the restructure. He noted that a change in the language of the proposed ordinance before them reflects a change the focus by changing the Agriculture Committee to the Natural Product Committee noting that he would like to see the Council restore the language and focus on food and agriculture.

Dave Griswold echoed the statements brought up by the previous speaker, Sam Boss. He also added that the inclusion of a sustainability working group with the idea of adding a sustainability manager to the staff is a plus. He noted that the priorities that were a focus in the past of promoting local agriculture and local food seem to be omitted in the proposed draft before them. He said we should retain the verbiage of agriculture and forestry.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the Natural Products Working Group title to Natural Products and Agriculture Working Group and to add section "g" to promote local food supply and address local hunger issues.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Passage as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting to suspend rules and add item to the agenda.

Passage 7-0.

Ordered that the Council hereby approves the allocation of \$250,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support the evaluation and analysis of transportation efforts throughout the city and the region.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – There were no members of the public present.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque noted that there are a lot of meetings going on, a lot of positives, he is working at State level on legislative issues. He reported on the School Committee adding that he is impressed with the level of professionalism and analytics used. He stated that he sits on Curriculum Committee as well as the Finance Committee for the School Department.

Councilor Staples reported that the Auburn Library board met on January 25th, their next meeting February 22nd via zoom, and LATC will be meeting on Thursday at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

City Manager Crowell reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, February 22nd. Planning for the naming of the John Jenkins footbridge will be underway soon. Staff is watching the winter operations closely adding that storms have been challenging, and overtime is up. The Public Safety Building Committee is meeting weekly, and things are moving along. There is a Planning meeting tomorrow, there is still time to register to participate via zoom.

Finance Director Eastman, December 2021 Monthly Finance Report.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting to accept and place on file the December 2021 Monthly Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

- IX. Executive Session** - Economic Development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C) was not needed.
- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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. Councilor Morin had an excused absence. All Councilors were present.

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1. Order 24-02222022*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Timothy Robinson as Constable with Firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 25-02222022*

Appointing Kathy Shaw to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of 6-1-2022.

3. Order 26-02222022*

Appointing Paul Jacques to the Planning Board as associate member with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

4. Order 27-01182022*

Re-appointing Steve Ness to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2026.

5. Order 28-01182022*

Appointing Eric Gould to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2026.

6. Order 29-01182022*

Re-appointing Dan Bilodeau to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2026.

Consent item #5 was removed from the consent agenda and added to New Business at the request of Councilor Gerry.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage of the 5 remaining consent items.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – February 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – Bettyann Sheats
- Age Friendly Committee Update – Jan Biron and Leroy Walker
- Public Works Department Overview – Denis D’Auteuil and Scott Holland
- Communications Overview – Liz Allen
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque announced the winners of the Start Up Auburn program, all new businesses in our community, as follows:

Customer Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness – Jennifer Frazier
L/A Taco’s - Katie Lemieux
Sugar and Spice Baking - Emily Maines.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-02072022

Adopting a Disorderly House ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 06-02072022

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V. Boards, Commissions and Committees by striking Division 5 Conservation Commission and Division 8, Agriculture Committee and replacing Division 5 with Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 30-02222022

Amending Tambrands II Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:50 pm. No one from the public spoke. Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:50 pm.

Passage 6-0.

3. Ordinance 07-02072022

Adopting a moratorium on development proposals involving Public Safety Facilities, Detention Facilities, or Correctional Facilities at a site on which one currently does not exist. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke. The letter below was submitted to the City Council.

Dear City Officials:

I am writing in regard to the news that the property located at the former Evergreen Subaru, 770 Center St.(including residential properties on two adjacent streets), are to be purchased by the Androscoggin County Sheriffs.

I have been the sole owner of my home on 8, Joline Dr. (that abuts the Evergreen property) since 1975. As a result of zoning changes over the years, numerous businesses were developed in my surroundings. These businesses are quiet retail operations that close shop during evening hours. The potential approval of this sale to Androscoggin County Sheriffs, would be disruptive and out of character in this location of the City for a number of reasons:

1. This facility would greatly depreciate the value of my property and that of other homes in the neighborhood as it would result in cruiser activity back and forth, and a future jail enclosed with barbwire fencing to house people who are being incarcerated.

2. A County law enforcement operation located at the former Evergreen with included properties, would lower living standards that I am accustomed to as a home owner at this location, as well to others in this neighborhood.,

3. Having the Sheriff offices with a future proposed county jail, would be disruptive as these facilities will be in operation twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. No other businesses on Center Street, or the adjacent shopping malls, (other than possibly gas stations), stay open beyond normal business hours. Such an operation would create

noise from cruiser sirens at all hours, increase traffic congestion in already heavily travelled Joline and Center Streets.

4. Such a facility would change the character of this neighborhood and surrounding businesses including many homes, St Dominic and CMTC schools, St. Mary's medical center, the new built apartments on the corner of Gracelawn Ave., and the John Murphy offices adjacent to Evergreen properties. A facility that incarcerates people will not blend inconspicuously nor will it enhance the character of this area of the Auburn community!

5. I am as well concerned for my security and that of the above mentioned entities. Though Maine has a low crime rate, there has been an increase in violence against law enforcement nationwide. Though one would think that having a Sheriff's department close by would provide a greater sense of security, it could also happen that law enforcement could become the target of riots and harm, or it could happen that persons who are incarcerated escape from jail into the neighborhood causing danger to its inhabitants.

The recent newspaper article gives me the impression that the Androscoggin County Sheriffs have not done due diligence to finding a more suitable location for their operation so as to have less impact on these particular surroundings that in my view are unsuitable for their operation.

Please give your consideration to my concerns.

*Suzanne Roy
8, Joline Drive, Auburn*

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to strike the language in the first paragraph under Section 1. Moratorium Declared that states: ***"at a site on which one currently does not exist"***.

Motion to amend failed 2-4 (Councilors Whiting, Hawes, Milks, and Walker opposed).

Eric Samson, Androscoggin County Sheriff spoke. He stated that the project has been put on pause for the next phase of the project. At this time Harriman and Associates is looking forward to working with the City if this moratorium passes. He added that there is no jail being proposed or built. He also stated that because they are purchasing a facility on land and repurposing it, ARPA funding would apply which would not be the case if they were to purchase land and build a new facility.

Passage of Ordinance 07-02222022 5-1 (Councilor Staples opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Order 28-02222022 – Appointing Eric Gould to the Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2026. This item was removed from the consent agenda to be taken up under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Passage 6-0, time 8:04 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:21 pm.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker replace the appointment of Eric Gould with KC Geiger.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Hawes, Milks, and Staples opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, the Mayor voted to break the tie vote and voted in opposition).

Passage of order 28-02222022 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Walker opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, the Mayor voted to break the tie vote and voted in support).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque announced that the next School Committee Finance and Curriculum meetings are coming up on March 2nd.

Councilor walker announced that there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Sixth Street Congregational Church in New Auburn.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director - January 2022 Final Monthly Report will be presented at the next Council meeting (March 7, 2022). Finance Director Eastman was not present at the meeting.

IX. Executive Sessions:

Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0, time in 8:25 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:42 pm.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0, time 8:42 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:51 pm.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 31-03072022*

Re-appointing Jonathan LaBonté to the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company Board of Directors with a three-year term of April 2022 - April 2025.

2. Order 32-03072022*

Authorizing Jason Levesque to vote the shares held by any shareholder for the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – February 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- New Auburn Lewiston Airport Manager – James Scheller
- Auburn Ski Association Communication
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque announced that they are drafting a new ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Fund for outdoor recreation, he noted that he is looking at reforming the Mayor's Ad-hoc Committee for ARPA Projects.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 07-02222022

Adopting a moratorium on development proposals involving Public Safety Facilities, Detention Facilities, or Correctional Facilities at a site on which one currently does not exist. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Staples opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 33-03072022

Authorizing the fee waiver for Police Department detail coverage for the Trek Across Maine event.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 34-03072022

Authorizing loans of up to \$1,298,488 through the State School Revolving Renovation Fund. First reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of five at the second and final reading.*

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 35-03072022

Approving the TIF #26 North River Road Apartments Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing Development Program. **Public hearing and vote.**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:13 pm. No one from the public spoke. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:13 pm.

Passage 7-0.

4. Ordinance 08-03072022

Amending the Zoning Map and Adjusting Article XII, Division 4, Sec. 60-951 Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District Map. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing:

Ben Lounsbury, 505 West Auburn Road spoke on behalf of his wife who noted something should be done with the gravel site that would be the best use for the City of Auburn? She also had comments regarding water quality.

Joan Wenzel, 767 West Auburn Road thanked the Mayor and Councilors for their continued efforts. She noted that there has to be a strong protection effort on all fronts for our Lake. She questioned why there is a push to rezone this area and who would benefit from this?

Steven Beal, 575 Johnson Road made comments on a memo including maps that were generated by the Planning Department adding that he hoped all Councilors have read it. He said he would like to see more detail on where the waterflow goes.

Mary Ann Norcross, 47 Woodlawn Avenue commented that development should not be considered in the watershed. She said she is aware that this is not in the watershed, but it is close to it and is concerned about the effects it will have on the water quality.

Fred Holler, 352 West Auburn Road spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance. He had the latest study which cautions developing near the watershed. He also spoke about proposed legislation that could potentially take zoning out of the hands of the Municipalities and put into the hands of State government.

Carrie Myrick, 1010 Summer Street spoke about the study and would like the consultants to come back to speak to the public and answer any questions the public has regarding the study.

Peggy Volock, 395 North Auburn Road asked how you change the dimensions of the watershed?

Peter Dingley, 1017 Summer stated that we paid \$100,000 for the study, and we are proposing doing the opposite of what the study recommends by developing it which would result in having to put in a treatment plan which they will have to pay for.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend to exclude the southwest quarter from this proposed zone change.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed).

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Staples, Gerry, and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 09-03072022

Approving an amendment to the Zoning Map (Washington Street/Minot Avenue area) from General Business and Industrial to Formed Based Code Downtown Traditional Center T-5.1. **Public hearing and first reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – someone asked what this ordinance was about. She did not provide her name or address.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 10-03072022

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-1070, Submission requirements (phosphorus standards). **Public hearing and first reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for this vote).

7. Order 36-03072022

Directing staff to draft residential zone amendments consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and to direct the Planning Board to review, hold public hearings on the proposed zone changes and forward recommendations to the Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 37-03072022

Allocating \$500,000 of ARPA funds to relocate and expand the Business and Community Development Department (95 Main St.).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – Maureen O’Brien, 42 Winter Street stated that she did not like how items are presented to the public.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 38-03072022

Approving the allocation of \$500,000 of ARPA funds to create and Economic Development Revolving Loan Pool.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 39-03072022

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Authorizing the reallocation of ARPA funds to expand the Sustainable Auburn Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque provided an update on the School Budget. They still continue to meet. Currently they are at .58 increase to the mil rate, however they are in the beginning stages and will continue to work on this. He also provided an update on the Sustainability & Natural Resources Board. He will be nominating Councilor Walker to serve as his designee on that board. Last, he provided a brief update on some proposed legislative bills they are watching.

Councilor Staples reported that LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) will be meeting on Thursday at 5:30 via Zoom.

City Manager Crowell reported on the City/School partnership as it pertains to transportation. Regular updates will be provided. Budget discussions will begin soon.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2022 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin to accept and place on file the January 2022 Final Monthly Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions:

Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker not present for the vote), time 8:40 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:54 pm.

Contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting to enter into executive session.

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Passage 7-0, time 8:54 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:00 pm.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 40-03212022*

Appointing David Griswold to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2025.

2. Order 41-03212022*

Appointing Ralph Harder to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2024.

3. Order 42-03212022*

Appointing William Sylvester to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2024.

4. Order 43-03212022*

Appointing Jane Costlow to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2023.

5. Order 44-03212022*

Re-appointing Karen Scammon as the City Assessor with a term expiration of January 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the five consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Sports Facilities Management Study – Marc Gosselin, Jeremy Gatcomb, & Suzy Fisher (Sports Facilities Company)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque announced that he has called a Special Meeting for Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm. There is no School Committee meeting on Wednesday and the School Department is still working on their FY23 budget.

IV. Open Session

Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Road, commented on the watershed boundaries and wanted to know if there was going to be a public hearing or comment period before the Council vote on the watershed item.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, commented on the Taylor Pond watershed in Comprehensive plan which proposes 16 units per acre adding that she is very concerned about that. She stated that it is an endangered pond and she wants to be sure everyone is aware of the changing of the zoning of the Watershed of Taylor pond.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 08-03072022

Amending the Zoning Map and Adjusting Article XII, Division 4, Sec. 60-951 Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District Map. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment

Neria Douglass, former Councilor, stated that she would like to see this item go to referendum adding that this amendment will have long term ramifications for the lake and residents of Auburn and Lewiston.

Stephen Beal, referenced an email that he sent to the Planning and Permitting Department, noting that questions have come up and Council should have the questions and answers before them before taking a second vote on this. He stated that he went out to the site to look around the area. Ward 1 Councilor Richard Whiting joined him. He commented on the terrain and water run-off in that area.

Sam Boss, chair of Conservation Working Group said the working group met and discussed the environmental impact of potential development in this area which raised a lot of questions which were included in this evening's agenda packet. After receiving responses from staff, a few additional questions came up. Should the City Owned landfill area be excluded from this proposed re-zoning amendment and how will surface water at the site be managed.

Peggy Volock, 395 North Auburn Road, stated that the zoning changes that are proposed are based on old studies that were done adding that when the 1993 study was done, part of conclusion was that correlations between the bedrock fracture analysis and the geophysical survey illustrate that there is potential for contamination of Lake Auburn via the bedrock aquifer and any change of topography will change the waterflow and any

development there would change the topography. She said she is really concerned and asked, why do we have to cut this one piece out and why does it have to be rezoned for industry when there is a mall down the street that is half empty. She closed by adding that Lake Auburn is currently listed on the Maine DEP Chapter 502 list of lakes most at risk for development and urged the Council to please keep that in mind.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road spoke about granite fractures and how water runs through them and said if they choose to change the zoning they are going to be responsible for the destruction of Lake Auburn.

Peter Dingley, Summer Street said the survey that was done on the gravel pit was done a while ago and a lot of excavation has been done since. He said he would like council to reconsider this and think about at least having a new survey done.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to a date uncertain until after another hydrogeology study and study of the materials dumped in the landfill can be done.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by excluding the landfills (159 Gracelawn Road) plus 100 foot around them from the proposed amendment.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 08-03072022 as amended, 4-3 (Councilors Staples, Gerry, and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 09-03072022

Approving an amendment to the Zoning Map (Washington Street/Minot Avenue area) from General Business and Industrial to Formed Based Code Downtown Traditional Center T-5.1. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 10-03072022

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-1070, Submission requirements (phosphorus standards). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road said she hopes this means they will not increase density in these areas.

Mona Murphy, 539 Lake Street said she feels that the proposed amendment has a major effect on the citizens who haven't been well informed.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to change the 575 square footage requirement by adding language that any new construction over 200 feet that requires submission of application or permit.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance, 10-03072022 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 34-03072022

Authorizing loans of up to \$1,298,488 through the State School Revolving Renovation Fund. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 11-03212022

Zoning Amendment Court Street/City Core of Urban Residential Area; 1,687.41 acres of Urban Residential to Traditional Neighborhood Development District Areas (T-4.2). First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend that all bed and breakfast establishments allowed only with special exception from the Planning Board.

Passage 7-0.

Councilor Gerry asked that the Councilors get a printed copy of all of the upcoming proposed amendments on this issue. The Mayor called for a five minute recess to do so.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend to state that residential facilities be allowed only with special exception.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that lodging houses be allowed only with special exceptions.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that personal services are allowed only with special exceptions.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that age restricted retail will not be allowed.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that restaurants with over 30 seats will not be allowed.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that government offices with special exceptions.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state for parking requirements to read one space per dwelling unit unless there is municipal or private off-street parking within 500 feet of the property.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that under commercial use to read any business and retail use limited to 1500 square foot footprint and must have an upper floor residential unit, with no drive through access.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to include a provision capping density at no more than 14 dwelling units per NET acres unless special exemption is granted by the Planning Board.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Whiting for the second reading to include an addendum to lists any parcel ID that is owned in whole or in part any individual, LLC, or holding company by any elected official in the City of Auburn as well as the Planning Board member.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed).

Public comment

Ryan Smith, 11 Harris Street, stated that he is directly affected by this proposed zoning amendment and noted that although he is mostly in favor of it, he thinks it is reckless on the multi-family aspect. He said we should not be telling people that 12-unit apartment complexes were not financially feasible. He also commented on a proposed 60-unit apartment complex going before the Planning Board at 555 Court Street and expressed concern that it appears we are accelerating the second reading and rushing this through.

Denis Bergeron, 23 Dexter Avenue stated that he can't comment on the merits of this proposal yet. He questioned why we're calling it the first reading when there is nothing in writing. He recommends this goes back to the Planning Board.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, said what was proposed from the Planning Board was to adopt T.4.2, is this an amendment to that? He noted that the public deserves to know when there is a massive zoning change being proposed. He referenced the State statute on zoning amendments.

Brian Cullen, 166 Everett Road, said he hasn't studied the proposed zoning change, and asked why we're proposing this change and how will these changes address the local housing issues and what is the benefit to the residents of Auburn.

Jessica Klimek, Amberly Way/Briarcliff Knoll area resident spoke in support of the amendment and would like to provide additional housing options for the community. She asked that the City Council stand true to the commitments outlined in the comprehensive plan and vote to support this amendment.

Steve Hart, 106 Lake Street, expressed some concerns with traffic if this were to pass. He feels that this should go back to the Planning Board or go to referendum for people to vote on.

Sharon Philbrook Bergeron, 23 Dexter Avenue would like the height of the buildings amended.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, commented on the amendments and asked if we were changing T.4.2 or creating a new code. He added that we must provide public notice on any proposed changes. He stated that we should look at height/dimensional regulations.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street, across from 555 Court Street which is where the proposed complex is being proposed. She expressed concerns traffic if this were to pass. She noted that she would like to see the character of the neighborhood preserved.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road asked if mother-in-law units would be allowed? Does what the City wants to do trump a deed if it is written in a deed what people can or cannot do?

Judy Tyler, 200 Davis Avenue, noted that the Comprehensive Plan was being worked on during covid and much of the public were staying home, without ZOOM and were unable to give input. She also expressed traffic concerns and would like to see more public input.

Nancy Greene, 134 Granite Street, said neighbors are concerned about density, traffic, adding that those things need to be addressed. She stated that multi-family dwellings of 14 units is not appropriate for this area. She asked the Council to respect the characteristic of the neighborhoods.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to send this back to the planning board.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin and Walker opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 11-03212022 as amended, 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 12-03212022

Amending the Code of Ordinance, Sec. 2-255. Appointment; term (of the Assessor).
Public hearing and 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.

3. Order 45-03212022

Allocating \$50,000 of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to provide assistance to non-profit organizations who offer outdoor recreational activities and have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street asked what these non-profit organizations and what they intend to use the money for. She added that there should be more information before it is voted on.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Walker – The United New Auburn Association will meet next Tuesday, March 29th at Rolly's Diner at 6:00 pm. City Manager Phil Crowell will be the guest speaker.

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Councilor Staples – The Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 am.

City Manager Crowell – The Auburn Police Department will be donating 10 bullet proof vests that have been processed out of use to Ukraine. He stated that beginning Wednesday, the Tax Office will temporarily modify their schedule due to staffing challenges. They will be open from 8:30 am–11:30 am and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, the public will be notified. He provided an update on the opioid settlement, and ARPA projects with the County.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2022 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks accept and place on file the February 2022 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – Economic development, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin. Passage 7-0, time 10:21 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:27 pm.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Presentation - Court Street/City Core Zoning Amendments

Michael Malloy, City Attorney and Eric Cousens, Director Planning and Permitting

II. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-03212022

Zoning Amendment Court Street/City Core of Urban Residential Area; 1,687.41 acres of Urban Residential to Traditional Neighborhood Development District Areas (T-4.2). **Public hearing and second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing

Rob Higgins, 36 Fairview Avenue, spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance and asked that the Council vote to protect the established neighborhoods by leaving as is.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, spoke regarding form-based planning, 4.1 and 4.2 and he read an excerpt from an article that he found on the website on form-based code. He said it is not one size fits all. He stated that he would like to see this go back to the Planning Board adding that we are not allowing our Planning Board truly plan.

Spencer Dunn, 530 Court Street, spoke in opposition and voiced his concerns about the proposed amendment and adding that density, height and overall sizes should scale up gradually, and why wasn't there a new form based code district created.

Virginia Levasseur, 20 great falls plaza #117, she wanted to remind people that 15 or so years ago, people from New Auburn were here fighting about a sludge dump that was to go up on Penley Corner Road, stating that the public was over-ruled, it passed and people were told that the sludge was safe enough to use on their gardens and now we are dealing with forever chemicals and she hopes we don't end up like that with the lake.

Jeffrey Harnden, 34 Vista Drive spoke about the process adding that more time needs to be taken and he urged the council to vote no on this and return this to the Planning Board.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street, spoke in opposition of the proposed amendment. She said that the development that is being proposed is five three story, 12 unit buildings and there is nothing like that in this area and in her opinion there shouldn't

be. She added that she is still very concerned about traffic and that we need to rethink this and she hopes the Council will put in the time to do so.

Ryan Smith, 11 Harris Street asked about the third option that was mentioned earlier and where it was noted that “staff” does not recommend that option. He said he would like to know who was “staff” is that made that decision? He said that something that struck him was a former 200-acre parcel that was recently divided into smaller lots by the middle school which he said he found troubling. He asked, how do we want our city to look and what do we want beside our middle school?

Jessie Klemick, Briarcliff Knoll said that she represents two vastly different groups, those struggling to find housing and those relying on the zone map amendment to make improvements on their homes. She said other cities in Maine find ways to create desirable neighborhoods consisting of mixed-use single-family homes, condos, and multi-family buildings, and we can too. She said we need more rental options. She asked that the Council please take her points into consideration when making a decision and asked her fellow residents and neighbors please consider the broader impact before pushing back on this change.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 that all bed and breakfast establishments allowed only with special exception from the Planning Board.

Passage 5-2 (Councilor Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 that stated that residential facilities be allowed only with special exception.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 that stated that lodging houses be allowed only with special exceptions.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 that stated that personal services are allowed only with special exceptions.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 that stated that age restricted retail will not be allowed.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 stating that restaurants with over 30 seats will not be allowed.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 stating that parking requirements to read one space per dwelling unit unless there is municipal or private off-street parking within 500 feet of the property.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to rescind the amendment previously adopted on 3/21/2022 stating that government offices with special exceptions.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin to rescind the amendment made on 3/21/2022 stating that under commercial use to read any business and retail use limited to 1500 square foot footprint and must have an upper floor residential unit, with no drive through access.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to rescind the amendment previously adopted at the 3/21/2022 meeting that included a provision capping density at no more than 14 dwelling units per NET acres unless special exemption is granted by the Planning Board.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 11-03212022 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

III. New Business

1. Order 46-03282022

Directing the Planning Board to review the proposed text and map amendments to the Court Street/City Core of Urban Residential Area to Traditional Neighborhood District Areas; review the T-4.2B District text, hold a public hearing and forward a recommendation back to the City Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to postpone this item 120 days out.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

IV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 47-04042022*

Appointing Jennifer Edwards as the Local Health Officer for the City of Auburn with a term expiration of 4/4/2025.

2. Order 48-04042022*

Approving the Annual Reports to the Maine State Housing Authority for Tax Year April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 and authorizing the City Manager to sign the annual reports.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - March 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Police Department Swearing in Ceremony
 - Patrol Officers Isaac LaBonte and Timothy Robinson
 - Officer Matthew Johnson promotion to Detective
 - Detective Nicholas Gagnon promotion to Sergeant
- Communication Plan – Liz Allen
- LAWPCA (Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Authority) Update – Dan Goyette and Travis Peaslee
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples announced that there will be a meeting of the Sustainability and Natural Resource Board on Thursday at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Councilor Walker thanked City Manager Crowell for speaking at the United New Auburn Association meeting last week.

Councilor Gerry reported that she was contacted by a few Auburn Citizens regarding the proposed Planning Board meeting that is scheduled for next week and could they move the location to a bigger venue. The City Manager explained that the downside would be the audio/video aspect and people being able to view from home if the meeting was moved.

Mayor Levesque reported that the Auburn Exchange Club will be meeting tomorrow at noon at Gippers for their annual scholarship awards ceremony; the Maine RV and Camp Show was held over the past weekend, over 5000 attended, vendors sold out of equipment, and they are talking about next years event; Wednesday, April 6, at noon, he will be attending a ribbon cutting for Dirigo Safety on Main Street; Maine Gladiators youth hockey team 14U won their national tournament; last, he said he was proclaiming today to be “ice out” on Taylor Pond.

IV. Open Session

Maureen O’Brien, 42 Winter Street, commented that when their street was repaved, they put a pink rubber pad on the corners of the curbs, they are now torn up and look terrible and she would like to see that fixed.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 12-03212022

Amending the Code of Ordinance, Sec. 2-255. Appointment; term (of the Assessor).
Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 02-04042022

Supporting the utilization of Maine’s Dual Enrollment Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Public hearing – Proposed Charter Amendments

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 8:08 pm.

No one from the public spoke.

The public hearing closed at 8:08 pm.

3. Order 49-04042022

Authorizing the proposed Charter amendments be placed on a referendum ballot and submitted to the voters of Auburn at the June 14, 2022 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Staples to postpone this item to a date no later than September 19th.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 50-04042022

Approving the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to be used to purchase a Quint Fire Truck.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 51-04042022

Approving the allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to be used to build a new PAL (Police Activities League) Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment:

Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street, stated that she has a lot of concerns about this project. She said it is a lot of money and she doesn't understand why the City would do this without public input. She said one thing the City should do, is create free skating at Hasty.

Brian Gallagher, 42 Winter Street, said that he can see the PAL Center from his back porch and there doesn't seem to be many people that go there. He commented that he never sees anyone use the Futsal Court either. He said he feels that we waste a lot of money on stuff like this. He said one thing we can use is a swimming pool. ELHS has a swimming team, but we don't have a swimming pool.

Passage 7-0.

6. Ordinance 13-04042022

Amending Chapter 34 (tobacco and marijuana use at recreation facilities and fields).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Corrie Brown, Healthy Androscoggin provided some history regarding these amendments.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Walker spoke about the ice arena and public skating time adding that he would like the City Council to think about how we could bring more public skating to the kids.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on the budget schedule.

IX. Executive Sessions – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6) (C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time in 8:47 p.m.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:57 p.m.

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 52-04192022*

Appointing Election Clerks for a two-year term.

2. Order 53-04192022*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,132 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-21-1689).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

I. Minutes

March 28, 2022, Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022, Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

April 4, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Lake Auburn Community Center – Brian Wood
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples announced that the Auburn Public Library Board will be meeting next Tuesday at 4:30 pm.

Councilor Walker announced that there will be a tour at the Waste to Energy plant in Auburn on April 22nd, adding that they are also going to be holding a clean-up day at

10:00 am on April 23rd. He announced that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:00 pm, Denis D'Auteuil, Public Works Director will be the guest speaker; Thursday the 28th the Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting at 6:00pm at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, guest speakers are Jennifer Morin Edwards and Jeff Tardif.

Councilor Gerry asked Councilor Walker about the bean supper that is going to be held at the Sixth Street Congregational Church. The supper is scheduled for April 30th at 4:30 pm.

Mayor Levesque stated that An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (LD2003) has passed both the House and the Senate. He encouraged everyone to read this bill. It should go into effect in July of next year.

City Manager Crowell followed up on the mayor's comments regarding LD2003 stating that staff is looking into it, and he expects this will be presented at a future workshop once the details are worked out.

IV. Open Session

Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street, stated that she sent an email to her City Councilor on April 6th asking him to call her because there wasn't a phone number available. She stated that she expects to have representation from her City Councilor within a few days and a contact phone number to reach them.

Evan Cyr, 435 West Auburn Road, Chair of Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission read a letter that he has been asked to read regarding its position on any proposed changes to the overlay district that would result in increased development.

Fred Carpentier, 142 Broad Street said he recommends instead of a fancy sewer/septic system that we install sanitary sewer that would become part of a feeder that the city already has.

A man spoke (he did not provide his name or address) said he has walked the trails on the West Auburn Road and had a good time there adding that there was a significant marijuana grow operation out there. He thanked the City Manager for providing him with a copy of the plan for the proposed PAL Center. He stated that if we have 160 properties in the Lake Auburn Watershed area, and it cost \$20,000 for that new system, maybe the City should pay for that or start a bank to fund it.

Amy Dietrich, 74 Terrace Road spoke in favor of the plan to purchase the Lake Auburn Community Center with ARPA funds.

Janet Joseph, 135 North Auburn Road, said the Lake Auburn Community Center is her neighbor and she supports the purchase of it.

Jim Wellehan, thanked the Auburn Mayor and Council for their work and he mentioned a study that was done on the lake in 2019, and he asked if they have read the study, and asked if they agree with it or not and why?

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 13-04042022

Amending Chapter 34 (tobacco and marijuana use at recreation facilities and fields).
Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 54-04192022

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Staples noted that the mask mandate has been lifted for public transportation.

Councilor Walker reported on the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board (SNRB) meeting that was held on April 7th.

City Manager Crowell will see the report back from SNRB regarding tree growth (street trees), the Community Development Block Grant and General Assistance offices have moved to 95 Main Street, 4th floor due to space issues. The phone extensions have stayed the same.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – March 2022 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to accept and place on file the March 2022 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

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IX. Executive Session – Legal Consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to enter executive session.

Passage 7-0, time 7:40 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:28 pm.

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - April 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Gerry commented on the motto of the City “No Steps Backward” adding that she supports the petition process that is underway with residents of the city.

Mayor Levesque gave acknowledgement to Chief Moen and the Police Department for their work on a recent PD case. He also announced that there will be a Memorial Weekend event on Friday, May 27th at the Veteran Park on Summer Street dedicating veteran stones that were donated by the Lion’s Club. Last, he provided an update on LD 2003. He encouraged everyone to read and be aware of this bill which takes effect in July of 2023.

IV. Open Session

Maureen O’Brien, 42 Winter Street commented on the PAL Center.

Andy Titus, Rubellite Lane commented on Lake Grove Park.

Jay Bishop, Lake Shore Drive commented on the septic upgrade system.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Public hearing – Public hearing to receive comments for Program Year 2022, CDBG & HOME Annual Action Plan.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:19 PM. No one from the public spoke. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

2. Order 55-05022022

Approving the allocation of \$100,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Lake Auburn Community Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Ordinance 14-05022022

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60-952(c) and (f) (1-5) for agricultural buffer trip and subsurface wastewater systems in the Lake Auburn Watershed. **Public hearing and first reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing:

Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street, stated that we do not have a septic problem in the watershed and he asked who would benefit from this change?

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, expressed concerns about the septic design and who will monitor the “curtains” that go around the septic system.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to postpone this item until after the Planning Board action and FE Environmental data is collected.

Passage 7-0.

4. Ordinance 15-05022022

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60, Sec. 60-1066 (1). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing:

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, stated that Taylor Pond is at risk, and she asked that to please be careful with the pond.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 56-05022022

Authorizing the City’s general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,100,00.00 to finance the City’s FY23 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding \$200,000 to add cross walks by the new Edward Little High School.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by adding \$50,000 to replace the Boy's & Girl's Club gym floor. After further discussion, Councilor Walker withdrew his motion.

Passage of Order 56-05022022 as amended, 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 57-05022022

Authorizing the reallocation of \$362,600 from previous General Obligation Bonds that were unspent to fund a portion of the City's FY 22 - 23 CIP. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding \$50,000 to replace the Boy's & Girl's Club gym floor.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to reduce the patrol rifle replacement amount by half (from \$35,000 to \$17,500).

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Whiting opposed).

Passage of Order 57-05022022 as amended, 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Resolve 03-05022022

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2023. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing:

Andy Titus, Rubelite Lane, commented that he feels the operating increase of 9% is high.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by adding \$25,000 to the operating budget to plant street trees.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend by adding \$50,000 to the legal budget.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend by including the proposed Police Department restructure of \$270,000 within the current budget and to be mil rate neutral.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Morin, and Hawes opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by increasing the Fire Department budget by \$68,000

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Milks to postpone this amendment to the 5/16/2022 meeting.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 03-05022022 as amended, 5-2 (Councilors Staples and Gerry opposed).

8. Order 58-05022022

Authorizing the School Committee be authorized to establish an Edward Little High School Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects, facility upgrades, and plant maintenance at the new Edward Little High School and adjacent athletic fields.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding that this would be used only for its intended purpose. After further discussion, Councilor Staples withdrew his motion.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 59-05022022

The School Committee be authorized to establish a School Technology Equipment Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding purchase and maintenance of computers, tablets, audiovisual equipment and related technology for the School Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, would like to see this used for the intended purpose.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by adding that these funds be used only for its intended purpose.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 59-05022022 as amended, 7-0.

10. Order 60-05022022

Authorizing City Staff to draft amendments consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan for consideration by the Planning Board and direct the Planning Board to review proposed amendments, hold Public Hearings on each and forward a recommendation back to the City Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue asked for clarification to the public in respect to the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to take Order 46-03282022 for the rezoning of T4.2 off the table and send to the Planning Board now instead of waiting the 120 days.

Public comment – Elizabeth Dunn, Court Street asked for clarification.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

VII. Open Session – Pam Rousseau, West Auburn Road commented on Taylor Pond and would like the Council to reconsider the Taylor Pond purple color on the map (16 units per acre) which concerns her.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that the Auburn Business Association Citizen of the Year event is coming up on May 17th, and CMCC will be holding their annual education event and fundraiser on May 4th at 3:30 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

City Manager Crowell reported that he appreciates the Mayor and Council taking a look at the ICMA training sessions that are coming up. June 10th will be the celebration for the naming of the footbridge after former Mayor John Jenkins. His celebration of life will be held on June 11th. More information will go out to the public.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

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1. Order 61-05162022*

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$200 business license fee for Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball.

2. Order 62-05162022*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Sergio Martins as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

3. Order 63-05162022*

Setting the date to hold the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 14, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - May 2, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Maine Arbor Week
- Proclamation – Kids to Parks Day
- Proclamation – 100th Anniversary of the Lewiston-Auburn Kiwanis Club
- Communication – Utilization of Capital Reserve Funds
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque – Recognized National Public Works Week, National EMS Week, National Police Officers Memorial Day/National Police Week, and he asked for a moment of silence to honor Auburn Police Officers Norman Philbrick and Rodney “Rocky” Bonney who lost their lives in the line of duty. He announced that the Auburn Business Associations', Citizen of the Year event is scheduled for tomorrow at Lost Valley, the LA Metro Chamber awards are scheduled for May 26th at the Poland Spring Inn at 3pm. On May 27th there will be the unveiling of the two new Veteran Memorial stones at 10am at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. June 9th is the Chamber breakfast where he will be presenting (on Education and Work Force

Development). The official dedication of the John Jenkins pedestrian bridge will be held on June 10th.

City Manager Crowell – Reported on the sustainable energy rebates, the \$50,000 that was made available for non-profit organizations and outdoor recreational facilities, and he reported that he received notification from FEMA regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. Our community will qualify for a 5% discount on flood insurance premiums.

IV. Open Session

Dr. Susan Stanford, 33 Goff Street, spoke regarding severe electrical issues she has with her home adding that the house has to be fully re-wired. She provided letters to the City Council.

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue, spoke in favor of the rezoning changes. He stated that he is creating a short video to show people how a septic system works. If they look at the video they will have a better understanding of how a septic system works.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 15-05022022

Amending Auburn’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60, Sec. 60-1066 (1). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 56-05022022

Authorizing the City’s general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,300,00.00 to finance the City’s FY23 Capital Improvement Program. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 57-05022022

Authorizing the reallocation of \$395,100 from previous General Obligation Bonds that were unspent to fund a portion of the City’s FY 22 - 23 CIP. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to take Order 64-05162022 out of order.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Order 64-05162022

Adopting the FY 2023 Auburn School Budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by reducing the regular budget by \$300,000 (to lower the mil rate) and taking \$300,000 out of the School Department's fund balance to offset the \$300,000 that would be taken from their budget.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Whiting opposed).

Passage of Order 64-05162022 as presented, 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 03-05022022

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2023. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, commented on the so called “cliff”. He said he thinks the ARPA money should be used to help offset costs now.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to take off the table, the proposed amendment that was tabled at the 5/2/2022 meeting of adding \$68,000 to the Fire Department budget to fill 4 positions.

Passage of the amendment 5-2 (Councilor Staples and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting to amend by taking \$500,000 from the fund balance to offset the current budget which will reduce the mil rate.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Morin opposed).

Passage of Resolve 03-05022022 as amended, 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend Order 46-03282022 previously adopted by adding language that the Planning Board sends this back to the Council by July 7, 2022.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

1. Order 65-05162022

Directing the City Manager to issue a design/build footbridge from Newbury Street to Anniversary Park.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session

Susan Brown, Dillingham Hill Road spoke regarding the septic system mentioned earlier adding that even with new septic systems, we should still not increase development. The studies should be updated.

VIII. Reports

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – April 2022 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the April 2022 Final Monthly Finance Report. 7-0.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session - Discussion on a poverty abatement case #PA 2022-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement case #PA 2022-001 pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:23 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:39 pm.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to approve a poverty abatement in the amount of \$2,349.84. This is Order 66-05162022.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

- I. 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.

- 1. Order 67-06062022***
Nominating City Manager Phillip L. Crowell, Jr. to Maine Municipal Association's 2022-2024 Legislative Policy Committee.

- 2. Order 68-06062022***
Changing the date of the first regular City Council meeting in July from July 5, 2022 to July 11, 2022.

- 3. Order 69-06062022***
Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 14, 2022 Election.

- 4. Order 70-06062022***
Re-appointing Jan Biron to the Age Friendly Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2025.

- 5. Order 71-06062022***
Re-appointing Belinda Gerry to the Age Friendly Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2025.

- 6. Order 72-06062022***
Re-appointing Frank Pippin to the Age Friendly Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2025.

- 7. Order 73-06062022***
Re-appointing Leroy Walker to the Age Friendly Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2025.

- 8. Order 74-06062022***
Appointing Heather Barnett to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2025.

- 9. Order 75-06062022***
Appointing Tim MacLeod to the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) with a term expiration of 7/1/2024.

- 10. Order 76-06062022***
Appointing Michael Meigs to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2023.

- 11. Order 77-06062022***

Re-appointing Kathy Shaw to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of 6/01/2024.

12. Order 78-06062022*

Appointing Tom Moulin to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2024.

13. Order 79-06062022*

Appointing Jeff Chute to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2026.

14. Order 80-06062022*

Accepting the transfer of \$4,637 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-21-2809).

15. Order 81-06062022*

Accept the transfer of \$1,321 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-22-150).

16. Order 82-06062022*

Accept the transfer of \$1,075 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-22-342).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the consent items. Item number 10, Order 76-06062022 was removed from the agenda because the candidate withdrew his application.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - May 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022, Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- 2022 Mayor John Jenkins Hearts & Hands Leadership & Service Award was awarded to ELHS Basketball Coach Mike Adams
- Community Gardens - Kirsten Walter and Glen Holmes presented
- Hydro Power Update – Eric Cousens
- Proclamation – World Refugee Day
- Communication – Liberty Festival Special Event/Mass Gathering Request
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque announced the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Five Guys on Center Street is scheduled for Wednesday the June 8th at 10:30 am. He will be speaking at the LA Metro Chamber breakfast on June 9th at 6:45 am. The topic is on Workforce

Development and Education. The ELHS Adult Ed graduation is scheduled on the 9th of June at 7:00 pm in the ELHS gym. June 10th at noon, the VFW Minot Avenue chapter will hold their statewide convention. The unveiling of the John Jenkins pedestrian bridge will be held at 5:30 pm on Friday June 10th, and on Saturday, June 11th, a Celebration of Life, a tribute to John Jenkins will be held at the Lewiston Armory beginning at 2:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Councilor Staples thanked the city for the great Memorial Day dedication ceremony at Mount Auburn Cemetery as well as the Androscoggin Historical Society event put on by Tizz Crowley, along with a tour of Civil War Veterans graves.

Councilor Walker thanked everyone that worked on the Memorial Day celebration and also thanked Tizz Crowley for the Civil Ward event.

Councilor Gerry gave kudos to the Auburn Public Works Department for making our city look so great for the Memorial Day celebration.

IV. Open Session

Dr. Susan Stanford, 33 Goff Street spoke regarding the electrical wiring issues at her home.

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library, announced that their “Books Around Town” fundraising event is underway.

Ann Parker, 69 Summit Street Auburn, thanked Mayor Levesque for including her in the award presentation earlier. She praised the recipients of the award (for 2021 and 2022). She spoke about the upcoming Celebration of Life, and the book that was published and available. The author of the book will be signing books at the Bridge Ceremony and the Celebration of Life. She invited everyone to attend both events.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 16-06062022

Approving the zoning amendment for 278 Poland Road. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – Carol Lane, 30 Arbania Street, spoke in opposition of this proposed amendment.

Timothy Allen, Pride Road, spoke in opposition of this proposed amendment.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until July 18, 2022.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Staples opposed).

2. Order 83-06062022

Allocating \$300,000.00 of ARPA Funding to create a two-year pilot program called “Project Support You – Auburn”.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – a member of the audience asked what this was. Glen Holmes explained.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until the first meeting of July.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

3. Order 84-06062022

Reallocating unspent bond proceeds in the amount of \$32,376 to fund purchase of Flight Simulator.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

James Scheller, Auburn Lewiston Airport Manager, provided additional information.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 85-06062022

Adopting Juneteenth (June 19th) as an official city holiday.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 86-06062022

Changing the date of the second regular Council meeting for the month of June from June 20, 2022 to June 27, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

6. Order 87-06062022

Allocating \$300,000.00 of ARPA Funding to create small area master plans in targeted growth areas within the city.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 88-06062022

Approving the sale of City owned property.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Walker – reported that he received a letter regarding BJ's and the difficulty getting in and out of their parking lot.

IX. Executive Sessions - Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C). This item was taken up during the workshop.

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - June 6, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Regular City council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Gerry provided an update on the Community Garden on Newbury Street.

Mayor Levesque announced two Community Conversations that are scheduled. The first is scheduled for July 12, 2022 at Walton School at 5:30 pm and the second is at Fairview School on July 13, 2022.

IV. Open Session

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue spoke regarding the recent zoning amendment in the Lake Auburn Watershed area and the septic system discussions that took place. He stated that he has posted information on his Facebook page on how a septic system functions.

Jim Lynch, 80 Shepley Street, stated that he has concerns about the recent zone changes in residential neighborhoods.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

1. Order 89-06272022

Amending Order 68-06062022, previously adopted by the Auburn City Council on June 6, 2022, regarding the first Council meeting in July.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 90-06272022

Approving the Mass Gathering request for the Liberty Festival scheduled for Monday, July 4, 2022. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 91-06272022

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$60 business licensing fee (Temporary Food Service License) as requested by Auburn resident, Beth Woodhead who would like to sell whoopie pies to raise funds for Auburn School Department's Odyssey of the Mind.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 92-06272022

Adopting the HOME consortium agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained because he is an officer of the Auburn Housing Development Corporation).

5. Order 93-06272022

Allocating \$1,600,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the upgrades and/or replacements of HVAC systems in our city-owned facilities.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane asked if the HVAC system upgrade is part of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin to amend by approving this with ARPA funds today to get this moving and replace the ARPA money with bond money at a later date.

After further discussion, both Councilor Hawes and Morin withdrew the motion.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Morin to amend to direct the City Manager to move forward with the bid process for the HVAC systems that have by identified as the four priority initiatives.

It will be determined at a later date how we will allocate the funds.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 94-06272022

Amending Order 137-12062021, previously adopted by the Auburn City Council on December 6, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Susan Brown Dillingham Hill Road stated that she was unclear about what this item was about.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 95-06272022

Allocating \$100,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the OpBox and Kayak Rental Kiosk.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend by adding another \$100,000 to purchase additional OpBoxes.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 95-06272022 as amended 7-0.

8. Ordinance 17-06272022

Re-adopting the ward maps and descriptions that were adopted on 3/17/2014 using the 2020 census block references. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session

Jim Lynch, Shepley Street stated that the OpBoxes sound great, adding that students at ELHS have been working on building little houses and this would be a good student project for the kids and the community, and it would cost less.

Susan Brown, Dillingham Hill Road, spoke regarding the neighborhood zone change that has taken place recently and how it affects people's quality of life.

Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street wanted to discuss the \$10,000 that was allocated to cover PR for the lake issue. The Mayor clarified that this was not a City item, but rather an Auburn Water District item.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reminded everyone that the Liberty Festival will be held on the 4th of July.

Councilor Whiting stated that he attended World Refugee celebration on Monday where he saw Governor Mills and met Dr. Shah.

Councilor Walker provided information on how to pick up and dispose of pet waste. He announced that on Tuesday, the United New Auburn Association will meet at Rolly's Diner at 6:00 pm, Glen Holmes is the guest speaker. Thursday, the Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting at the Sixth Street Congregation Church at 6:00 pm and he invited the public to attend stating that you do not have to be a resident of New Auburn. All are welcome.

Councilor Staples stated that he attended the Planning Board meeting last Tuesday. He encouraged people to attend the Community Conversation meetings that are coming up on the 12th and 13th of the month adding that he is looking forward to hearing more public input. There is a neighborhood meeting at the Senior Center at 6:00 pm on Wednesday the 29th of the month. Last, he stated that there is another Planning Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow night.

Manager Crowell reported that we are wrapping up the fiscal year on Thursday, and union contract negotiations are underway.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – May 2022 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the May 2022 final monthly report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to enter into executive session (economic development) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 7-0, time 8:18 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:40 pm

Personnel matter (City Manager's performance review), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

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Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session (personnel matter – City Manager’s performance review) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Passage 7-0, time 8:40 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 pm

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall. All Councilors were present.

I. Executive Sessions:

Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session (legal consultation) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Passage 7-0, time 5:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 6:30 pm.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to enter into executive session (economic development) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 7-0, time 6:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:13 pm.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting to enter into executive session (economic development) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

Passage 7-0, time 7:13 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:45 pm.

Labor contracts, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to enter into executive session (labor contracts) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Passage 7-0, time 7:45 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:55 pm.

Personnel matter (City Manager performance evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to enter into executive session (personnel matter – City Manager performance evaluation) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Passage 7-0, time 7:55 pm.

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Council was declared out of executive session at 8:13 pm.

- II. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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

1. Order 96-07182022*

Casting a vote to appoint City Manager, Phillip L. Crowell, Jr. to serve on the Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee for a three-year term.

2. Order 97-07182022*

Appointing City Manager, Phillip L. Crowell, Jr. to serve on the Maine Municipal Association's 2022-2024 Legislative Policy Committee.

3. Order 98-07182022*

Accepting the transfer of the Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-22-654).

4. Order 99-07182022*

Casting votes for Larry Pelletier and Leroy Walker to represent County Commission District 6 on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.

5. Order 100-07182022*

Casting votes for Phil Crowell and Gordon Bell to represent County Commission District 5 on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the five consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - June 27, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Auburn Police Department Swearing in Ceremony
 - Sergeant Steven Gosselin, promoted to Lieutenant
 - Sergeant Jason Moore, promoted to Lieutenant
 - Sergeant Eric Audette, promoted to Lieutenant
- City of Auburn Certified Member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States & Communities

- Communication from Petitioner’s Committee for the repeal of Ordinance 11-03212022
- Presentation – Assessing Valuation Adjustments/Declared Ratio and 2022 Mil Rate (Karen Scammon and Joe St. Peter)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque shared a few words about former City Councilor, Alfreda Fournier, who recently passed. He also announced that a bench and plaque will be purchased in her honor. The bench will be placed in Anniversary Park near the brick she purchased for her late husband.

Councilor Staples reported that he attended the Triple Crown race, Emily’s Run on Sunday morning. He said it was an honor being a part of it. He stated that he would like the Council to strongly encourage a recommendation naming the new ELHS track after the Fletcher family.

City Manager Crowell reported on the July 4th celebration and thanked the Liberty Festival Committee for their work. He also provided an update on some upcoming summer events noting that more can be found on our website. He also announced that the hot breakfast and lunch program has been extended to anyone 18 and under to receive a free hot meal at either the PAL Center or the Boy’s & Girl’s Club. Last, he announced that nominations are being taken for the Spirit of America Award for those that go above and beyond in the community.

IV. Open Session

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue spoke about exclusionary zoning and its effect on racial discrimination in the housing market. He provided written materials of an article on this subject to the Clerk to provide to the members of the City Council.

Fred Brodeur, 83 Sixth Street thanked the City Council for their time and commitment serving the people of Auburn. He commented on the zoning proposals, the petitions, and encouraged the Council to listen and work out a compromise. Written comments were handed out to the City Council.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 17-06272022

Re-adopting the ward maps and descriptions that were adopted on 3/17/2014. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 83-06062022

Allocating \$300,000.00 of ARPA Funding to create a two-year pilot program called “Project Support You – Auburn”.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until the 8/1/2022 Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

3. Ordinance 16-06062022

Approving the zoning amendment for 278 Poland Road. First reading (a public hearing was held on 6/6/2022 and the item was postponed to July 18, 2022).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment –

Timothy Allen, 194 Pride Road stated that this was the first time he has seen this update, he spoke of concerns of traffic exiting the parking lot which will cause headlights to shine in his home. He also expressed other concerns about the proposed amendment.

Carol Lane, 30 Arbania Street stated that this information was new to her as well, she was unable to attend the meeting. She expressed concerns with the buffer zone and spoke in opposition of changing this area to an industrial zone adding that they've already had a negative impact on her neighborhood.

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, said he thought of an idea to open up a different zone for potential future uses and potentially something that would allow for parking with no other industrial uses.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street asked why she was hearing about a community meeting with a developer and a plan about a large project that will impact the Poland Road neighborhood.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by splitting the lot to exclude all land east of the parking lot to create more buffer zones and maintaining it as residential.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 16-06062022 as amended, 6-1 (Councilor Staples opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 93-062762022

Directing the City Manager to move forward with the bid process for the upgrades and/or replacements of HVAC systems in our city-owned facilities that have been identified as the four priority initiatives (\$1,600,000.00 to be funded either with ARPA funds or bond to be determined).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VI. New Business

1. Order 101-07182022

Adopting the CDBG/HOME Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – Barbara McGivaren, 55 Winter Street spoke regarding issues she has been experiencing since 2019 with a weatherization/asbestos removal project to her home.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 102-07182022

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute the purchase of 121 Mill Street, Auburn, Maine, parcel ID 221-041.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 103-07182022

Approving the liquor license for The Cheesy Skillet. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 104-07182022

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement for the Lake Auburn Community Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Ordinance 18-07182022

Extending the moratorium on public safety, detention, and correctional facilities. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by striking “*at a site in which one currently does not exist*”.

Failed 2-5 (Councilors Whiting, Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 18-07182022 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Staples opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 19-07182022

Creating a new Formed Base Code District Traditional Neighborhood Development District (T-4.2B). Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing –

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, spoke about process and said he thinks T-4.2B is too similar to T-4.2 and feels this undermines the petition effort that took place. He suggested working with urban residential and traditional neighborhood zoning and just make small changes and make adjustments to density and reduce the setbacks.

Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive urged council to vote no on this and send it back to the Planning Board adding that this has to happen through a normal planning process with robust public participation.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue stated that with respect to the Monday night meeting that he was invited to attend to sit down with another Auburn resident and two councilors and the Mayor to discuss and he did not feel it was a dated meeting of the Council. He commented on Form Based Planning and Code. He said T-4.2B is almost the same as T-4.2. He encouraged everyone to also read the strategic plan.

Adam Lee, 87 Western Prom commented on the Freedom of Access Act and read section 406.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street said that T-4.2B as she reads it, is minimally, if at all different from T-4.2. She would like them to think of a compromise.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to allow additional meetings to engage the public. A series of three meetings in three months.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Moring, and Walker opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 19-07182022 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

7. Order 105-07182022

Authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government document to be submitted with the 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant application.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street said that she is perplexed and doesn't believe the public is being heard.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Morin wanted to express his heartfelt condolences to Alfreda Fournier's family and friends for her recent passing.

City Manager Crowell reported that at the last LATC meeting, it was discussed that their meetings should be part of Federal Transit Authority's requirements regarding access to those meetings should be done through the available transit when buses run. The meeting time is being moved from 5:30 pm to noon and will be held here at Auburn Hall. They will also include a ZOOM option.

IX. Executive Session - None

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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

1. Order 106-08012022*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Ryan Jones as Constable with firearm/arrest powers for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

July 11, 2022, Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022, Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

July 18, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022, Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication from Petitioner's Committee for the repeal of Ordinance 08-03072022
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Manager Crowell reported that there will be a virtual meeting at 6:00 pm on August 8, 2022 with the Assessing Department regarding valuation changes. The public can go to our website for access information. He also announced that tomorrow night is National Night out from 5:30 pm until dusk at Festival Plaza.

IV. Open Session –

Angela Dow, Auburn resident and employee of Auburn Public Works Department, expressed her concerns with the MSEA union negotiations that are underway.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 83-06062022

Allocating \$300,000.00 of ARPA Funding to create a two-year pilot program called “Project Support You – Auburn”.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed).

2. Ordinance 16-06062022

Approving the zoning amendment for 278 Poland Road. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment –

Timothy Allen, 194 Pride Road, thanked Council for reading the correspondence that he submitted. He stated that he met with some of his neighbors, and they were surprised to see the updated plans which appeared to be different from what was discussed at the last meeting. He said that they do not think that Hammond Lumber is making a good faith effort and doesn’t think they can trust them to do what they say they will do.

Carol Lane, Arbania Street, commented that this lot is a nice residential lot, and there is no reason to turn this into an industrial lot. She said that she does not want to see this changed to industrial.

Failed 1-6 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, Staples, Gerry, and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 18-07182022

Extending the moratorium on public safety, detention, and correctional facilities. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Staples opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 19-07182022

Creating a new Formed Base Code District Traditional Neighborhood Development District (T-4.2B). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples on the following:

Order 121-08012022, Ordered, that the City Council hereby refers for consideration, conduct a public hearing, and recommendation, a zoning text and map amendment to create and apply a new T-4.2B zoning district to the Court Street area (1,687.41 acres) to the Planning Board at its September 13, 2022 meeting.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 109-08012022

Approving the liquor license for Make Dough, LLC., DBA Otto, Auburn located at 730 Center Street. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 110-08012022

Adopting the Auburn-Lewiston Consortium HOME-ARP Plan. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 111-08012022

Approving the proposed technical revision to the Tambrands II Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing Development (TIF) program. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 112-08012022

Allocating \$1,600,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the upgrades and/or replacements of HVAC systems in our city-owned facilities.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment- No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item for three months.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Whiting opposed).

5. Referred Ordinance 11-03212022

Repealing Ordinance 11-03212022 amending the zoning district Court Street/City Core of Urban Residential Area; 1,687.41 acres of Urban Residential to Traditional Neighborhood Development District Areas (T-4.2) that was adopted on 3/28/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, commented on the current city charter that was adopted in 2005.

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, provided a legal letter from Kristin M. Collins of Preti Flaherty, and he read a portion of the letter. He said he would like to see this go before the voters and does not want to see T-4.2B to go before the planning board again.

Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive, stated that this is the first time that a citizen referendum has come before the City Council and has been signed by 2,400 Auburn residents. He said repealing this Ordinance to push through T-4.2B is an insult to the people that signed the petition.

Dennis Bergeron, Ward 2 resident, doesn't think this has been much of a process, there hasn't been due public process and the people feel that the City Council isn't listening to them. Residents are upset over what the council is doing.

Steven Beal, Shepherd Street, questions why refer T4.2b to the Planning Board, when it is similar to this T-4.2.

Pam Rousseau, West Auburn Road listened to the Planning Board meeting twice, and found no substantial difference between T-4.2 and T-4.2B adding that the Council isn't listening.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, commented on the Strategic Plan, neighborhoods, and read sections from the Strategic Plan adding that he would like to get the neighborhoods involved in the process.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Staples, Gerry, and Whiting, opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 113-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 86 Western Avenue. Parcel ID 230-026.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 114-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 192 Winter Street. Parcel ID 260-022.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin to amend by correcting the street number on the Order from 129 to 192. Passage 7-0.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 115-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 104 Newbury Street. Parcel ID 221-067.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Due to an error on the street number in the Council packet, a motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Morin to postpone within 30-day period in order to make the necessary corrections.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 116-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 103 Newbury Street. Parcel ID 221-058.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Due to an error on the street number in the Council packet, a motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to postpone within a 30-day period to make the necessary corrections.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 117-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 369 Main Street. Parcel ID 221-044.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 118-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 351 Main Street. Parcel ID 221-048.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 119-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located on Vickery Road. Parcel ID 183-029.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 120-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property, Winter Oak, parcel ID 191-101.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

City Manager Crowell announced that he and Assistant City Manager, Brian Wood, will be attending MTCMA (Maine Town and City Manager) conference next week.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

VIII. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - August 1, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Washington Street Demonstration Safety Project – East Hardscrabble and Beech Hill/Danville Corner – Jonathan LaBonté
- Lake Auburn Watershed Report Sub Surface Wastewater – Eric Cousens
- Public Safety Building – Brian Wood
- Council Communications - None

IV. Open Session

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue had comments and questions regarding the Lake Auburn Watershed Report Sub Surface Wastewater presentation.

Jim Lynch, 80 Shepley Street also had a question regarding the Lake Auburn Watershed Report Sub Surface Wastewater presentation.

Jennifer Goff Lynch, 80 Shepley Street spoke regarding a notice she received in the mail and asked if there would be public comment on upcoming zone changes.

Erica Gosselin, 48 Houghton Street stated she is unhappy with the Council and the lack of civic engagement like other people that have spoken.

Mary Fuller, Lake Auburn Avenue, stated that she isn't sure what these changes are.

Victoria Ballou, 106 Locksley Road, stated that she has concerns with the rezoning and she would like to see the information provided to the public in a format that was easier to understand what the proposed changes are. She asked why there couldn't be a third option.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 115-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 115 Newbury Street. Parcel ID 221-055.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 116-08012022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 103 Newbury Street. Parcel ID 221-058.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, applauds this going on, would like more in the packet to go over the process we use to market these properties.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 49-04042022

Authorizing the proposed Charter amendments be placed on a referendum ballot and submitted to the voters of Auburn at the November 8, 2022, Election. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VI. New Business

1. Order 122-08152022

Approving the Incorporated Civic Organization Liquor License application for the City of Auburn, for the Riverwalk Blues & Brews Festival scheduled for September 10, 2022, in the Festival Plaza/Main Street area.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 123-08152022

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$75 business licensing fee (Peddler License) as requested by the Maine Blues Society, for the Riverwalk Blues and Brews Festival scheduled for September 10, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

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Mayor Levesque announced that he will be on the next Legislative Policy Committee for the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), representing the City of Auburn.

Councilor Staples reported that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) was cancelled this month and the Auburn Public Library board will meet on Tuesday.

IX. Executive Sessions – None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

- I. 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
- II.**

1. Order 124-09062022*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Corey David as Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the one consent item.

Passage 7-0.

III. Minutes – August 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

IV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Landon Cogle was recognized for being selected as a Page for the US Senate.
- The Spirit of America Award was awarded to the late Jimbo Marston for his contribution to the community. His wife and family were there to accept the award.
- Councilor Walker provided an update on the Potato Give-Away on behalf of the Age Friendly Community Committee.
- The Mayor provided a communication on the Mayor's Ad-hoc Committee to Develop Permit Ready Housing Plans.
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque reminded everyone about the Blues and Brews Festival to be held on September 10th.

Councilor Staples reported that the Androscoggin Land Trust will be holding their 13th annual Androscoggin River clean up from 9am until noon on September 10th.

Councilor Walker reported that the United New Auburn Association met on August 30th at Rolly's diner. The City Manager was the guest speaker. Councilor Walker commended City Manager Crowell stating that "Phil Crowell is one heck of a speaker". He also added that the Age Friendly Community Committee will be meeting at Senior Center on September 13th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Councilor Morin reported that he was contacted by a constituent whose six year old son wanted to run a lemonade stand to try to raise money to purchase a guitar. They came to Auburn Hall to obtain a permit and was told that the permit would be \$200. He has asked Councilor Hawes to co-sponsor an ordinance that they will try to present at the next City Council meeting regarding waiving that fee.

City Manager Crowell – provided a work force update and some of the challenges we are facing. We currently have approximately 30 vacancies with the majority being Police, Fire, and the Public Works Departments. These shortages unfortunately impact our services. We are working on it and numerous initiatives to try to resolve the issue.

V. Open Session

Stephen Beale, 575 Johnson Road, asked of there would there be an opportunity to comment on the Lake Auburn repeal.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, stated that when watching meetings on YouTube, it is difficult to hear, and closed captioning isn't available. She would like to see the volume increased and closed captioning available. She also said she wanted to remind everyone is that "Taylor Pond is on the chopping block, also".

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed zoning amendments which he feels will end exclusionary zoning and help to end racial discrimination in the housing market. He provided photos to the Council and also commented on the illumination of business signs and devaluation of homes.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street, had a request for a new ordinance to be written making it a requirement for, rather than only encouraging, public meetings to be held if a developer or someone wants to come into a neighborhood with plans for an apartment complex or to develop property.

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

1. Resolve 04-09062022

Accepting the final report from the Public Safety Building Ad-Hoc Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend by correcting the date in the second to last paragraph to say August 15th not September 16th as follows:

"WHEREAS, a final report and recommendation was presented to the Auburn City Council on ~~September 16~~ August 15, 2022"

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 04-09062022 as amended 7-0.

2. **Resolve 05-09062022**

Supporting the Center Street Safety Action Plan Grant Application.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Resolve 06-09062022**

Addressing the current housing shortage in Auburn by seeking an opinion from the Planning Board to consider eliminating income standards and current strip zoning limitations in areas outside of the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment –

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, stated that we need our Ag zone, and she is not in favor of this. She asked how does one demonstrate that any development will not negatively impact the regions primary source of drinking water? She added that she would like them to vote not in favor of this.

Victoria Ballou, 106 Locksley Road, asked if we were working with consultants, and what that may look like and what would the plan be to make a decision.

Jane Costlow, 104 Fourth Street, she spoke of balancing need for housing and protecting the lake and our natural resources and there should be a robust series of conversations with the various committees and the Planning Board. She stated that there was an error in the resolve, in the section referencing the 2018 Crossroads Study regarding the elimination of the income standards. She stated that they did recommend doing away with the income standards, but they also recommended putting in other considerations to make sure that the people building houses were in fact farming.

Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street, said that he didn't have a strong opinion either way, but eliminating the last paragraph of this resolve would make it a much better document.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to amend the last paragraph to read:

*Therefore, be it resolved that the City Council directs the Planning Board **after consultation from the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board** to provide an opinion no later than December 15th, 2022, on whether or not to eliminate the income standard and the current strip zoning limitations in all areas outside of the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay.*

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to amend the deadline from December 15, 2022 to March 20, 2023 and to include language that the recommendations be delivered to the City Council no later than that March 20th deadline, as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved that the City Council directs the Planning Board after consultation from the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board to provide an opinion and deliver recommendations to the City Council no later than March 20, 2023 December 15th, 2022, on whether or not to eliminate the income standard and the current strip zoning limitations in all areas outside of the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage of Resolve 06-09062022 as amended, 4-3 (Councilor Staples, Gerry, and Whiting opposed).

4. Referred Ordinance 08-03072022

Repealing Ordinance 08-03072022 that was adopted on 3/21/2022 amending the zoning map and adjusting Article XII, Division 4, Sec. 60-751 Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District Map.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment –

Stephen Beale, 575 Johnson Road commented on an error in packet where the acreage in the Ordinance did not reflect the amendment that was made when the Ordinance was adopted (changing it from 148 acres to 120 acres). He also stated that he would like to see this referred to the public for a public vote rather than being repealed by the City Council.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Staples opposed).

5. Order 125-09062022

Allocating \$1,500,000.00 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for home relief.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment –

Jackie Majeris-Collins, 30 Taylor Street, spoke in opposition of this order and would like to see the money spent in other areas, such as homelessness. There is more that can be done if the money is pooled together.

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, said he is not against doing this, but a better solution would be adjusting the taxes on commercial properties.

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road, asked why they don't take the money and reduce the budget instead.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item until the first meeting of October (October 3, 2022).

Passage 7-0.

6. Ordinance 20-09062022

Amending the zoning district T-4.2B. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing –

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, said citizens have not had adequate time for public involvement and this item should be tabled until the Planning Board reviews the zoning changes with an opportunity for more public input and then make a recommendation to the City Council.

Ronald Lebel, 31 Coachman Avenue, said that he objects to this proposal and stated his reasons why. A written statement was provided to the City Clerk.

Beth Bell, 86 Nottingham Road, said she is trying to get up to speed on this, adding that she feels that many people are uninformed about this. She said she is opposed to this at this time, she has a lot of concerns about it. She said that she is a real estate agent and is concerned about the values of people's homes and feels like it is too big of an area to make the change.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, said that she doesn't believe they are able to do this legally based on the City Charter, and this is not a "one size fits all".

Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive, stated that his issue with the matter before the Council is with the lack of public engagement.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street, stated that her concern is that this is very similar to T-4.2 which was repealed. She spoke about the development at 555 Court Street, stating that the buildings tower over the neighborhood.

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, said that he believes this item is out of order and that this item should be tabled until the next meeting. He noted that many municipalities are waiting to see what happens with LD 2003 before making changes.

Pat Phillips, 17 Sunset Avenue, received a letter stating that her home is within 500 feet of one of the proposed zoning changes and she doesn't really know what that means. She suggested having neighborhood meetings and to make it a community effort.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilor Milks stated that he does own a piece of property within this area, which could be viewed as a potential conflict.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin to allow Councilor Milks to continue in the debate and voting on this item. Passage 6-0 with Councilor Milks abstaining.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Whiting and Gerry opposed).

7. Resolve 07-09062022

Supporting the creation of an Ad-hoc/Public Infrastructure Committee.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

8. Order 126-09062022

Allocating \$225,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

IX. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the School Committee meeting.

Councilor Morin congratulated the ELHS football team on their win Friday night.

IX. Executive Sessions – None

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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

1. Order 127-09192022*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller Corp. located at 78 & 80 Hotel Road.

2. Order 128-09192022*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Co., LLC. located at 522 Washington Street.

3. Order 129-09192022*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

4. Order 130-09192022*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

5. Order 131-09192022*

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the five consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - September 6, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque reported that he attended a walk through of the new Edward Little High School adding that it is going to be a great asset to the students and community. He also noted that the Blues and Brews Festival was a huge hit.

Councilor Staples reported that on Thursday, September 29th at 5:30 p.m. the Auburn Public Library will hold it's Annual Meeting. The social hour begins at 5:30 and the business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. He also wanted to promote the Auburn City website which has a feature where citizens can subscribe to emails to receive notification on upcoming meetings of the Council and Planning Board and more.

Councilor Whiting reported that the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission is building a Trail on the Tot Lot and on Sunday, the Auburn Nordic Ski Association cleaned up the cuttings of a new trail.

City Manager Crowell reported that the Maine Town and City Clerk's Association presented the City with a plaque for their support of the Association and the City Clerk.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 20-09062022

Amending the zoning district T-4.2B. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment –

Ronald Lebel, Coachman Avenue, said that he objects to the rezoning proposal and would suffer particularized injury if it were to be enacted. A letter was provided to the City Clerk.

Scott Berry, Davis Avenue, provided a list of some potential businesses that could fit into the neighborhoods nicely without impacting on the ambiance of the neighborhoods living space.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street, stated that it is a shame that we've had to spend our taxpayer dollars for legal counsel to convince the public that their actions are legal. She stated that she would like the City Council to vote this down.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples to postpone this item until November 7th with the intention that Mr. Cousens and the Planning office staff would redemonstrate the presentation of 9/6/22.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

VI. New Business

1. Public hearing - CDBG/HOME Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) Program Year 2020.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

2. Public hearing - CDBG/HOME Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) Program Year 2021.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

3. Order 132-09192022

Amending the PY21 Action Plan to include the Auburn-Lewiston Consortium HOME-ARP Plan as recommended by the Business & Community Development Office.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Ordinance 21-09192022

Amending the GA Maximum Appendices. Public hearing and first 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.

5. Order 133-09192022

Directing the City Manager to draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) procuring the solicitation of engineering and/or architectural services as part of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Initiative proposed by Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Maureen O'Brien, Whitney Street stated that if Councilors want to hear what people think they should answer phone calls.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 134-09192022

Adopting the Rules & Procedures Governing Open Session and Public Comment.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment –

Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, stated that he likes this but is not a believer of voting on something that is workshopped in the same night. He also thinks we should keep the second open session.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, also has concerns about eliminating the 2nd open session.

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue, would like to give people 5 minutes to speak instead of 3 minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to continue to maintain the second open session as we've been doing.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples to amend to state that when questions are asked, they are given an answer at the next Council meeting if possible.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilor Whiting, Hawes, Milks, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples to amend by striking rule #4. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Passage of Order 134-09192022 as amended, 7-0.

VII. Open Session - Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, stated that people do not realize that the Court Street T-4.2B does not just impact Court Street, it impacts the city core.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Milks reported that there is a Sewer District meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5:30 p.m. at AVCOG regarding the increase in Sewer rates.

City Manager Crowell reported that the Assistant City Manager, Brian Wood, is attending the ICMA conference in Ohio. The County budget work will begin on September 21st at the County Building, and MMA's Legislative Policy Committee work begins this week.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – August Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the August Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions – None

X. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. 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

1. Order 135-10032022*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Trevor Gagnon, Noor Shidad, Christopher Ivers, and Timothy Robinson as Constables with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - September 19, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication - Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission Resolution
- T-4.2B Education Presentation Schedule
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Manager Crowell reported that he spoke with community members about how to enhance communications with the public. We are now using a different format for our newsletter. The public can sign up for various notifications under the "alert me" feature on our website. He reported that there were some email issues where emails were not working properly, but that is being worked on and should be resolved soon. The Police Department is sending out weekly crime statistics for the public. He reminded everyone that we are closed on Monday, October 10th in observance for Indigenous Peoples Day. He also reported that we have received over 150 applications for the Christmas Village event. About 18 will be selected out of the 150 applicants.

Councilor Walker reported that the Age Friendly Committee will hold a bean supper at the Senior Community Center on Saturday, October 15th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. There is no charge, however donations are welcome and will be used for future dinners. Anyone that would like to attend are encouraged to call 333-6601 ext. 2108 so they will have an idea how many plan on attending. He also reported that the United New Auburn

Association will be holding their Halloween event in Anniversary Park on Sunday, October 30th from 1-3 pm with plenty of candy to hand out.

IV. Open Session

Ben Lounsbury asked why the communication item on the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection wasn't discussed. He also stated that he is concerned that the Planning and Permitting staff will be overloaded if all of the additional development goes through. He also spoke about a horse farm in his neighborhood that he stated was not in compliance with the terms of the permit and it seems that nothing is being done about it.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, said that she would like to know what the city has spent of taxpayer money on attorney costs.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 125-09062022

Allocating \$1,500,000.00 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for home relief.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the \$1,500,000.00 amount to \$700,000 with the terms and conditions outlined in the staff memorandum.

Passage 7-0.

Passage as amended 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Hawes opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 21-09192022

Amending the GA Maximum Appendices. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 22-10032022 Amending Chapter 14, Sec. 14-49, Exemptions from license requirement or fees of the City Code. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Ordinance 23-10032022

Adopting the Street Tree Sustainability Ordinance. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – Dave Griswold spoke in favor of this proposed ordinance and thanked Councilors for their support.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 08-10032022

Requesting increased State involvement for better outcomes for those unhoused.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Mike Gilligan, 107 Newbury Street said it is wonderful that we are reaching out to the state for assistance but we have to act and come up with a comprehensive plan.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor's Levesque stated that this past weekend was an emotional weekend where we celebrated the life and memorialized the passing of Steven Roop, owner of Roopers adding that it was the largest funeral we've seen in Lewiston Auburn for generations. He reported that there is a School Committee meeting on Wednesday where they will be setting goals for the Superintendent, and he will discuss the dual enrollment resolve that the Council voted on.

Councilor Walker reported that the Age Friendly Group has been working with Bell's Potato Farm and recently came up with a deal to give away potatoes. They were able to purchase 15 tons of potatoes to give out to senior citizens that are in need.

IX. Executive Sessions

Economic Development (continuation from workshop executive session discussion), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry. Passage 7-0.
Time 7:40 pm.

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Council was declared out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

- X. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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

1. Order 136-10172022*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's appointment of Tara Paradie as alternate member of the Ethics Panel with a term expiration of 11/1/2025.

2. Order 137-10172022*

Re-appointing Misty Edgecomb to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

3. Order 138-10172022*

Re-appointing Haley Warden to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

4. Order 139-10172022*

Re-appointing Ronald Spofford to the Auburn Housing Authority Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 10/01/2027.

5. Order 140-10172022*

Appointing Wesley Mech to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 01/01/2025.

6. Order 141-10172022*

Confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee to develop permit ready housing.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Councilor Whiting requested that item #1, Order 136-10172022 be moved from the consent agenda and under new business.

Passage of the remaining 5 consent items, 7-0.

II. Minutes – October 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Assessor's Report (Karen Scammon and Joe St. Peter)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples reported that he has heard from a constituent that received their absentee ballot and was confused about the proposed charter changes.

Councilor Walker reported that the United New Auburn Association will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 pm to discuss the Halloween event, he invited the public to attend. The Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on October 27th at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association will be holding a bean dinner on October 29th, October 30th is the Halloween event from 1:00-3:00 pm at Anniversary Park, and the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a Thanksgiving dinner on November 24th.

City Manager Crowell reported that the Council Retreat date is November 14th from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm, location to be determined. He talked about the Election Hub that is on our website. LATC voted to waive the bus fees on election day.

He reported on communications – we are pushing out crime stats, planning and permitting is pushing out information, and data is being shared consistently.

Mayor Levesque addressed the nationwide housing crisis which is impacting our community. He wanted the public to know that we are working on this, and city staff has put together a proposal on short term housing. We are working with our partners collaboratively to take action with a goal to roll this out by January 2023.

IV. Open Session

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, thanked Councilor Staples for his suggestion on providing information on the local ballot questions, she commented on the watershed and asked how much land can be cleared, it doesn't make sense to her to allow bed and breakfasts, and she would like it to be more restrictive. She mentioned that she attended the planning board meeting where they discussed getting rid of the income requirement for the AG zone with no safeguards, we have to think about PFAS/forever chemicals and she asked that the Council be very mindful.

Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street commented on statements she said were made by the Mayor that were published in the newspaper on Sunday regarding families moving into neighborhoods.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 22-10032022

Amending Chapter 14, Sec. 14-49, Exemptions from license requirement or fees. of the City Code. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 23-10032022

Adopting the Street Tree Sustainability Ordinance. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Order 136-10172022*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's appointment of Tara Paradie as alternate member of the Ethics Panel with a term expiration of 11/1/2025.

This item was taken from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 142-10172022

Allocating \$200,000.00 ARPA funding for the Sustainable Auburn Match Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 143-10172022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 1865 Hotel Road, parcel ID 187-005.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

3. Order 144-10172022

Authorizing the marketing of city owned property located at 145 Eastman Lane, parcel ID 079-004.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the School Committee meeting.

Councilor Staples provided an update on the LATC meeting, and he reminded everyone that there will be free bus trips on election day. He noted that the Conservation Committee will be meeting tomorrow night and Complete Streets Committee will be meeting on Wednesday of this week. There is also a presentation on Wednesday for the T-4.2B.

Councilor Walker spoke about the potatoes that are being given to senior citizens at no cost. Anyone in need can go to the Senior Center on Wednesday to pick up a 5 pound bag.

Councilor Milks announced that the Water and Sewer District meetings are scheduled for this week at 4:00 pm on Tuesday (Sewer) and Wednesday (Water) of this week.

Councilor Whiting reported that the Auburn Nordic Ski Association will be working on Saturday, October 29th to trim the ski trails.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – September Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Whiting to accept and place on file the September Final Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

X. Executive Session – None.

XI. Adjournment – Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

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1. Order 145-11072022*

Accepting the transfer of \$7,523 and a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver to Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-22-1525).

2. Order 146-11072022*

Appointing Planning Board members, Toni Ferraro, Brian DuBois, and Paul Jacques to the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee to develop permit ready housing as nominated by the Planning Board.

3. Order 147-11072022*

Appointing Warden's and Ward Clerks for the November 8, 2022 Election.

Councilor Whiting asked that consent item #2 be removed and placed under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the remaining two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – October 17, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Extra Mile Day Proclamation and Recognition – Rhonda Russell was recognized as the Extra Mile Day recipient for going above and beyond, and for going the extra mile for the City of Auburn.
- Update on MSHA Community Solutions Grant Award and Final Program Overview was presented by Glen Holmes
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples thanked TD Bank for putting in some trees in the New Auburn area, and he gave thanks to the Clerk staff for their work running the Election and encouraging everyone to get out to vote and polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone that the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24th at the Senior Center. Doors open at 11:00 am.

Councilor Morin reported on the Trunk or Treat event at Lost Valley and encouraged people that would like to participate next year to reach out to Travis Dow.

Mayor Levesque congratulated the Edward Little High School football and soccer teams. He spoke about the grand opening of Target adding that he is happy that they have joined our community. He also provided an update on the Lost Valley Brew Festival that took place, he announced that ELHS will be producing Mama Mia, a musical at Community Little Theater to be held November 16, 17, and 18, in which he will have a cameo appearance.

Councilor Whiting said that he is happy to see a full parking lot at Target every time he drives by.

Manager Crowell reported that 113 applications for the Senior rebate program have been received so far, he reported on the drug take back event noting that 732 pounds of unused medications were collected, the Christmas Village is underway and will kick off on December 3rd. We were audited by the State of Maine on the Keep Maine Healthy grant. We received over \$300,000 in funds, and we received a clean audit on the funds that were expended. He commented on the covid vaccination clinic that was held at the Auburn Mall and we received over \$85,000 in reimbursement funds from FEMA on that effort.

IV. Open Session –

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road commented on the purple section on the Comp Plan and asked why there is a difference. She also commented on a petition for 150 Andrew Drive to take Ag Zone and Low Density to Suburban residential (40 acres).

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane commented on the workshop item on the grocery store grant and stated that he has concerns about potential competitive advantage.

V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker to suspend the rules to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter, pursuant to 1 MRSA, Sec. 405(6)(A).

Passage 7-0. Time 7:17 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:35 pm.

4. Ordinance 20-09062022

Amending the zoning district T-4.2B. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment –

Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive spoke in opposition. Stated that it was clear with the petition drive that people were opposed to the changes, small changes were made so if this were to pass, we will end up with pretty much the same outcome as T-4.2 that people opposed. He asked that the Council do the right thing.

Denis Bergeron, Ward 2 resident stated this zoning will be unpopular. He asked that Council take a step back and reject this zone change.

Sharon Philbrook Bergeron, 23 Dexter Avenue thanked the two Councilors that stood in solidarity to the signers of the petition. She spoke in opposition of the zone change adding that we can do better than this. She suggested we get it right not just for developers but for the families as well.

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street said this has been a long painful process and spoke in opposition of the proposed change. She asked that they vote this down.

Renee Cote, Dawes Avenue spoke in opposition of the proposed change. She said she used to love living in Auburn and can no longer say that Auburn is a good place to live, and she asked the Council to really think about how many people are opposed to the proposed change.

Celia McGuckian, 10 Fairmount Avenue wanted to bring unintended consequences to their attention. She stated that she does not think they are aware of how many are opposed to the proposed change.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road said that she realizes there has to be some development in Auburn but asked the Council to “paint by numbers” and not whitewash the whole barn.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue spoke in opposition stating that this proposed ordinance is essentially the same as the T-4.2 zone change that was repealed by over 2,400 Auburn voters. He stated that the voters of Auburn will not forget or forgive those that vote in favor of this ordinance.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 148-11072022

Authorizing the allocation of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000) of ARPA Funds to create the Downtown Curb Appeal Grant Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 149-11072022

Approving the MSEA Labor Contract.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 150-11072022

Allocating up to \$50,000 from the American rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase two trailers as part of the Community Outreach and Community Beautification Traylor Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 151-11072022

Directing the Planning Board to provide a recommendation on a text amendment whether to eliminate the income standard and the current strip zoning limitations in all areas outside of the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Stephen Beal, 576 Johnson Road stated that he saw this as two significant changes and should not be joined together. The income standards should be one, and the removal of limitations should be another subject and not only should they be separated, the should be re-worded more specifically.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend as follows:

Therefore, be it ordered that the City Council directs the Planning Board, after consultation ~~from~~ with the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board, to ~~provide an opinion and deliver recommendations~~ conduct a public hearing pursuant to Article XVII, Division 3 of the Zoning Ordinance and report in writing the results of the hearing and recommendations of the Planning Board pursuant to Article XVII, Division 4 of the Zoning Ordinance to the City Council no later than March 20, 2023, on whether or not to eliminate the income standard and the current strip zoning limitations in all areas outside of the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay as an ordinance text amendment, ~~considering~~ as shown on the attached proposed text changes.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Staples opposed).

Passage as amended 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Staples opposed).

Order 146-11072022 (this item was removed from the consent agenda).

Appointing Planning Board members, Toni Ferraro, Brian DuBois, and Paul Jacques to the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee to develop permit ready housing as nominated by the Planning Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road said that she doesn't get it because it was only supposed to be 2 planning board members appointed not three. She said she feels that the Council and Planning Board are becoming more closed.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by appointing Toni Ferraro and Paul Jacques as full members and Brian Dubois as an alternate member.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Passage as amended 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

- VII. Open Session** – Vic Caron, 57 Stevens Mill Road stated that what a lot of people are saying is to listen to them. He said he appreciates everyone on the Council but one thing they must understand is the citizens and tax-payers of this city that come to them and speak to them and they have to start listening.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that the School Committee and City Council will have a joint meeting coming up on December 19th. He stated that he is on MMA's LD2003 working group with the Legislative Policy Committee, he will keep everyone posted on that item. He also reported that there will be a Veteran's appreciation lunch at the Green Ladle in Lewiston on November 9th and all veterans in Lewiston and Auburn can eat for free.

Councilor Staples reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day, bus rides are free.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone to get out to vote tomorrow.

Councilor Morin, Ward 4 votes at Auburn Hall in the Community Room.

Councilor Whiting advised that Wards 1 and 2 voters vote at the Auburn Senior Center.

- X. Executive Session** – None.

- XI. Adjournment** – Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

City Manager Crowell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. All Councilors were present. The Mayor had an excused absence.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to nominate Councilor Milks to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the temporary absence of the Mayor. There were no other nominations.

Passage 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore Milks led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes – November 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication - Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Morin congratulated the Leavitt High School and Oxford Hills football teams for winning the state championships.

Councilor Gerry reminded everyone about the Thanksgiving Dinner that will be held at the Senior Center on 11-24-2022. The public is encouraged to call in advance if possible.

City Manager Crowell announced that on December 1st at 4:30 pm at Anniversary Park, we will be unveiling the newest piece of public art installation. More information will be forthcoming. He also reminded the public that the city building will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and there will be no trash pick-up on Thanksgiving Day.

IV. Open Session –

Jane Costlow, 104 Fourth Street provided an explanation of the SNRB communication that was included in the packet.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, encouraged Council to not move forward on their efforts on the strip zone and she commented on the Andrew Drive zone change request and the FB Environmental study.

David Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue, spoke regarding the Community Cords Program.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 152-11212022

Approving the reallocation of bonds to build roof protection for the Norway Savings Bank Arena (NSBA) sign.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 153-11212022

Approving the Mass Gathering for the New Year's Eve event to be held 12/31/2022. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 154-11212022

Approving the temporary liquor license for an Incorporated Civic Organization for the New Year's Eve event to be held 12/31/2022. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 155-11212022

Allocating \$150,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Neighborhood Corner Store Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Staples noted that the Library Board will meet tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library, and this month's LATC meeting has been cancelled.

Councilor Whiting spoke on the Community Cords Program.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to accept and place on file the final October Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions – None

X. Adjournment - Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 156-12052022*

Confirming the Mayor’s appointment of Scott Berry to the Mayor’s Ad Hoc Committee to develop permit ready housing.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – November 21, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Staff response to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board (SNRB) communication (Phil Crowell)
- St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad – Berlin Subdivision (Rail Use Advisory Council) Update – Jonathan LaBonte
- Stage Purchase (carryover from the workshop) – Brian Wood
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque played a live TV commercial ad for Auburn’s New Year’s Auburn event. He gave a big thanks to Emerson Toyota for being a big sponsor, as well as Androscoggin Bank, Neocraft Signs, and Proctor and Gamble. The tree lighting is this week at Festival Plaza on Thursday at 6:00 pm and the Christmas Village opens at 4:00 pm.

Councilor Staples stated that he would like to sponsor an order for the next meeting to have the Planning Board take a look at our city zoning to determine whether or not there is an area for shelters.

Councilor Walker announced that Santa Claus is coming to Sullivan Park behind Rolly's Diner on Saturday at 5:00 pm.

City Manager Crowell reported on the Night Out at the Hilton held on Friday evening and the Regional Roundtable that was held with the Chamber.

IV. Open Session –

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road expressed concerns with the number of realtors becoming more and more involved in our city and planning board decisions.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 157-12052022

Authorizing the use of \$35,000 in ARPA funds for the Auburn Heating Assistance Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 158-12052022

Disposition of building located at 110 Hampshire Street under dangerous building statute. Public hearing. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

Council may enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – Alexandria Savard, owner of 110 Hampshire Street spoke regarding issues with the property.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 159-12052022

Approving the liquor license for Ryan & Connor Concessions Group, LLC, DBA: Ringers, located at 985 Turner Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 160-12052022

Allocating up to \$180,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of a portable Stage.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Hawes to postpone this item until the second meeting in January.

Passage 7-0.

5. Ordinance 24-12052022

Zoning Map Amendment - Amending a portion of 150 Andrew Drive (Parcel I.D. 347-003) from Agriculture and Resource Protection (AG), and Low-Density Country Residential (LDCR), zoning districts to the Suburban Residential (SR) as recommended by the Planning Board. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples to remand to the planning board.

Public comment – Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive wanted to clarify what happened at the Planning Board meeting, which he attended.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, said that he concurs with what Mr. Harmon said and noted that he recommends that the Council obtains a legal written opinion on the procedure before moving forward. He provided his comments in writing to the City Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples to add that it is subject to legal review.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of the order as amended, 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque, asked the Council if anyone would be interested in serving on the Airport Board, filling that opening. He reported on the upcoming School Committee

meeting where they will be discussing the budget, and the possibility of closing Lake Street School. Discussions are still moving forward on dual enrollment.

Councilor Gerry reported on the Thanksgiving Dinner that took place at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day.

Councilor Walker reported on the 9-1-1 meeting that was held last week.

Manager Crowell reported that the Legislative Policy Committee has prepared their list of legislative actions to move forward, and they are monitoring several bills. He also noted that he has asked that the incoming Legislators attend the December 19th meeting.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 161-12192022*

Re-appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk as the Registrar of Voters for the City of Auburn for a two-year term which will expire on 12/31/2024.

2. Order 162-12192022*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers within the City of Auburn.

3. Order 163-12192022*

Re-appointing Bryan Bachelder as Auburn's Local Sealer of Weights and Measures with a term expiration of December 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – December 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Discussion with State Legislators -Representative Laurel Libby was present
- Planning Board Policy Violation Legal Opinion (150 Andrew Drive)
- Communication - Shovel Ready Housing Update (Eric Cousens)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque, commented on the Christmas Village in Festival Plaza, and the New Year's Eve Auburn event that is scheduled to be held on December 31st.

Councilor Staples, commented on the Christmas tree lighting ceremonies in Festival Plaza and in New Auburn, and the Christmas Village in Festival Plaza, adding that it was a great time, and he noted that Public Works did a great job clearing roads after the storm.

Councilor Walker thanked everyone that came out for both holiday celebrations.

Councilor Morin reinforced the previous comments, noting that the festivities were awesome, well attended, and he gave thanks to city staff that were involved with the events and the storm clean up.

Councilor Whiting reported on Auburn Nordic Ski Association. You can register on-line at auburnnordicski.org, there is lots of snow, it's been groomed and it's beautiful.

Councilor Gerry thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts with the storm clean up.

City Manager Crowell thanked staff for their efforts with the storm, even with the staffing challenges, the team did a great job. He also commended the work done by the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board (SNRB) on the work they did on the ag zone as it pertains to income standards. He encouraged everyone to watch the presentation. It was clear, and they did a great job presenting. He also provided an update on the opioid settlement.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 09-12192022

Supporting a “rail with trail” recommendation from the Rail Use Advisory Council.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 164-12192022

Directing the Planning Board to review unhoused/homeless shelter related uses in the City of Auburn Zoning Districts.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubilite Lane, said that he is not in favor of sending this to the Planning Board adding that this is important, and we should not sit on this.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor to postpone this item until May of 2023.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 165-12192022

Allocating \$145,000 of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for the acquisition of the Shovel Ready Housing Plans.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment –

Ryan Smith, Auburn resident was unable to attend but provided written comments noting that he would like to see the Council reject this proposal and spend the ARPA money elsewhere and that he would like them to consider other measures to make building in Auburn more affordable.

Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, stated that he is against the proposal stating that it is unfair to anyone that wants to go through the normal process, there are costs and staff time involved, and it will be hard to police or control this.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes to postpone until February 13, 2023.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session - No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the upcoming School Committee meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, where they will discuss dual enrollment.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on the holiday schedule. Next week Auburn Hall will be closed on Monday for the holiday, trash pickup will continue as scheduled.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – November Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the November finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions

Contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D), with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D), with possible action to follow.

Passage 7-0. Time, 8:35 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:55 pm.

Order 166-12192022 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for retention efforts and to reopen Patrol/Detective and Command Unit contracts for negotiation no later than February 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C). Mayor Levesque recused himself and stepped out of the room for the discussion.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:59 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:24 pm.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C), with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C), with possible action to follow. Councilor Milks recused himself and stepped out of the room for the discussion.

Passage 7-0. Time 9:24 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:48 pm.

Order 167-12192022 authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement with Highgate Development, LLC. for the purchase of 15 Academy Street (Auburn Tax Parcel 230-132) and 261 Main Street (Auburn Tax Parcel 231-004) for \$50,000.

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Milks abstained).

Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Staples to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(C).

Passage 7-0. Time 9:49 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:00 pm.

- X. Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Milks had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. 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.
- 1. Order 01-01032023***
Confirming Chief Moen’s appointments of Steven Friedrich, William Howard, James Clement, and Joshua Crosswell as Constable with Firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
- 2. Order 02-01032023***
Re-appointing Darren Finnegan to the Planning Board, full member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026.
- 3. Order 03-01032023***
Appointing Paul Jacques to the Planning Board, full member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026.
- 4. Order 04-01032023***
Re-appointing Stacey LeBlanc to the Planning Board, full member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026.
- 5. Order 05-01032023***
Appointing David Trask to the Planning Board, full member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2025.
- 6. Order 06-01032023***
Appointing Amanda Guerette to the Planning Board, associate member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2025.
- 7. Order 07-01032023***
Appointing Timothy DeRoche to the Planning Board, associate member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026.
- 8. Order 08-01032023***
Re-appointing Danelle Martel to the Auburn Housing Authority Board of Trustees, with a term expiration of 10/01/2027.
- 9. Order 09-01032023***

Re-appointing Jeremiah Bartlett to the Complete Streets Committee, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026.

10. Order 10-01032023*

Appointing Benjamin Weisner to the Age Friendly Community Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

11. Order 11-01032023*

Appointing Gerald Samson to the Regulatory Advisory Board, with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

12. Order 12-01032023*

Appointing Kirk Nadeau to the Airport Board, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026.

13. Order 13-01032023*

Amending the postponement date of order 165-12192022 to February 21, 2022 instead of February 13, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage of the consent items.

Councilor Whiting asked that Orders 05-01032023, 06-01032023, and 07-01032023 be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business for discussion.

Passage of the remaining consent items, 6-0.

II. Minutes – December 19, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- LA 9-1-1 Presentation
- Presentation of Recreation Non-Profit Groups
 - Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball
 - Phoenix Karate
 - Auburn Ski Association
 - YMCA
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Whiting reported that we should be hearing a fairly big announcement from Museum LA soon.

Councilor Walker reported back on the New Year's Day party that was held at the Senior Community Center.

Councilor Staples reported that he attended the New Year's Auburn event and thanked staff for their efforts.

City Manager Crowell also reported on the New Year's Eve event and thanked everyone that was involved.

Mayor Levesque also commented positively on the New Year's Eve event. He also noted that he is asking staff to put together an order for Council to review and vote on directing the Planning Board to recommend converting the agricultural & resource protection zone within the Lake Auburn Watershed into a city conservation zone.

IV. Open Session – Stephen Beal, Johnson Road commented on the Planning Board appointments that are on the agenda.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 14-01032023

Directing the City Manager to acquire the necessary property to optimize a new Engine 2 station and allocating up to \$25,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in support of this initiative.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 15-01032023

Amending Order 22-02072022 to include website redesign and associated costs to the list of projects that were approved in the allocation of ARPA funds.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage – 6-0.

3. Ordinance 01-01032023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 16-49, Security Systems and Appendix A, Fees and Charges under Emergency Management and Service, removing the renewal requirement and associated fee. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

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Passage – 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Order 05-01032023

Appointing David Trask to the Planning Board, full member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2025. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to replace David Trask with Joshua Daigle for this position.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote of 3-3 with Councilors Hawes, Morin, and Walker opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, Mayor Levesque voted to break the tie vote and voted in opposition).

Passage of Order 05-01032023 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

Order 06-01032023

Appointing Amanda Guerette to the Planning Board, associate member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2025. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Road, commented that it would be of interest to the public to know if someone has resigned or reached their term limits.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to replace Amanda Guerette with Stanwood Gray for this position.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote of 3-3 with Councilors Hawes, Morin, and Walker opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, Mayor Levesque voted to break the tie vote, and voted in opposition).

Passage of Order 06-01032023 4-3 (there was a tie vote of 3-3 with Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Staples opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, Mayor Levesque voted to break the tie vote, voting in the affirmative).

Order 07-01032023

Appointing Timothy DeRoche to the Planning Board, associate member, with a term expiration of 1/1/2026. This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

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Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to replace Timothy DeRoche with Joshua Daigle for this position.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote of 3-3 with Councilors Hawes, Morin, and Walker opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, Mayor Levesque voted to break the tie vote, and voted in opposition).

Passage of Order 07-01032023 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the dual enrollment program for Edward Little High School students.

Councilor Morin reported that he is excited about this project, and he gave special thanks to the Central Maine Community College staff, particularly Andrew Morong, and his team.

Councilor Whiting commented on an experience he had while in high school and stated that it will be great for students to have this opportunity.

Manager Crowell thanked Mr. DeRoche for coming to the meeting tonight and for applying to serve on the Planning Board position. There will be a legal consultation for new Planning Board members that will be held tomorrow night. He also said that moving forward, we will include information in the Appointment Committee minutes when a position is vacant due to a resignation or term expiration. He also provided an update on staffing and hiring of police officers.

IX. Executive Sessions – Legal Matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E). This item was taken up during the workshop.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 17, 2023, VOL. 37 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. Councilor Milks had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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.

1. Order 16-01172023*

Re-appointing Karen Scammon as the City Assessor with a term expiration of 01/31/2028.

2. Order 17-01172023*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Nathaniel Aronson as Constable with Firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – January 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Library Presentation and Update - Mamie Anthoine Ney, Library Director
- Communication - Business License Denial Notification (1800 Club, LLC.)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque reported that Burnt Ends BBQ located Lewiston and owned by Jill and Kevin Cunningham (Jill is an Auburn city staff member) will be celebrating their 1-year business anniversary, on January 23rd adding that they have great barbeque.

Councilor Morin extended his appreciation for everyone involved at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Walker reported that the United New Auburn Association will be meeting on January 31st at Rolly's Diner. Chief Moen of the Auburn Police Department will be the

guest speaker. On Thursday, January 26th the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at the Sixth Street Congregational Church.

Manager Crowell, provided an update on the Maine's Hire-A-Vet Campaign which staff participated in. He also stated that he has been hearing from Councilors regarding conflict with the February meeting dates. He is proposing that Councilors suspend the rules to add item to the agenda to change meeting dates.

IV. Open Session

Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street would like Councilors to add to the February agenda a workshop and eventually a vote to use tax-payer funds to reimburse rate payers of the Auburn Water District for the cost of the litigation for the Lake Auburn lawsuit that the City of Lewiston has filed.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road would like to have a way to provide public comment when people cannot attend a meeting.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street commented on the homeless crisis in Auburn and Lewiston.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 160-12052022

Allocating up to \$180,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of a portable Stage.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples. No one seconded the motion.

Motion fails for lack of a second.

2. Ordinance 01-01032023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 16-49, Security Systems and Appendix A, Fees and Charges under Emergency Management and Service, removing the renewal requirement and associated fee. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 24-12052022

Zoning Map Amendment - Amending a portion of 150 Andrew Drive (Parcel I.D. 347-003) from Agriculture and Resource Protection (AG), and Low-Density Country Residential (LDCR), zoning districts to the Suburban Residential (SR) as recommended by the Planning Board. First Reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 18-01172023

Directing the Planning Board to provide a recommendation on a zoning text and map amendment prohibiting any future residential structures and animal farms within the portion of the Lake Auburn watershed zoned “Agriculture and Resource Protection”.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. Order 19-01172023

Directing the Planning Board to provide a recommendation for a zoning amendment that will prohibit any future subsurface wastewater disposal within 300’ of Lake Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to suspend the rules. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker to cancel the February 6, 2023 and February 21, 2023 Council meetings and to schedule a meeting for February 13, 2023.

Passage 6-0. This becomes Order 20-01172023.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on some recent news about the high school construction cost overruns and significant PBC mitigation. A meeting has been scheduled with the Governor, the General Contractor and sub-contractors regarding this issue. The School Committee is now in budget discussions and prepping their FY 24 budget.

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Councilor Staples, reported on last week's LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee) meeting. They have been discussing the upcoming budget.

Councilor Walker reported that the 911 Committee will be meeting on Thursday at 8:00 am at Lewiston City Hall, and the Age Friendly Community Committee will be holding a spaghetti Valentine Day dinner on February 14th.

Councilor Whiting, commented on Larry Pelletier's comments on homelessness and asked the City Manager if there was any word on the State of Maine housing.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on overnight warming shelters. A draft application will be submitted to the State which would provide accommodations for up to 68 people and will be located at 121 Mill Street in Auburn. If approved, it will be coming back to the Council for a vote. The Director of the 911 center provided updated information which will be made available. He also wanted to recognize staff. Brian Wood, Assistant City Manager received an award for the Finest Under 40 with the Chamber of Commerce, Sue Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk received her Master Municipal Clerk designation, and our Finance Director, Jill Eastman and her team received a certificate of achievement for excellence in finance reporting which is 29 years running for our Finance Department.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – December Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to accept and place on file the December Finance Report. Passage 6-0.

IX. Executive Sessions – None.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Morin seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

FY23 GOALS | DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PLANNING FOR A BETTER FUTURE | Attract quality businesses by creating an environment where business can succeed. Enrich lives and promote community life in Auburn.

Business & Community Development: The Department has implemented six initiatives to support small businesses and entrepreneurs in the community. These include: (1) a micro enterprise loan program offering up to \$7,500 for low-income or underserved business owners; (2) a revolving business loan program providing up to \$150,000 to new and expanding businesses; (3) a corner store grant program offering up to \$35,000 in funding to improve food options in neighborhoods; (4) active involvement in the strengthen L/A program to address workforce issues in the city; (5) participation in the recovery friendly workplace initiative to support the hiring of individuals in recovery; and (6) the simplification of documentation and processes for clients to make it easier to do business with the Department.

City Clerk: Continue to work closely with businesses guiding them through the business licensing/renewal process with one part time staff person is dedicated to marijuana licensing which helps to ensure a smooth and consistent process for business owners.

Communications & Community Development: Supported and promoted Auburn's departments, signature events, initiatives, and programs, helping to enhance Auburn's reputation as a regional destination and an exceptional community partner. Collaborated with community partners, hosted and/or promoted new business/grand opening events, public art dedications, new construction/development projects, and other unifying, community-building occasions. Launched and promoted Auburn's inaugural Christmas Shopping Village, which supported small local businesses and entrepreneurs and made downtown Auburn a holiday destination.

Economic Development: Implementation of the Downtown Revitalization Plan included but was not limited to: successfully marketing seven city-owned downtown properties, creating the Christmas Village, partnering with the founder of the Blues and Brews Fest, coordinating New Year's Auburn, developing a new spring event, continually updating the Storywalk, and meeting with business prospects and investors.

Fire Department: We continue to streamline fire safety inspection processes to reduce the impacts on businesses. We have reduced time taken for plans review processes and approvals.

Information Technology: We will continue to streamline software solutions that offer residents, business owners, and contractors a more transparent and connected community.

Police Department: We continue to work on reducing shoplifting incidents with our retailers. Later this month we are initiating a Citizens Police Academy to help further the public's understanding of department operations.

Public Works: Although, this winter has not produced a great deal of snow the department maintains a high priority of snow removal for the downtown businesses improving access throughout the winter months.

Recreation: Focus on reaching out to local businesses to help support our programming. Sponsorships and donations from Auburn business not only help us keep costs low but it is also an opportunity for those businesses to get their name out into the community. Continue to help support each departments special events and use our resources to ensure our patrons know not only what the Recreation Department is offering but other departments within the City.

Sports Tourism: Auburn is including sports in its tourism strategy and tourism in its sports strategy. Connect with leaders, investors, real estate influencers, and partner organizations to promote engagement. Continue successful communication with local community stakeholders (Ex. Auburn Suburban) and regional stakeholders (Ex. Edge Sports Group) who will support the city's future sport tourism initiatives. Cultivate relationships with investment groups (Ex. Municipal Acquisitions) to explore ways to fund sports tourism projects and initiatives. Main mission is to focus on three (3) impacts of sport tourism: 1. Direct impacts (Ex. retail, food, and lodging), 2. Indirect (Ex. Purchase of goods and services - B2B), and 3. Induced (Ex. Money spent back into the economy)

Transportation: Established engagement with downtown businesses and prospective investors regarding infrastructure challenges and opportunities (including pedestrian safety, transit access, parking, etc) as continued scope development for small area master plans and seeking of non-local infrastructure investment (MaineDOT or federal)

RECLAIMING OUR STREETS | Develop clear identities for Auburn's Downtown and industrial parks that consider scale, connectivity, use, and integrity to maximize their appeal. Invest in and maintain infrastructure necessary to provide sustainable, safe, and livable environment.

Business & Community Development: The Department's ongoing neighborhood challenge grant program empowers local neighborhood groups to request funding for small infrastructure projects that enhance their communities. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for a wide range of projects, including park benches, wayfinding signage, and more. In addition, the Department has actively pursued federal earmark dollars to secure funding for larger projects that benefit the entire city.

Communications & Community Engagement: Installed, decorated, and promoted "pop-up shops" on Festival Plaza to help beautify the downtown and bring more visitors to the heart of the city. Designed and installed signage for public art, and promoted the art unveiling events. Increased use of electronic signs, light pole banners, etc. to beautify downtown and promote the city. Supported Public Works beautification efforts - planters, benches, street tree planting, etc. Promoted recycling, sustainability, composting, and other initiatives. Created StoryMap to highlight the city's sustainability efforts. Worked with Downtown Coordinator to improve Riverwalk StoryWalk installations. Created Court Street transportation survey to help improve walkability efforts. Created and shared public safety alerts, educational materials, and anti-crime initiatives, including Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, motorist safety info, fire prevention info, and much more.

Economic Development: The Economic Development Department took an interdepartmental approach to create and begin implementing the 5-Year Downtown Revitalization Plan. In addition, we created and have been presenting the GIS powered storyboard identifying Auburn as Maine's manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution hub.

Fire Department: Improving public safety infrastructure by working toward a new public safety building and South Main Street Fire Station.

Information Technology: We will continue to aid internal departments with their needs to develop Auburn's Downtown through connectivity and technology.

Police Department: The department works daily to ensure the safety of our motoring public throughout the city. As with Fire, we are working on improving the Public Safety Infrastructure with the Public Safety Building Project.

Public Works: Public Works plays a significant role in maintaining city streets, sidewalks, trails, and outdoor in support of all city neighborhoods. Projects such as North River Rd and Woodbury Hill Rd cold mulch road treatments improved the quality of each of these neighborhoods. The department continues to explore other roads that could benefit from the less expensive, but effective road treatments.

Recreation: With the new playground spaces is an opportunity to further promote our great parks and fields. Promoting these locations and fields as areas for the community

to gather and host parties. Look into adding equipment to playgrounds for those with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Sports Tourism: Sport tourism projects have been critical steps in many urban renewal efforts creating economic engines. We will continue to explore and understand specific programming niches across Auburn. The use of certain spaces and industrial areas offer flexibility with sport tourism projects and events. Identify different demographic groups targeting how these areas of Auburn can be designed to accommodate sports tourism projects. (Ex. Use of downtown and festival plaza for the 2024 Fan Fest area for the National Collegiate Roller Hockey National Championship.

Transportation: Coordinated with Capital Investment/Engineering and Community Development to prioritize putting out to bid a Union Street crosswalk improvement and a new Gamage Ave crosswalk creating improved safety and connectivity in the PAL/Washburn School Neighborhood. Also coordinated with Planning and Permitting and Public Works on a GIS intern project to evaluate crosswalk compliance with MaineDOT safety policies through our CDBG priority census tracts. Additional effort will go into an action plan to improve pedestrian safety in known high crash locations and on priority walking routes to neighborhood schools.

MAKING HOUSING MORE ATTAINABLE | Efficiently utilize current housing stocks and sustainable targeted residential development that supports and attracts growth, residents, and workforce.

Business & Community Development: The Department has 9 initiatives in place to support housing and homeownership. 3 of these programs have been in place for some time, while the remaining 6 are relatively new (within the last 18 months). These include: (1) critical repair program, which provides funding to repair critical components of homes/apartments for eligible residential homeowners and landlords; (2) home buyer program, which offers down payment assistance to eligible applicants; (3) security deposit program, which helps eligible individuals access funds for security deposits on qualified apartments; (4) lead hazard abatement program, which provides funding to remove lead hazards from eligible housing units; (5) accessory dwelling unit program, which offers grants of up to \$30,000 to assist with the creation of new, affordable dwelling units on existing properties; (6) curb appeal program, which provides up to \$10,000 in grants to multi-unit building owners to improve visual impact; (7) heating assistance program, which provides up to \$700 in assistance to qualified residents; (8) sustainable Auburn program, which offers matching grants to residents; and (9) housing

resource coordinator, who works with unhoused residents to find affordable housing solutions.

Communications & Community Engagement: Distributed press releases and social media promoting various business, economic, and community development programs and initiatives, such as Sustainable Auburn rebates, HOME-ARP, HEAP and heating assistance, property tax stabilization program, property tax relief program, and more. Promoted and supported city's recruitment efforts across all departments. Worked with administration and human resources to evaluate employee recruitment and retention strategies; laid groundwork for a regional hiring event to be held in 2023. Created Qualified Sales StoryMap to help tell the story of Auburn's recent housing market.

Economic Development: Economic development met with a total of 92 developers and investors to promote the need for additional housing in Auburn. Examples meetings resulting in building new residential units include but are not limited to the Sable Ridge development and seven city-owned properties.

Fire Department: We support all housing development by ensuring all housing types meet minimum safety standards.

Police Department: Implementation of the Disorderly Housing Ordinance has been an effective means to addressing problem housing areas and working with property owners to quell disturbances in the neighborhoods. Staffing constraints have not allowed us to develop a selective enforcement strategy for neighborhoods.

Recreation: Keeping program cost low so all community members feel that they can participate regardless of their financial situation.

Sports Tourism: With the expected housing growth around the Auburn Mall and Norway Savings Bank Arena area, the city sees sport as a lever for economic development and has seized opportunities to be attractive to event hosting and visitors while meeting the needs of citizens and honoring local identities in which the city they live. Solidifying the emergence and attractiveness to live in this part of Auburn.

Transportation: Coordinating with Planning and Permitting on infrastructure needs and opportunities as zoning changes have advanced through the Planning Board and when prospective investors reach out to the city. This has included reviewing Complete Street policies, framing opportunities for street grid expansion, additional walking facilities, and how our ordinances might further encourage in-fill along existing street networks.

ENRICHING NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITIES | Support all residents by fostering a sense of unity while honoring diversity and coordinating community resources and assets to provide "wraparound" support to all residents. Dedicate resources to define our image and identity to build a sense of community.

Communications & Community Engagement: Shared weekly/monthly police, 9-1-1, and planning/permitting statistics to educate residents, demonstrate transparency in reporting, and highlight the performance of city departments. Promoted and facilitated assessing division's "Virtual Town Hall" meetings to help residents better understand recent valuation adjustments. Promoted Community Forums on Zoning. Inspired community and neighborhood pride, but working to successfully and thoughtfully tell the story of Auburn through photos, live and pre-recorded videos, and other content.

Fire Department: We are working to establish the Co-responder PSY program to offer "wrap around" support to citizens with substance abuse, behavioral health or homelessness issues.

Human Resources: Work to attract out of state and New Mainer potential employees with skills to build the CoA workforce and bring their families into our community.

Police Department: The Police Athletic League (PAL) program is the successful cornerstone in enriching neighborhood identity. The continued success of the program has led to the implementation of a new building project that has received significant federal funding. We continue to support our Neighborhood Watch Program as staffing allows.

Recreation: Provide programming for the New Mainer population – to feel included- by reaching out to community via social media and surveys to see what they would like to be offered in their community.

Sports Tourism: Continue to evaluate, strategize, and move progress on two (2) or more recreational infrastructure projects aimed at improving or enhancing local infrastructure for the purpose of accessibility, sustainability, and revenue enhancement measures that are necessary. This includes evaluating a third sheet of ice and a comprehensive plan to build a new indoor turf facility that both are fiscally sustainable and focuses on meeting the growing population density and accessibility to its citizens.

Transportation: Coordinated with Communications, Capital Investment, and School Department for a survey of students and residents along the Court Street Corridor for targeted pedestrian improvements, per Council CIP allocation. Follow up public meeting to review results and staff recommendations based on neighborhood input to follow this winter.

ENACTING RESILIENT SOLUTIONS | Create, support, and market accessible, connected, and diverse network of recreation and natural resources that provides destinations and pathways for residents. Continue to improve access to training designed to address workforce gaps. Provide diverse, well-rounded education through partnerships. Protect funding and support educators, facilities, and accessibility.

Communications & Community Engagement: Used social media, email & text alerts, media releases, city website, electronic signage, electronic mapping, and other methods to provide dependable, consistent communication to residents, businesses, etc. on topics such as summertime cooling centers, winter warming centers, browntail moth abatement, PFAS, parking bans, road closures/traffic alerts, and much more. Designed and produced the city's Annual Report to the Community. Designed and produced various surveys to collect and evaluate community data and feedback. Collected and distributed resident complaints, compliments, and feedback (received via email, social media, and the city website) to appropriate staff and city council in an effort to include citizens in the decision-making process and to offer exceptional customer service and help make improvements to Auburn's service delivery.

Fire Department: Placed a rescue UTV into service to meet the increased demands for EMS and rescue services associated with recreational activities such as hiking, biking, and fishing.

Public Works: Public Works provides maintenance and conducts small construction projects in support of all Auburn Recreation facilities and ensure safe connectivity amongst the city's recreation and natural resource assets. The department has created an in-house Professional Driving training program to address the department's workforce gaps. The training program provides local residents with an opportunity to start a professional CDL operator career at Auburn Public Works with no experience.

Recreation: Providing participates with program brochures in different languages. We have started to offer programs partnering with Special Olympics that provide opportunities for those with disabilities to play alongside with others.

Sports Tourism: Sports tourism will continue to play an important role in recovery and resilience building here in Auburn post Covid-19. Contributing to evolving hospitality and experience economy, while generating social and environmental benefits in our local community. We continue to reinforce a growing appreciation for the need to facilitate exercise and sport as part of making Auburn healthier and more attractive to

those living and visiting our city. Combine sporting events with local opportunities, local entrepreneurs and utilize local services to minimize economic outflow and maximize local benefits.

Transportation: Coordinated with Capital Investment and Purchasing, along with the Sustainability Workgroup, to host a Bates College student research team evaluating opportunities for EV infrastructure in Auburn. Follow up activities included engaging Efficiency Maine and MaineDOT to seek non-local funding for further investment.

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 21-01032023*

Re-appointing Robert Cavanagh to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees, with a term expiration of 3/1/2027.

2. Order 22-01032023*

Re-appointing Jason Pawlina to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees, with a term expiration of 3/1/2027.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – January 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Milks abstained as he was not present for the meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Mayor Jason Levesque’s State of the City Address which was previously recorded was presented.
- Communication from Frederick Kunas (Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball)
- A Special City Council Meeting to be held on February 17, 2023
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples congratulated the Edward Little High School basketball teams on a successful season. He also commented on the Sun Journal article regarding the warming shelter. He stated that the city did put forth a good effort and would like that to continue.

IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, spoke regarding an article on homelessness and read reasons why someone may become homeless. He provided a written copy.

Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street, would like Auburn tax payers to reimburse the Water District rate payers for the legal fees incurred due to the law suit that was initiated by the City of Lewiston.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 24-12052022

Zoning Map Amendment - Amending a portion of 150 Andrew Drive (Parcel I.D. 347-003) from Agriculture and Resource Protection (AG), and Low-Density Country Residential (LDCR), zoning districts to the Suburban Residential (SR) as recommended by the Planning Board. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing –

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, spoke regarding the City Attorney’s recent legal opinion and said he would like the City Council to reach out to legal counsel again or have the petitioner start the process over.

Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Road, spoke regarding this property adding that this parcel is not suitable for suburban residential.

Razell Ward, 1372 North River Road, spoke regarding storm water runoff on Andrew Drive and stated that this lot is not suited for residential development, and she is respectfully requesting that this not be approved.

Lisa Bisson, 199 Andrew Drive, stated that there was a lack of adequate infrastructure for development at this location, the roads are narrow and there is no turnaround. She stated that the East Auburn Community respectfully requests that they not approve the zoning change.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, discussed elevations and slope sides of this lot, there is no way to develop a road on those steep grades and there are no other abutting roads to get there adding that it is not adequate to support suburban residential construction, and he would like the City Council to reject this.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Whiting and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 165-12192022

Allocating \$145,000 of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for the acquisition of the Shovel Ready Housing Plans.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples to postpone this item, then withdrew his motion.

Failed 1-6 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, Hawes, Milks, Morin, Staples opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Public hearing – CDBG & HOME Annual Action Plan

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street, continued reading an article he found regarding homelessness.

Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane, stated that this plan should have a goal and how we did against that goal when spending the money. We need to measure how the money is being used and if it is not working that is how we will know to switch to something different.

2. Ordinance 02-02132023

Amending the definition and use of standards related to Public Safety Facilities, Detention Facilities, Correctional Facilities and/or Government Offices at a site on which the use does not currently exist. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane stated that he was disturbed about this, adding that it is far reaching, and Council will have to become involved and then it becomes politics. He said he feels it is wrong and they are rushing this through.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Whiting and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 23-02132023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a CBA between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Firefighters Association Local 797.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – Fred Stone, 169 Royal River Road would like to extend some of his property to rural residential, which is currently listed in the Ag zone. He said he would like to build a home on the land, but he can't because of the zoning. He also spoke about a blue building on Trapp Road that he said is an eyesore, a danger, and a fire hazard. It is boarded up now after being vandalized. He would like to know if something can be done about that property.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque commented on the ELHS basketball games, the boys alpine ski team came in first place in KVAC's, girls came in second, and boys swimming first place, adding that it is a very busy sports season. He spoke about the Court Street traffic, and appreciates the work Jason Moen, Jonathan LaBonté, and Kris Bennett did presenting, and he reported that the Legislative Policy Committee will be working on several bills.

Councilor Gerry commented on the warming shelter and asked what will we be doing moving forward. She would like to see the City Manager come up with some other locations.

Councilor Whiting wanted to attest to Mr. Stone's comment on the building on Trapp Road and said he was glad that he brought it to our attention. He also announced the new name of Museum LA is Maine Mill – Maine Museum of Innovation, Learning, and Labor.

Councilor Milks reported that we are looking for two additional Sewer District Trustees.

Councilor Morin reported that Mr. Stone lives in his ward and he encouraged him to come here to speak.

Councilor Walker said he agreed with Mr. Stone regarding his property and the warehouse that he mentioned earlier. He also reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:00 pm on February 23rd. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting on February 28th at Rolly's Diner. Fire Chief Chase will be the guest speaker at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Staples reported that the library committee met at the end of January, and they've been discussing fundraising events.

City Manager Crowell will provide a budget meeting schedule at the next regular meeting, he provided an update on the status of the warming center, some of the partnerships working with the city on this, and resources that are available and how we are addressing the issue.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2023 Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to accept and place on file the January 2023 Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions

Labor contract negotiations (Police Patrol), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:29 pm.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 8:39 pm.

Labor contract negotiations (Police Command), pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:40 pm.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 8:48 pm.

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting to enter executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 8:51 pm.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:11 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Moring had an excused absence. All other City Councilors were present.

5:30 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 02-02132023

Amending the definition and use of standards related to Public Safety Facilities, Detention Facilities, Correctional Facilities and/or Government Offices at a site on which the use does not currently exist. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to postpone this item to the next City Council meeting.

Motion failed 3-4 (there was a tie vote of 3-3 with Councilors Hawes, Milks, and Walker opposed, and in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3, Mayor Levesque voted to break the tie vote and voted in opposition).

Passage of Ordinance 02-02132023 4-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Hawes to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Staples had an excused absence. All other City Councilors were present.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 24-03062023*

Setting the time to open the polls at 7:00 a.m. for 2023 Elections.

2. Order 25-03062023*

Appointing Chris Carson to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

February 13, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

February 17, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023 Special Council meeting.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Morin abstained as he was no present at that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Norway Savings Bank Arena's 10 Year Anniversary

Marc Gosselin, Executive Director, Community Partnerships & Sport Tourism and Karen Hakala, Senior Vice President of Marketing for Norway Savings Bank presented by unveiling the new anniversary log and introduced the new mascot, Barnabee.

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Whiting stated that he has missed out on skiing at Auburn Nordic Ski Association which has more snow than they've had in a long time.

Mayor Levesque reported that there has been great public response to the announcement of the Auburn Lobster Festival that is scheduled on May 6th at Festival Plaza beginning at noon. More information can be found at www.auburnlobsterfestival.com.

City Manager Crowell addressed the article that was in the newspaper this morning regarding biosolids in the State of Maine and the impacts it is having on communities.

IV. Open Session – Dave Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue, as Chair of the Community Forest Working Group provided a summary of their 2022 accomplishments and touched on a few things the group would like to work on in 2023.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 26-03062023

Authorizing the marketing of City owned property 121 Mill Street Parcel ID 221-041.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding language that all offers will be reviewed and recommendations made by a neighborhood committee formed by the Mayor.

Passage 4-2 (Councilor Milks and Walker opposed).

Passage as amended, 6-0.

2. Order 27-03062023

Authorizing the marketing of City owned property 80 Lake Street Parcel ID 239-114.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding language that all offers will be reviewed and recommendations made by a neighborhood committee formed by the Mayor.

Passage 4-2 (Councilor Milks and Walker opposed).

Passage as amended, 6-0.

3. Order 28-03062023

Authorizing the marketing of City owned property Rodman Road Parcel ID 198-036.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding language that all offers will be reviewed and recommendations made by a neighborhood committee formed by the Mayor.

Passage 4-2 (Councilor Milks and Walker opposed).

Passage as amended, 6-0.

4. Public Hearing
Stable Ridge TIF District.

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:43 pm

Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, questioned the \$250,000 amount that was mentioned would go toward public safety (under allowed use of TIF dollars). He said his is not a fan of TIF's and found that it is restrictive. He added that he doesn't believe in credit enhancements at all, and added that we should TIF just a portion, maybe a 50% TIF and the rest should be available for the general fund.

Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive, commented on a credit enhancement agreement which he stated would give a \$500,000 rebate of taxes paid by the developer back to them. He said if they want to create a TIF and steer money toward improvements in the Court Street area, great, but we should not include a credit enhancement agreement.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue stated that he finds it interesting how TIF's have evolved over the years adding that in the last decade or so, we've gone from TIF's on commercial properties to TIF's on residential properties. He stated that we have to be careful with the project that is before us being considered.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, stated that he agrees with previous speakers. He noted that the credit enhancement agreement is transferrable, so if the current owner decides to sell the property, the credit enhancement goes to the new buyer. He went on to say that we really should think about whether we should be doing a 100% TIF. All property owners should contribute something to the ongoing expenses, and he suggested looking at a 60% TIF instead of a 100% TIF, and further suggested removing the credit enhancement agreement.

Mayor Levesque closed public hearing at 7:56 pm.

5. Order 29-03062023
Amending Order 151-11072022 previously adopted by the City Council on 11/07/2022 extending the date for the Planning Board to provide a recommendation on a text amendment on a proposed zoning amendment from 3/20/2023 to 4/18/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street, asked why this is being delayed just a month when the Planning Board said at their last meeting that they would probably need until the end of the year on this. He asked that Council vote this down and take the proper public process and the Planning Board can make a proper recommendation.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session

Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, spoke regarding spring clean-up and said he thinks we should do the spring clean-up this year and notify the public that this is the last year we do spring clean-up and delay the new proposal until next year.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that there is a lot of legislation action happening. He stated that the decrease in educational revenue share is driven by a decrease of students. He reported on the School Committee budget. The School Committee is looking at bottom line budget increase as proposed on the school side of .64 to the mil rate.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 30-03202023*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Andrew Shute and Andrew St. Pierre as Constable with firearm/arrest powers for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 31-03202023*

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$200 business license fee for Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – March 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Staples abstained as he was not present for the meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications

David Chittim, President of the Androscoggin Historical Society announced that AHS turn one hundred years old this year. He also announced that they have purchased a building in Lewiston (93 Lisbon Street) after 86 years being located in the Androscoggin Court House building. He stated that they are hoping to raise a total of \$750,000 over the next few years. He said they are requesting a grant from the City of Auburn in the amount of \$60,000 adding that Lewiston granted them \$75,000 last year. He noted that they will also be reaching out to other towns. The Mayor followed by stating that he submitted an endorsement for funding for this project with Senator Collins. A copy which will be included in the minutes.

Councilor Morin stated that he recalls visiting the Androscoggin Historical Society when he was in school, adding that he has a personal passion for history and he thanked Mr. Chittim for coming in and speaking.

Manager Crowell reported that on May 3rd the City of Auburn will collaborate with the Police Activities League (PAL) to bring LEADERCAST to the community. This is an important fundraiser for PAL. More information can be found on www.auburnpal.com or they can contact Liz Allen. He also shared the annual report with the Council and members of the public.

Mayor Levesque announced that the Lobster Festival is moving forward in May at Festival Plaza. He added that this event is also to raise money for the Maine Lobstermen Association. One fundraiser is a buoy painting contest where members of the public can buy a buoy for \$20, decorate it, bring it to the festival and the winner of the event will receive 50% of the proceeds and the other half will be donated to the Maine Lobstermen Association. He also talked about the corner store initiative and talked about proposing a program on sustainable food options. He said he will ask for input from the Sustainability and Natural Resource Board (SNRB).

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Order 33-03202023

Approving \$4,598,331 of additional costs for environmental remediation of the new high school project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

1. Public hearing – Stable Ridge TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District #27.

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:36 pm.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue first commented on the TIF piece of this, noting that there are reasons to do that, and the percentage of the TIF is up to the Council. He then commented on the credit enhancement agreement portion adding that he doesn't think there is a need to offer this on a finished project and asked that it be removed.

Jeffrey Harmon, 34 Vista Drive commented on the credit enhancement agreement noting that at no time during this project did the developer come forward for assistance or ask for an incentive. He added that there is no community benefit in extending this rebate to the developer.

Celia McGuckian, 10 Fairmount Avenue commented on a news article which stated that 5 police officers left Auburn for another municipality because of the budget. She stated that the \$500,000 could help to keep our police officers here.

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street reiterated the comments made by other speakers about the credit enhancement agreement. He commented on the numbers that were provided adding that he believes those are based on phase 2 of the development and when you assume the numbers, you should assume about half if the second phase of the development is denied again by the Planning Board. He added that he would rather see a 60% TIF so we can still control 40% and no credit enhancement.

Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:43 pm.

2. Order 32-03202023

Approving TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District #27 Stable Ridge Development.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend the language in section 7 as follows:

Section 7. The City Council will reconvene at a later date to review, hold a public hearing and vote to authorize the City Manager ~~be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed~~ to enter into the Credit Enhancement Agreement contemplated by the Development Program, in the name of and on behalf of the City, such agreement to be in such form and to contain such terms and provisions, not inconsistent with the Development Program, as the City Manager may approve, the City Manager's approval to be conclusively evidenced by his or her execution thereof.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by striking any reference to “credit enhancement agreement”.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed).

Passage of Order 32-03202023 as amended 4-3 (Councilors Staples, Gerry, and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 33-03202023

Approving \$4,598,331 of additional costs for environmental remediation of the new high school project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor. First reading.

This item was taken out of order and voted on earlier on in the meeting.

4. Order 34-03202023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Union, Command Division, effective 07/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 35-03202023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Union, Patrol Division, effective 07/01/2023.

Motion Walker/Morin

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session

Fred Stone, 169 Royal River Road, stated that he is trying to build a small campground on his property to pay the taxes. He has a preliminary plan. He said the property is in the accepted use of Ag Zone and he is concerned that this may become all residential because the campground will not work if this happens.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque reported that the School Committee is meeting every week to discuss the budget, the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) has been meeting and he will be going to Washington DC along with the City Manager on Tuesday.

Councilor Staples said he represented the city along with City staff at the opening of LA Arts back in February, adding that it was a great event.

Councilor Walker announced that on Friday, March 17th the Age Friendly Committee put on a St Patrick's Day dinner, approximately 140 people showed up. He said they are also working with the General Assistance department to help out people that are unhoused or in need. They are planning to offer lightly worn clothing, if not brand new to those in need. This will be held on March 25th from noon - 2:00 pm at the Senior Center. Donations are welcome. They are also putting on a Movie tomorrow at the Senior Center. It is a free event, however \$1.00 donations welcome but not necessary.

Councilor Morin reported that on Saturday he watched his son got his orange belt at Phoenix Karate, then went to the Home Show at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. It was a well-attended, well managed, and well represented event.

Councilor Milks announced that the Sewer District will be meeting tomorrow at 4:00 pm and the Water District will be meeting on Wednesday, also at 4:00 pm at the Auburn Water District.

Councilor Whiting said he took a field trip to University of Maine, Orono, to see their 3D printer where they constructed a house with it. It is the biggest in the world other than one that does cement based products.

Councilor Gerry said that she has been contacted by constituents who have asked that when we start posting roads due to the spring thaw, that we give them a heads up so they can get their equipment out of the woods.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2023 Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting to accept and place on file the February 2023 final finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions

1. Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

Time in 8:23 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:42 pm.

2. Labor contract negotiations – Public Works Teamsters (Drivers), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Passage 7-0.

Time in 8:43 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:48 pm.

3. Labor contract negotiations – Public Works Teamsters (Mechanics), pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Passage 7-0.

Time in 8:48 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor Morin seconded by Councilor Hawes to adjourn.
Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



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March 15, 2023

Senator Susan Collins
55 Lisbon Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240

Re: Androscoggin Historical Society

Dear Senator Collins:

I have recently learned that the Androscoggin Historical Society is planning to apply for a HUD grant through the Economic Development Initiative Program. I encourage you to support this application, not only for the historical society itself, but for the spin-off effects on the local economy.

The Society is a long-time stable force in our community and is now undergoing a metamorphosis to broaden its influence. Its new home will provide it with greater exposure and allow it to attract more consumers to our county.

Auburn benefits from the activities of the Androscoggin Historical Society both culturally and economically. Its programs at the one-room 1850 West Auburn Schoolhouse and at the 1796 Knight House in downtown Auburn attract visitors from far and wide, visitors who also patronize local hotels, restaurants, and retail businesses.

I believe that inclusion of \$150,000 in directed spending for the AHS will result in benefits for the entire community and I encourage you to include it in your spending package. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Levesque
Mayor

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 03, 2023, VOL. 37 PAGE 26

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 36-04032023*

Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election (June 13, 2023).

2. Order 45-04032023*

Approving the transfer of \$1,600 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department.

3. Order 46-04032023*

Approving the transfer of \$2,000 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - March 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Request for funds from David Chittim, President of the Androscoggin Historical Society
- Communication - LA Arts programming review and funding request
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Walker reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be offering a free clothing giveaway at the Auburn Public Library on April 8th from 2-4 pm.

Councilor Gerry stated that a constituent would like to know how many people staff the 911 Center during the daytime and in the evenings.

Mayor Levesque announced that there will be a joint City Council and Planning Board workshop on Tuesday, April 18th to discuss the Agriculture Resource Protection Zone

and the Strip Zones. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Lobster Festival adding that the Auburn Exchange Club will be putting on the lobster feed.

IV. **Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Order 33-03202023**

Approving \$4,598,331 of additional costs for environmental remediation of the new high school project and authorizing general obligation bonds and a tax levy therefor. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. **New Business**

1. **Order 37-04032023**

Approving the question for a Municipal Referendum Election with respect to environmental remediation costs for the new high school construction project and general obligation bonds therefor.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. **Order 38-04032023**

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of St. Louis Church, 32 Dunn Street, Auburn, Maine.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 39-04032023**

Approving the liquor license for the Olive Garden. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

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Public hearing - Pawel Binczyk, Attorney representing the Olive Garden spoke. He stated that they are looking to open at the end of May.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 40-04032023

Approving the Annual Reports to the Maine State Housing Authority for Tax Year 4/1/2022 – 3/31/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 41-04032023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Works Teamsters (Highway), effective 07/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 42-04032023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Works Teamsters (Mechanics), effective 07/01/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 43-04032023

Approving the Mass Gathering for the Auburn Lobster Festival event to be held 05/06/2023. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 44-04032023

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Approving the temporary liquor license for an Incorporated Civic Organization for the Auburn Lobster Festival event to be held 05/06/2023. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 47-04032023

Accepting the consideration of Riverside Drive gifted property.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 48-04032023

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a naming rights agreement of the Drummond Street Playground Park with Tizz Crowley.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session

Wayne Souza, 256 Main Street reported concerns regarding a section of the riverwalk that needs better drainage to help with ice buildup and large puddles when the ice melts. He also commented on the safety cones on Elm Street that have been there for months. Last, he commented on the bike path, and the lines painted at the section of Elm Street near School Street.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that he and the City Manager were both in Washington, D.C. last week, meeting with our local delegation. He also reported on the School Committee budget, adding that they are looking at increased state aid to schools due to a statewide error calculating those figures.

Councilor Staples reported that the Auburn Public Library will be holding a fundraiser in June.

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Councilor Walker reported on Waste to Energy adding that there was not a lot of bulky trash brought in last weekend.

City Manager Crowell reported that the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18th, due to the holiday on the 17th, and there is a tentative date for a budget workshop to be held on April 24th. Last, he explained why the cones are on Elm Street.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 18, 2023, VOL. 37 PAGE 31

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

The discussion from the Joint Planning Board and City Council Workshop continued until 7:22 P.M. at which time, the meeting was then moved to Council Chambers resuming at 7:26 P.M.

Mayor Levesque asked for a moment of silence to remember Royce Coburn, former Auburn Planning Board member who recently passed.

Mayor Levesque moved the first open session to the beginning of the meeting to allow members of the public to speak on what was discussed during the workshop, or any item that is not on the agenda.

Jane Costlow, 104 Fourth Street, spoke on what she stated was the intent and purpose of the Ag zone, adding that it was created to prevent sprawl. She suggested asking professionals about what the ecosystem services of almost 20,000 acres of undeveloped land is, adding that what we need right now is a different process on this really important issue.

Mr. Bosworth, 299 Jordan School Road, said he thinks we are giving up the best resource in the Northeast, adding that if we change the zoning, he will be taxed off his land.

Denis Wheeler, owner of a piece of land on the corner of River Road and Jordan School Road stated that he would like to build a home and retire there. This is a piece of property that was given to him by his mother. Currently, he cannot build a home there due to zoning restrictions.

Joanne Wheeler, spouse of Denis Wheeler said this 2-acre lot of land was gifted to them in 1987 and it is not a farm. She said she believes they should be able to build there. She said that she understands that there is a lot of diversity and a lot of different feelings on this issue, but their feelings should be considered too.

David Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue talked about woodlot owners stating that many woodlot owners own them for privacy and wildlife and not to just harvest timber. He stated that if there is development within or adjacent to woodlots, it may cause conflict among neighbors for various reasons, one being if you are a woodlot owner with neighbors, it may be difficult to harvest timber. Neighbors may object to the noise from the equipment, and night-time operations during mud season, and it could change their view. He said we need to balance housing and conservation and he hopes the City Council and Planning Board will find a way to do that.

Chloe Myers, resident of Lewiston and owner of Open Heart Farm located at 304 Sopers Mill Road in Auburn stated that she is originally from New York and was searching for a farm for about 5 years in four states before they found their farm here in Auburn. She encouraged the City Council to consider the value and future of food production within Auburn stating that we cannot continue to rely on produce from California to sustain us forever. She also urged the Council to work collaboratively with not only the Sustainability and Natural Resource Board but also with entities like the Good Food Council of Lewiston and Auburn and others.

Peter Moore, landowner on Jordan School and Pownal Road stated that he has a different perspective than most that have spoken. He said that he sees the opportunity for Auburn to have a much bigger future adding that we could do a few more things in Auburn while still protecting the vast majority of

the city. He said he thinks it is atrocious that people do not want to allow people to build a home on their own land. He said what we have is a tax problem stating that we have a high tax rate due to too small a population. He went on to state that we are a city and should behave like a city and allow more development. He said he sees the future of Auburn as a robust urban place that could surpass the City of Portland in both population and vitality and if we could release the creativity and innovation of our citizens and landowners, we could see the city thrive for decades to come, but right now we have our heads in the sand, and we are clinging to the past. He would like the Council to get rid of this ordinance and not replace it with so many restrictions that we are back to where we started back in 1963 when the ordinance was enacted.

Mike Morrissey, 825 Perkins Ridge Road, said that according to the agenda, we were supposed to talk about residential strips, and we did not. When will we address that?

I. Consent Items

1. Order 49-04182023*

Setting the date for the Special Municipal Referendum Election (June 13, 2023).

2. Order 54-04182023*

Authorizing Jason Levesque to vote the shares held by any shareholders for the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - April 3, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- a. Communication from Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission
- b. Communication – City of Auburn Petition to Intervene
- c. Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque announced that a workshop will be held on Monday, April 24th at 5:30 pm to discuss the budget.

Councilor Whiting announced that Gerry Denis and he will be leading a walk (Jane's Walk) at 9:00 am on May 6th beginning at Rolly's.

City Manager Crowell announced that the budget documents are on our website, all Councilors should have their budget books in their office. Staff is working to fix a broken link on the budget portal.

IV. **Open Session** – This item was taken up at the beginning of the meeting.

V. **Unfinished Business** - None

VI. **New Business**

1. **Order 50-04182023**

Adopting the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. **Order 51-04182023**

Allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to establish the Auburn Victory Garden Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 52-04182023**

Allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support establishing the Auburn Commercial Agriculture Incentive Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Ordinance 03-04182023**

Amending Chapter 60 of the City Ordinances, Sec.60-145 (b)(8) - Use regulations by changing the lot size requirement for a cemetery from twenty acres to ten acres if the cemetery is a conservation cemetery. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. **Ordinance 04-04182023**

Amending Chapter 60 of the City Ordinances, Sec. 60-2. Definitions, by adding the

definition of conservation cemetery. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 53-04182023

Authorization of funds for East Auburn Tennis Courts.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that the Lobster Festival is scheduled for May 6th from 1:00 -7:00 pm. The Lobster Festival commercial was played for the public to see. The Mayor also noted that there have been a lot of meetings of the LPC (Legislative Policy Committee), and the School Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

Councilor Staples stated that he is going to propose that we add \$100,000 to our ARPA expenditures in order to provide two \$50,000 grants for businesses that will provide a place for people to do something outside of the home and where they can spend their spare time.

Councilor Morin commented on how popular pickle ball is and he encouraged people to be careful and stretch to avoid injuries.

Councilor Milks announced that Mike Broadbent is the new Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Districts adding that Mike is doing a phenomenal job.

Councilor Whiting stated that the New Auburn walk is called the New Auburn Lost and Found, adding that Mr. Dennison is knowledgeable about what was lost in the big fire of New Auburn.

City Manager Crowell stated that he and the Assistant City Manager attended the Local Government Reimagined Conference that was held in Burlington, Vermont, and gave a recap of the key topic areas from the conference.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – March Final Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the March 2023 final finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions

Labor contract negotiations – (Fire), pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

Time in 8:31 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:37 pm.

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Passage 7-0.

Time in 8:37 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:54 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor Whiting to adjourn.
Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



April 14, 2023

To: Mayor Levesque, City Council and Planning Board

CC:

Phil Crowell, City Manager;

Eric Cousens, Director of Planning

RE: Proposed Map Amendment to expand residential strips abutting the AGRP Zone and Text Amendment to eliminate the income standard

Dear Mayor Levesque, City Council Members, and Planning Board Members:

The Good Food Council of Lewiston Auburn (GFCLA) appreciates the time you are spending considering the AGRP zone and its future. We share your commitment to the community and to local businesses, and know that you care deeply about the community's development potential and future. Ordinance development and rezoning is complex work, and the city, while uniquely fortunate to have large segments of land with minimal development, also faces numerous challenges. Difficult matters include development pressure due to serious and unprecedented housing insufficiency and the continued and worsening economic situations for independent farmers to maintain viable businesses and be able to continue growing food for our community. We applaud the decision to have a joint workshop to discuss this issue on April 18, and as a follow up to our [testimony to the Planning Board on March 28](#), are providing the below comments for your consideration in advance.

In general, food and farming land use concerns are similar to natural resource conservation land use concerns, and the GFCLA is aligned with the December 2022 [Sustainability and Natural Resource Conservation Board's \(SNRB\) recommendation report](#) to the Planning Board in response to these proposed changes.

We are concerned that changes to the ordinance could negatively impact the ability of the City to implement the Comprehensive Plan policies, goals, and strategies, specifically those contained in Chapter 2 Future Land Use, Chapter 1(A) Natural Resources Policies, and Chapter 1(K) Promoting Food Access & Production & Growing the Agriculture Economy, the latter of which are new and haven't had time to take effect and develop the desired outcome. Because we know many family farms struggle in the current economy with dwindling profit margins, and also when residential homes are placed adjacent to working agricultural lands, these goals and strategies outlined in several chapters of the Comprehensive Plan are more important than ever for Auburn to maintain a viable agricultural sector and be able to provide fresh local foods for its residents in the future.

We are in agreement with the Planning Board's March 28, 2023 decision that if the income and strip zoning standards are to be stricken, they need to be replaced simultaneously with alternative restrictions - and we would add, they should be based on a community-engaged planning process that
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determines publicly-held and shared goals and priorities for AGRP land use that are in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan. We have attached a suggested process for garnering community values and vision which can then be developed into specific elements of the ordinance. The process isn't onerous, and provides for a tailored solution to the current problems with the ordinance that could be clearly tied to community value and vision that is in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan. Through a process such as this, creative solutions are likely to arise to replace the income standard, strip zoning, and other updates to the ordinance that can address the desire for owners to live on their land, and also limit land fragmentation for resource conservation and agriculture.

In review of the alternative ordinance language presented at the March 28, 2023 Planning Board meeting, we appreciate this effort by Member Cyr and others, and the effort made to restrict the developed area for housing. We feel that while the proposal does provide some minor restrictions on impervious surfaces, it still creates essentially a 10-acre zone for residential use that would outcompete agriculture. We are concerned this proposal would result in a 10-acre zoning district with little or no agriculture taking place. The reduction in agriculture would be due to a variety of factors, such as the reality of available land being expensive, fragmented, and without suitable soils, as well as other incentives being eliminated such as reduced taxes and residential abutter complaints that are a known threat to farming practices. Further consideration is necessary to identify how to develop more housing compactly without dividing all of the land in the AGRP into 10 acre residential lots that would directly abut working farms. The community process referenced above and attached would help guide the development of ordinance language that can balance the seemingly competing needs.

Further, the proposed language states that new residential dwellings would “*avoid* being sited on” soils suitable for farming, essential habitat, forested lands, wetlands, and steep slopes. The intention behind this is good land use and planning practice, however we are concerned that this language does not ensure conservation of these assets. Additionally, we are concerned that taking a 10 acre lot and dividing up any two acres of it into driveway, lawns, and structures creates a lot of fragmentation of the land and does not assure 8 acres of pristine land. If development is going to occur, we recommend it be focused adjacent to already dense development and roads, and the implementation of planning tools such as concentrating housing development much more tightly than one unit per 10 acre to limit public infrastructure costs, provisions for setting unfragmented land aside, and others. We believe these types of efforts are more likely to result in the same number or greater housing units with greater land preservation.

In order to help decision makers, land most valuable for conservation for agriculture and natural-resource purposes should be mapped, and working farms should be inventoried. We appreciate that staff have started this mapping process, however more time should be allowed for more complete mapping to include an inventory of existing farm and natural-resource based businesses, and public input on verification of map qualities. Natural resource mapping is needed because A.) Comprehensive Plan goals and strategies in the aforementioned chapters cannot be achieved without doing this, and adjusting ordinances accordingly, before loosening development restrictions across the zone, and, B.) Present and future local farms, and other natural resource-based businesses, require preservation of land that has the appropriate natural resource characteristics, such as suitable soils and slopes. The Comprehensive Plan specifically contains a chapter, (Promoting Food Access and Production and Growing the Agriculture Economy) that emphasizes the importance of these sectors. Further

resources on doing farm and farmland inventories can be found on page 19 of [this guide for municipalities](#) developed by Maine Farmland Trust.

Again, we are recommending that a community-engaged planning process to identify AGRP goals and priorities that utilizes natural resource mapping and farm inventory should commence in order to determine the best possible AGRP ordinance. Again we have attached an Outline of a Proposed Community Process for consideration. We appreciate the effort that staff has put into this process so far, and agree that a minimum of 8-12 months is needed to finalize this work.

Respectfully,



Jeff Newell, Chair

On Behalf of the Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn



For additional resources:

Maine Farmland Trust, the foremost statewide organization protecting farmland, supporting farm viability, and advancing the future of farming, has a variety of [resources for municipalities interested in supporting farm-based businesses](#), including the aforementioned [municipal policy and planning guide](#) and an [“Is Your Town Farm-Friendly? Survey”](#) which advocates for, among other things, required buffer zones between farmland and residential uses, and providing for the agricultural use of open space land created by innovative residential subdivisions. These recommendations point to a caution against allowing residential development that directly abuts working farms, unless it's part of an intentional design.

Attached:

Outline of Proposed Community Decision-Making Process to update AGRP zone

Outline of a Proposed Community Decision-Making Process To update the AGRP zone

Goals of the Community Decision-Making Process:

1. Outcome of any modifications to the AGRP zone are based on community input and buy-in (all Auburn residents)
2. City-wide shared goals and priorities for the AGRP zone are developed based on alignment with the Comprehensive Plan and reaching a shared understanding of what are the city's most valued natural resource areas.

Outline of a Proposed Community Decision-Making Process:

Phase 1: Planning (staff + community groups)

- GIS Mapping of natural resources

Phase 2: Community Input (staff + community groups)

- Community Listening Sessions Ward by Ward (or sufficient meetings to get broad public input), dot exercises looking at maps of all zones in Auburn
- Identifying existing assets and areas with opportunities for different uses
 - o *Ask: Here is what we understand about the land, what is missing? What are the current uses? What is most important to you?*
 - o *From this emerges more of a shared understanding about what the community's most valued natural resource areas are, and where there are opportunities for different uses.*
- Workshop draft goals, brainstorm priorities

Phase 3: Processing & Agreement (staff + community groups e.g. SNRB)

- Synthesize Data
- Community meetings to: agree on most valued natural resource areas, finalize goals and priorities for updating/amending the AGRP zone

Phase 4: Developing Ordinance Recommendations (staff + community groups e.g. SNRB)

- Use city-wide shared goals and priorities to come up with options for revising specific details of the ordinance;
- Could involve research on models nationally, tapping outside expertise

Phase 5: Typical city process for amending ordinances

- Staff
- Planning Board
- City Council
- Public Hearings

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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. All Auburn and Lewiston Councilors were present.

5:30 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Executive Session** – Lewiston and Auburn Joint Executive Session – Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to enter executive session.

Passage 14-0. Time 5:32 pm.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:45 pm.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Auburn Order 59-05012023

Modifying the Auburn-Lewiston Airport interlocal agreement.

Motion was made by Council Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until the first meeting in June (June 5th).

Passage 7-0.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lachapelle of Lewiston and seconded by Councilor McCarthy of Lewiston to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Alison F. Pepin, Deputy 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. Councilors Staples and Morin both had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 55-05012023*

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$60 Temporary Food Service fee for Phoenix No Limits Karate for a fundraising event to be held on June 11, 2023.

2. Order 56-05012023*

Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$60 Temporary Food Service fee for the Auburn Exchange Club for the Lobster Festival Event to be held on May 6, 2023.

3. Order 57-05012023*

Accepting the transfer of forfeiture assets (\$490.00 and a Ruger .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol (Serial #372358035) to Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 5-0.

II. Minutes – April 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 5-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Glen Holmes and Amy Hatter introduced the following Community Partners who spoke briefly about their respective organizations:

- Elise Johanson - Safe Voices
- Heather Davis and Patrice Currie - Seniors Plus
- Fatuma Hussein - Immigrant Resource Center of Maine
- Michelle Worthley and Jeff Tardif - Rumford Group Homes
- John Hodge - Housing Resources for Youth
- Sasha Anastasoff – Auburn School Department

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- Katherine Saunders – Auburn Adult Education Program
- Jennifer Hogan - Community Credit Union

Council Communications:

Councilor Whiting spoke regarding the Jane’s Walk (Lost and Found) which will take place on Saturday May 6th along with Gerry Dennison.

Councilor Hawes thanked the first responders for the work they do and for keeping us safe.

Councilor Milks spoke regarding the potential Gracelawn Development noting that there is going to be public water and the City and Sewer and Water departments are working well together.

Councilor Walker reported on the Age Friendly Group and the potato program that is in place for the public. Potatoes can be picked up at the Senior Center.

City Manager Crowell announced that there is currently an active threat underway. Anyone in that neighborhood received a call regarding the threat (reverse 911 system - code red). We are working with the State police on this matter. He asked that everyone please be patient as we get through this.

Mayor Levesque reminded everyone about the Lobster Festival that is happening this Saturday at 1pm at Festival Plaza. He also noted that the Auburn School Board has a budget meeting on Wednesday. He encouraged people to vote on the school budget at the June 13, 2023 election. In addition to the school budget, there is a bond referendum question to be voted on.

IV. Open Session – Rudy Wing, Penley Corner Road, said it is nice to see work is being done on the ag zone. He has lived on that property in a camper, lost his camper due to a fire and now unable to live on the property.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 03-04182023

Amending Chapter 60 of the City Ordinances, Sec.60-145 (b)(8) - Use regulations by changing the lot size requirement for a cemetery from 20 acres to 10 acres if the cemetery is a conservation cemetery. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – No one From the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 04-04182023

Amending Chapter 60 of the City Ordinances, Sec. 60-2. Definitions, by adding the

definition of conservation cemetery. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 58-05012023

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$13,000,000.00 to finance the City's FY24 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and first reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors at the second reading.*

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, commended staff and council, adding that his concern is \$3,000,000 to rebuild Engine 2. He also asked about \$1.1 million dollars of unbonded CIP.

Failed first reading 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken. Passage will require an affirmative vote of 5 at the second reading.

2. Resolve 01-05012023

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2024. Public hearing and first reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 4 Councilors at the second reading.*

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend by eliminating the recycling program.

Passage 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Whiting to reappropriate \$275,000 from the recycling line item, back into the budget.

Passage 5-0.

Passage of first reading as amended 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Resolve 02-05012023

Supporting Congressman Golden's initiative for a federal budget agreement that would begin dealing with the serious problem of ongoing federal deficits.

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Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Failed 2-3 (Councilor Milks, Hawes, and Walker opposed).

4. Order 59-05012023

Modifying the Auburn-Lewiston Airport interlocal agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Mark Blais, Pilot and Airport Board member who also owns property at the airport (hangar). He said he is not sure that he is opposed to the change, but a few things were brought up such as potential conflict of interest. He spoke about a study that was done which was administered by the airport manager which he stated was very biased. Now that Jonathan LaBonté has taken over, the board is a very cohesive group. He doesn't think pilots should be removed from the board at this time.

Tom Ward, Jacksonville Road, said he has been at the airport for about 30 years (Skyward Aviation). He has concerns with just city personnel serving on the board.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item until the last meeting in June (June 20th).

Failed 2-3 (Councilor Milks, Hawes, and Walker opposed).

Motion failed 3-2 (Councilor Whiting, and Gerry opposed). Passage requires an affirmative vote of 4.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to reconsider that motion.

Passage 4-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone the item to second meeting in May (15th).

Passage 5-0.

5. Order 60-05012023

Reallocating unspent proceeds from the City's 2020 General Obligation Bonds. First reading. *Passage requires an affirmative vote of 5 Councilors at the second reading.*

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

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Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane wondered why we are spending the unspent bonds on something else instead of applying it to our current CIP.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

- 6. Public hearing** – Public hearing to receive comments for Program Year 2023, CDBG & HOME Annual Action Plan.

No one from the public spoke.

- 7. Order 61-05012023**

Adopting the CDBG/HOME Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

- VII. Open Session** - Elaine Gammon, 56 Marion Drive, and serves on the LA Arts Board and is looking forward to working with the City of Auburn.

- VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

Mayor Levesque reported on the Legislative Policy Committee and the School Board will be meeting on Wednesday.

- IX. Executive Sessions** - None

- X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Hawes to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. **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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.
 1. **Order 62-05152023***
Appointing Robert Cavanagh to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 06/01/2026.
 2. **Order 63-05152023***
Re-appointing Sally Gagne to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 06/01/2026.
 3. **Order 64-05152023***
Re-appointing Diane Vincent to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 06/01/2026.
 4. **Order 65-05152023***
Re-appointing Benjamin Weisner to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 06/01/2026.
 5. **Order 66-05152023***
Appointing Daniel Bilodeau to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 03/01/2027.
 6. **Order 67-05152023***
Appointing Brad Kowalski to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 03/01/2026.
 7. **Order 68-05152023***
Appointing Britny Anderson to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage of the seven consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – May 1, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of May 01, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition and Pinning Ceremony – Auburn Fire Department Promotions
 - Michael Scott promoted to Battalion Chief
 - Erik Poland promoted to Captain.
 - Tyler Arsenault promoted to Lieutenant.
 - Adam Salve promoted to Lieutenant.
- Maine Arbor Week Proclamation
- Recognition – The City of Auburn, recipient of the Maine Spirit of America 2022 Gold Distinction

Council Communications:

Councilor Staples reported that he attended the dedication of Mother’s Park on Drummond Street with Councilor Whiting and Councilor Walker and stated it was a great event. He also wanted to thank Tizz Crowley for initiating the event.

Councilor Walker thanked the City of Auburn for the plaque that was presented at Anniversary Park for the celebration of 90 years since the Great Fire that destroyed the city of New Auburn. He further went on to say it was a great event and wanted to thank everyone who attended.

Councilor Milks commended the staff and everyone that took part in organizing and putting together the lobster festival. It was a great time.

Councilor Whiting thanked the Mayor, City Manager and Fire Chief for their participation in the unveiling of the plaque for the 90th anniversary of the New Auburn Fire.

Mayor Levesque spoke about the current drug epidemic that is happening within the City of Auburn and how it is correlated with generational poverty. He thanked the City Council and staff for continually taking proactive steps to help eliminate generational poverty through continuing to help make the Pal Center a reality, offering mental health programs, free recreation activities, making sure our schools are fully funded and giving opportunities for all. He went on to say that his primary oath as Mayor is Life and Liberty for the people of Auburn and balancing fiscal responsibility.

City Manager Crowell spoke regarding the PACE program that the Council, at the last budget process developed and approved. He stated that PACE program is an opportunity for the police department to be more proactive and engaged at a street level, as it pertains to the drug epidemic. Manager Crowell reiterated the PACE program is a good option and proposes that when the Council gets to the budget process that they bring PACE forward as part of an amendment to the budget.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 58-05012023

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$13,000,000.00 to finance the City's FY24 Capital Improvement Program. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public Comment - Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, spoke on how the City funds are spent. Specifically, the \$3,000,000 for a public safety upgrade in New Auburn. His other concern is the PAL Center and still needs to raise another \$1.5 million dollars. He asked why we are bonding the \$1.5 million when we don't know if the additional money will come in.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin to suspend the rules to take up **Order 69-05152023** – Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 School Budget.

Passage 7-0.

Order 69-05152023

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 School Budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 01-05012023

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2024. Second reading.

Motion made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public Comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by reinstating the PACE program for the police department.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting to amend with the estimated aggregate amount of non-property tax revenue of \$62,395,844 with a municipal revenue budget of \$23,121,704 and a School Department revenue budget of \$39,274,140.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks to address the resolve to state, the aggregate appropriation for the City of Auburn is \$113,170,192, with a municipal budget of \$51,126,866.

Passage 7-0.

Passage as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 60-05012023

Reallocating unspent proceeds from the City's 2020 General Obligation Bonds. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public Hearing – Public hearing to receive comments on reallocating unspent proceeds from the City's 2020 General Obligation Bonds.

No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 70-05152023

Approval of a Credit Enhancement Agreement between the City of Auburn and American Development Group, LLC relating to the TIF #27 Stable Ridge Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public Hearing – Public hearing to receive comments for Credit Enhancement Agreement between the City of Auburn and American Development Group, LLC.

John Cleveland – 183 Davis Avenue would like to urge the Council to vote against the credit enhancement agreement because he feels it is bad public policy. He stated if approved an awful precedent will be set going forward for all for profit multi-family homes who do not commit any public benefit to receive a credit enhancement.

Sharon Philbrick Bergeron – 23 Dexter Avenue, stated that she hopes the Council will invest in the four areas outlined in the TIF and not enrich one private developer by incrementally giving them \$500,000.

Dennis Bergeron – 23 Dexter Avenue, stated that he is against this proposal and if the Council votes to approve then he would like to know why.

Andy Titus – 24 Rubelite Lane – stated that when a private developer starts a project, they take on a risk of something going adverse. He questioned whether the City of Auburn will now be taking on that risk when the next developer comes along. He stated a credit enhancement is to benefit the community and it does not look like this does.

Fails 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports –

Mayor Levesque toured the new Edward Little High School; Construction is on schedule and is very close to completion. On May 20th there will be a tour of the old Edward Little High School. He’s hoping there will be tours for the Council and School Board. The mayor would like to hold a joint City Council and School Board meeting in September at the new school auditorium providing everyone to come in and experience a portion of the high school. The mayor commented on the success of the Lobster Festival and how it attracted thousands of people, resulting in thousands of dollars raised for the PAL Center.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – April 2023 Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin to accept and place on file the April 2023 finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion made by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor Milks to enter Executive Session.

Passage 7-0.

Time in 8:20 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor Staples to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Alison F. Pepin, Deputy 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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 71-06052023*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 13, 2023 Election.

2. Order 72-06052023*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's appointment of Councilor Rick Whiting to the Airport Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

May 15, 2023 Special Joint Meeting (Lewiston and Auburn City Councils)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Special Joint Meeting (Lewiston and Auburn City Councils).

Passage 7-0.

May 15, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

I. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples commented on the elimination of the recycling program and has recommended to everyone that has reached out to him to reach out to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board who will be meeting to discuss this topic.

Councilor Milks added to Councilor Staples' recycling conversation, stating that when people are asking why the program was eliminated, it is primarily because it wasn't really "recycling" and it was not achieving the goal of the program and was being landfilled and not cost effective.

City Manager Crowell reported that Cassella has invited elected officials to visit their facility to look at their single stream operation.

Mayor Levesque reported on the Victory Garden program, the LA Chamber of Commerce Awards event that will be held at the Poland Spring Inn on; June 15 at 3pm; the work being done at the Garfield Road ballfields by the National Guard; the ELHS graduation that was held on Saturday night; and the Adult Ed graduation is coming up on June 8th at the ELHS gym.

II. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Order 59-05012023

Modifying the Auburn-Lewiston Airport Interlocal Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – Mark Blais, Airport Board member, does not feel it is a conflict of interest for a pilot to serve on the board, adding that it is a bad message to send to the pilots.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend to include a Councilor from the City of Lewiston, a councilor from the City of Auburn and two ex officio members appointed by the board.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 59-05012023 as amended 7-0.

IV. New Business

1. Order 73-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a donation agreement with Sultan Corporation for the donation of 7 Chestnut Street (Auburn Tax Parcel 250-335).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 74-06052023

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Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 188 Chicoine Avenue through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, 24 Rubelite Lane, noted that his concern is regarding the realtor that already has signs posted, adding that he feels it is an unfair advantage.

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue, stated that he had a client that wanted to look at one of the properties but was unable to get in because of unsafe conditions.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 75-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of Garfield Road (parcel ID 216-062) through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 76-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 126 Goff Street through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 77-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 140 Northern Avenue through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 78-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of Smith Street (parcel ID 198-063) through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 79-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of South Witham Road (parcel ID 161-009) through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 80-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of Union Street (parcel ID 240-169) through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

9. Order 81-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 18 Western Prom through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 82-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 59 Willard Road through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 83-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 192 Winter Street through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 84-06052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 86 Western Avenue through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Ordinance 05-06052023

Amending Appendix A – Fees and Charges (Streets, Sidewalks, and other Public Places).
First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

V. Open Session –

Zachary Vickers, 185 Sixth Street, regarding the elimination of the recycling program adding that he feels this is a large step backwards and not the best decision.

Scott Berry, 179 Western Avenue provided handouts to the Council. He said he filed a complaint with HUD against the City's 30% rule in our ordinance stating he feels that it is discriminatory. He also requested that Council carefully deliberate on the capital improvement ordinance and proposed including fees as part of the ordinance.

Katherine Manson, Goff Street commented on the elimination of the recycling program and how it will impact our children and grandchildren.

VI. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque commented on recycling, and the dual enrollment pilot program between ELHS and Central Maine Community College.

Councilor Staples reminded everyone about the upcoming election scheduled for next Tuesday, June 13th and encouraged members of the public to vote.

Mayor Levesque spoke on the remediation bond referendum.

IX. Executive Session – Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Moring to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Passage 7-0.

Time 7:48 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:10 pm.

Executive Session – Personnel matter (City Manager evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter (City Manager evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Passage 7-0.

Time 8:10 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 20, 2023, VOL. 37 PAGE 53

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 85-062023*

Re-appointing Jane Costlow to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2026.

2. Order 86-062023*

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of George Monteith and Dustin Pepin as Constable with firearm and arrest powers for the Auburn Police Department.

3. Order 87-062023*

Cancelling the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the three consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – June 5, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Manager Crowell provided the Council with an update on the Opioid Crisis.

Mayor Levesque read a proclamation declaring June 20, 2023 World Refugee Day. He also reported that the Councilors received a letter and book from Diana Carson (Auburn Middle School). The Mayor asked that the letter be entered into the minutes. The book is called We Are America Auburn which is a culmination of short stories written by Auburn Middle School students. The letter from Diana Carson reads:

The National We Are America Project

“We have special news to share with you. In this envelope, you will find a gift copy of a book written by students from Auburn Middle School. This spring they were part of the national We are American Project.

In 2018, Lowell High School teacher Jessica Lander asked students in her Seminar on American Diversity class to grapple with what it meant to be American. Studying history turned into a study of their own personal stories about growing up in America.

That year; Lander’s students wrote and published two books – We Are America, and a sequel, We Are America Too. Believing the work needed to grow, alumni of the class and Lander launched the national We Are America Project.

Over the past four years, the national We Are America team has worked with more than 50 teachers in over 25 U.S. states, directly affecting more than 1,500 students—helping the next generation share their personal stories of growing up in America. These stories are published in books in their community and on the project’s website library.

We are pleased to announce that the first students to publish their stories in a We Are America book from the state of Maine are from Auburn Middle School. Seventeen students have courageously shared their stories about growing up, continuing family traditions, exploring their identities and dealing with loss.

These published authors were honored on Monday, June 12th at the AMS Awards Ceremony: Abdi Adow, Ilhan Ali, Dominic Davis, Zane Deletetsky, Charlie Dresdner, Habso Issack, Anita Legere, Dariel Matos, Abraham Maqubela, Evie McGuigan, Travis McKeen, Casey Mileikis, Olivia Sawyer, Lily Smith, Abby Snyder, Destiny Wing and Bella Williams.

The stories these students shared in the national We Are America Project have the power to help build empathy among people of different backgrounds, ethnicities and faiths and ensure all young people feel they belong here.

We hope you enjoy reading their stories and thank you for supporting quality public education in the city of Auburn.”

Diana Iwaszkiewicz Carson

Mayor Levesque invited Fatuma Hussein, who was in the audience, to say a few words.

Council Communications:

Councilor Whiting congratulated the Auburn Adult Ed graduates.

Councilor Milks congratulated the ELHS baseball team for a good season.

Councilor Walker urged people to be careful driving through New Auburn due to the work that is being done out there.

Mayor Levesque announced the 248th birthday of the US Army. He reported that Lucador Tacos opened on Center Street adding that there will be a ribbon cutting coming sometime in July.

City Manager Crowell reported that an information flyer will be going out soon to the public adding that the back of the flyer provides information on movies in the park. He noted that the sheds that were in Festival Plaza have been moved to Anniversary Park, adding that a promotional information will be coming soon. He also announced that the Auburn Community Band will be starting up in Festival Plaza.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 05-06052023

Amending Appendix A – Fees and Charges (Streets, Sidewalks, and other Public Places). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 88-06202023

Authorizing the use of \$102,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for the Third Space Incentive Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 89-06202023

Approving the Mass Gathering for the Liberty Festival. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Public hearing – Agren Warehouse Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #28.

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

No one from the public spoke.

Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

4. Order 90-06202023

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Approving the Agren Warehouse TIF (Tax Increment Financing) #28 Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Passage 7-0.

5. Ordinance 06-06202023

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, DIV. 12, General Business, Sec 60-500 (2). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 07-06202023

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, DIV. 13, General Business II, Sec 60-526 (2). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 08-06202023

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, DIV 15, Industrial Zoning District, Sec 60-579 (2). First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 09-06202023

Amending the zoning at 37 Loring Avenue (Parcel I.D. 211-282) from Urban Residential to Multifamily Suburban. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, spoke in opposition of this proposed amendment.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 10-06202023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Definitions and Agriculture and Resource Protection District text of Chapter 60, Zoning as shown in Proposal B (attached). First reading.

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Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Mara King, 59 Davis Avenue, asked if there was an attachment.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

10. Order 91-06202023

Directing the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and recommend additional changes to Proposal B, Article IV District Regulations, Division 2 Agriculture and Resource Protection District as recommended by the Planning Board.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Chris King, 59 Davis Avenue, he would like to get the Planning Board amendments.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Hawes and Milks opposed).

11. Order 92-06202023

Authorizing the City Manager and/or his designee to execute the final purchase and sale agreement for tax map 211, lot 288 for Fire Engine 2 replacement.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – David Griswold, Gamage Avenue wanted to remind everyone that the Auburn Community Band starts its 42nd season next Wednesday night in Festival Plaza.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque stated that the school year has ended, they had a great graduation, and the new high school is actively being moved into now. He also reminded the public that there is a School Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Manager Crowell reported that Legislators are wrapping up soon, they are working with MMA on any legislation that could affect the city. He added that they are hoping the audit will be ready by mid-July.

Kelsey Earle presented the May 2023 Finance Report.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the final May 2023 Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – None.

X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JULY 10, 2023, VOL. 37 PAGE 60

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 Whiting had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

5:30 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Executive sessions

Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0. Time 5:30 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 6:00 pm.

Personnel matter (City Manager evaluation), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0. Time 6:01 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 6:23 pm.

II. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 06-06202023

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, DIV. 12, General Business, Sec 60-500 (2).
Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 07-06202023

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, DIV. 13, General Business II, Sec 60-526 (2).
Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 08-06202023

Amending the Auburn Code of Ordinances, DIV 15, Industrial Zoning District, Sec 60-579 (2). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 09-06202023

Amending the zoning at 37 Loring Avenue (Parcel I.D. 211-282) from Urban Residential to Multifamily Suburban. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing -

Mike Adler, 82 Loring Avenue said he does not believe this should go through adding that the lot is not set up for multi-family zoning with only two multi-family units on Loring Avenue. He said he is asking the city not to pass this.

Dina Chapman, 40 Vivian Street, stated this is not a multi-family neighborhood and spoke in opposition of this proposed change and urged the Council to listen to the people and consider the tax payers and residents that live in the neighborhood.

Lisa St. Hilaire Crites, 108 Loring Avenue stated that she does not think it is the right place to do this and appealed to council to vote it down.

Chris Henry, 97 Loring Avenue, echoed the comments of his neighbors and spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance amendment.

Failed 0-6, unanimously opposed. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 10-06202023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Definitions and Agriculture and Resource Protection District text of Chapter 60, Zoning as shown in Proposal B (attached). Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing - Chris Carson, Jacques Road, said he was representing a group of folks that have come together in the Agricultural Zone and have been talking about this issue for a while now. The group is named the Save Auburn Agricultural and Resource

Protection Group and they would like to endorse proposal B and would encourage the Council to pass this proposed amendment stating that it is also in line with the comprehensive plan. He thanked the city staff for their hard work on this.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. New Business

1. Order 93-07102023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the collective bargaining agreement with MSEA SEIU 1989.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 94-07102023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of City owned property (103 Newbury Street).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, supports the idea of selling properties and wanted to share his experience when serving on the Council in the past stating that with similar proposals, the properties did not get developed as they were supposed to due to various circumstances and he would like to see reasonable conditions put on the sale of these properties so they achieve what they say they are going to achieve.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend the order to reflect the correct first name and changing it from Olan to Oleg.

Passage 6-0.

Passage as amended 6-0.

3. Order 95-07102023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of City owned property (115 Newbury Street).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the order to reflect the correct first name and changing it from Olan to Oleg.

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Passage 6-0.

Passage as amended 6-0.

4. Order 96-07102023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of City owned property (351 Main Street).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the order to reflect the correct first name and changing it from Olan to Oleg.

Passage 6-0.

Passage as amended 6-0.

5. Order 97-07102023

Authorizing the City Manager to market and execute the sale of City owned property (369 Main Street) through Bill Bergeron with Fontaine Family Realty.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Staples opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to cancel the Regular Council meeting that is scheduled for July 17, 2023. This becomes Order 98-07102023.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items

1. Order 99-08072023*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of constables with firearms and arrest powers for the Auburn Police Department.

2. Order 100-08072023*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Cameron Mason as constable, without firearm, for the Auburn Police Department.

3. Order 101-08072023*

Casting the voting ballot for the 2024 Maine Municipal Association's Vice President and Executive Committee Members as nominated by the MMA Nominating Committee.

4. Order 102-08072023*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's appointment of Andy Titus as full member of the Ethics Panel with a term expiration of 11/1/2025.

5. Order 103-08072023*

Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY2023 Local Solicitation-Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government document to be submitted with the grant application.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the five consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

June 20, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

July 10, 2023, Special City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the

minutes of the July 10, 2023, Special City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained as he was not present for that meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Presentation – Project Support You (PSY) Update
- Communication – Business License Denial - Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility for Marc Fishman
- Communication – Aquatic Center in Auburn (Mayor Jason Levesque)
- Communication – Naming of City Facilities and Infrastructure (Mayor Jason Levesque)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Gerry spoke regarding sports funding that was going to be cut from the school budget.

Councilor Whiting stated that the baby loon on Lake Auburn appears to be doing well. He also noted that the Maine Mill received a grant from the Office of Tourism.

Councilor Walker announced that there will be an Age Friendly Community Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm. Jonathan LaBonté will be the guest speaker.

Councilor Staples thanked city staff for doing a wonderful job during the recent storm and during the Presidential visit.

Mayor Levesque echoed councilor Staples comments regarding the Presidential visit, adding that it was an honor hosting the President and thanked staff. He also noted that he will be soliciting nominations for the next John Jenkins Award, the Hands and Heart Leadership Award.

City Manager Crowell also echoed the comments about the Presidential visit. The feedback received was that our staff was on point. He added that he couldn't have asked for a better showing of Auburn and gave accolades to Kathy Leonard (Auburn Manufacturing). He went on to provide a recap of the recent storm, the damage, and the great job and restoration efforts made by staff. There was a lot of damage throughout the city. He then provided an update on the program mailing that went out to Auburn residents. Last, he announced that the 19th Annual National Night Out will be held on Thursday August 10th at 5:30 in Festival Plaza.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 104-08072023

Approving the Mass Gathering application for the Auburn Blues & Brews event to be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 105-08072023

Allocating funds (\$50,000) from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Auburn Victory Gardens Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 106-08072023

Adopting the School Maintenance Labor Contract.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 107-08072023

Authorizing the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport Board of Directors to designate and sell surplus personal property.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 108-08072023

Amending the loan between the City's General Fund and the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport to extend the maturity from FY2034 to FY2036.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 109-08072023

Approving the liquor license for Gipper's (new ownership). Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported that a very successful Accessory Dwelling Unit Meeting was held. There were over 90 people in attendance.

Councilor Staples reported that he attended the Community Conversation that took place last week with Planning and Permitting Office did on zoning. It was well attended, and he wanted to thank staff for their efforts.

Councilor Milks reported on the Ad hoc Committee on Lake Auburn went well and everyone appears to be on same page and want to accomplish the same things. Another meeting is coming up at the end of August.

City Manager Crowell reported on our new podcast called Absolutely Auburn and he encouraged people to listen.

IX. Executive Sessions - Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:17 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 21, 2023, VOL. 37 PAGE 69

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - August 7, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication - Recycling update (City Manager Crowell)
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples reported on attending the National Night Out event and thanked City staff for putting that on.

Councilor Gerry also reported on attending the National Night Out event and echoed the comments made by Councilor Staples.

Mayor Levesque announced that the Blues and Brews Fest will be held on September 9th at Festival Plaza. He announced that there will be an open house at the new Edward Little High School on Sunday, August 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be a ribbon cutting, speeches followed by tours of the new high school. Anyone attending should enter on Western Avenue. This is a rain or shine event.

City Manager Crowell reported that tax bills went out and they show the Homestead exemptions as zero, however the exemptions show up on the bills as “other” instead. He apologized for the error. He reported that Movie Night in the Park will be held at the PAL Center on September 1st at 8:00 pm. He also announced that the PAL Center had their backpack give away where 256 back packs were given out.

IV. Open Session

Mara King, 59 Davis Avenue commented recycling and the information she just heard during the City Manager’s update. She stated that residents need more education on composting and recycling.

Scott Berry, 179 Davis Avenue provided handouts to Councilors regarding something he read in the Sun Journal that a representative from the City of Auburn stated during a meeting of the Androscoggin County Commissioners that the current courthouse could be demolished. He spoke about the potential to repurpose the building into a fine arts museum.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 110-08212023

Directing the City Manager to report back to Council relating to cost, funding source, and location of a proposed Aquatic Center/Feasibility Study.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Whiting opposed).

2. Order 111-08212023

Allocating \$50,000 out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Safe Voices.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Elise Johansen, Executive Director of Safe Voices stated that they are requesting funding from the City to help to renovate their Resource Center. She stated that she would also like to request that the City Council consider funding more than \$50,000 if additional ARPA funds are available.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend by increasing the amount to \$100,000.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Morin, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Passage as amended 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed).

3. Order 112-08212023

Allocating \$20,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine – Auburn Clubhouse with \$10,000 to be the “Presenting Sponsor” for the “Fall for the Kids” fundraising event and an additional \$10,000 for additional Auburn Programming.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke. Councilor Walker invited Gary Violette, Director of the Auburn Boy’s & Girl’s Club, to the podium to speak.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque reported that the first meeting of the committee on Naming Facilities and Infrastructure was held last week and the next meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 4:00 pm.

Councilor Walker thanked the volunteers that worked with him at the Balloon Festival. The Age Friendly group had a table set up selling beverages. He also reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be holding another clothing giveaway, at the Auburn Public Library on October 7th. Anyone with donations can reach out to him and he will pick up the items if needed. He also thanked the Public Works department for the work they've done in Anniversary Park.

IX. Executive Sessions – Personnel matter (City Manager evaluation) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 7:42 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:00 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Morin seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 113-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto, 899 Broad St.

2. Order 114-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M&P Auto, Inc., 227 Merrow Rd.

3. Order 115-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts, 940 Washington St. North.

4. Order 116-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC., 522 Washington St. North.

5. Order 117-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Isadore T. Miller, 79 & 80 Hotel Rd.

Councilor Staples requested that items #1 and #3 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage of the three remaining consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - August 21, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Staples reported on the meeting with Casella (Waste Systems) adding that it was a productive meeting.

Mayor Levesque provided an update on recycling and handed out a memorandum regarding curbside recycling which states the following:

I recently requested a meeting with the City of Auburn's recycling vendor, Casella, to discuss the effectiveness of our city's recycling program. City administration and department heads, along with Councilor Staples, were also invited and participated in the conversation. We discussed both our historic bi-weekly curbside pick-up and current consolidated program with the goal of gathering information on recyclable items - where they go and to what extent our recycling is actually benefiting the environment once we factor in variables such as contamination, freight omissions, and off-gassing.

During this process, we identified some issues with our historic and current single-stream recycling program, from high contamination rates, to lack of commodity market for certain items commonly placed into the recycling bin, to a lack of general knowledge on participation and efficacy of Auburn's recycling initiatives. These missing data points will be essential in helping the City Council - with the assistance of the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board - to make appropriate decisions when a new recycling contract is being considered early in 2024 and to determine the programs overall benefit to our environment.

I am, therefore, proposing to the City Council a limited pilot recycling program that would have the following components:

1. *Re-introduction of curbside recycling to select parts of the city, with a mix of urban and rural areas.*
2. *Increased pick up in those areas, from bi-weekly to weekly.*
3. *Definition of exactly what should be put into single-stream recycling. For example, glass should go into household trash, and some plastics should not be placed in recycling bins.*
4. *In partnership with Casella, increased public education on what goes into recycling and how to prevent contamination, such as making sure residents are covering their recycling to prevent moisture, and if that is not possible, holding onto it until the following week.*
5. *Launch of a Casella mobile app to help participating households understand what should and should not be recycled.*
6. *Distribution of Auburn-specific direct mail educational pieces produced by Casella.*
7. *Periodic reporting of data collected by Casella, to include recycling program participation by household, and percentage of overall waste collected.*
8. *Retaining the centralized drop-off containers located at Public Works for those who are not part of the pilot program and remain in the control group.*

By creating a new best practice pilot program with a statistically relevant sample size of participants, we can more effectively gather data on efficacy, participation, contamination, and more. If done correctly, this could become the standard model to use throughout the region, therefore influencing the recycling and re-using efforts (incineration to produce energy is a re-

use) in surrounding communities.

The cost of this pilot program should not exceed the already budgeted and set aside amount for recycling for this current financial year, details to be worked out prior to, and made available to the Council during its deliberations on September 18, 2023.

Our goal is simple and remains consistent: To ensure that Auburn's government and residents are effective in their efforts to enhance global health and sustainability of natural resources using educated decision making based on quantifiable results. The decision to add or modify a city program lies with the City Council, not with the Mayor or staff, and it is my hope that implementing a short-term option will bring forth the information needed for educated decision-making during next year's budget deliberations.

City Staff will prepare specifics on the pilot program and will provide details and an order for you to consider at our next meeting.

IV. Open Session

Art Dingley, 512 Danville Corner Road, spoke regarding recycling.

Caroline Davidson, Danville Corner Road, also spoke regarding recycling.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

Orders 113-09052023* and 115-09052023* below were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

Order 113-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto, 899 Broad St.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken at the request of the Mayor.

Order 115-09052023*

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts, 940 Washington St. North.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

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Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Whiting to postpone until the October 16, 2023, City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 118-09052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a real estate transaction to swap City owned parcel 271-100-000 for privately held parcel 261-056-002.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 11-09052023

Approving the text amendment to the Auburn Code of Ordinances, Sec. 60-548B – Front Setback, Principal for Traditional Downtown Neighborhood T-4.2B as shown in the Citizen Petition submitted on June 12, 2023. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Road, stated that he supports staffs position on this proposal (opposed).

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 12-09052023

Approving the text amendment to the Auburn Code of Ordinances, Sec. 60-548B ,T-4.2B Sec. 60-54B Intent and Purpose, Sec. 60-54B.1, Building Placement on Lot, Frontage Buildout, 3. Sec 548B.2, Common or Porch Yard Stoop Yard Frontage Storefront Type, Building envelope articulation, Ground and Upper story building façade. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, spoke regarding the language in this proposal, adding that he would like to see it removed until after the court proceeding.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 13-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B & C/OS “Area A1”. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – Robert Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, spoke and said he would like to see the Council table this to allow more public discussion.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 14-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B & C/OS “Area A2”. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – Dee Chapman, 40 Vivian Street, asked that all of area A2 be removed. She spoke regarding LD2003. She also asked the Council to slow down on the changes.

Mike Adler, 82 Loring Avenue, stated that the rezoning has to stop and leave the neighborhood as it is.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, spoke regarding regarding being called to participate in meetings on T-4.2.

Bruce Rioux, Mary Carroll Street, stated the issue he has with changes to zoning map is that it seems like these zone changes are inviting developers from other areas, and will not be owner occupied. He asked that the Council slows down on the zoning changes and maybe spot zoning is what we should look at.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 15-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B “Area C”. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, stated that form-based planning should be built on neighborhood characteristics and the Planning Board should have been given time to reach out and engage with the public. He said he questions our future when looking at property values.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 16-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B “Area D”. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

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Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 17-09052023

Approving the Zoning Ordinance text amendments (Proposal B1) – Amend Sec. 60-145 and Sec. 60-146 of Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2-Agriculture and Resource Protection District. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Road spoke regarding the process, he is in favor of the proposed amendment.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to strike #6 from the Order to add “or 400 feet, whichever is less” to Sec. 60-146(3)(c) after the word “lot”. Which was not recommended by the Planning Board.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed).

Passage as amended 6-1 (Councilor Milks opposed). A roll call Vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 18-09052023

Approving the Zoning Ordinance text amendments (Proposal B3) – Amend Sec. 60-145 and Sec. 60-146 of Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2, Agriculture and Resource Protection District. AGRP text Amendment (Proposal B3) Planning Board Proposed Change #10 concerning prohibiting housing in the AGRP zone in the Taylor Pond watershed. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

10. Ordinance 19-09052023

Approving the AGRP text amendments (Proposal B2) Planning Board proposed change number ten to Sec. 60-145(a)(1)(b)(vii) prohibiting housing to be sited on land that has been enrolled in certain State of Maine current use programs within the last five years. **Public hearing and 1st reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Hill Road, supports staff’s recommendation opposing this proposed amendment.

Failed 0-6 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote). A roll call vote was taken.

11. Order 119-09052023

Authorizing the proposed Public Safety Building to be placed on a referendum ballot and submitted to the voters of Auburn at the November 7, 2023, Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Andy Titus, Rubelite Lane, was on the committee when this was talked about two years ago and he thought there would be more discussion on this. He also spoke regarding the tax impact if this passes. He would like more discussion before this goes to referendum.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

12. Order 120-09052023

Allocating \$5,700 out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Literacy Volunteers, Androscoggin.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one From the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples to double the amount by increasing it from \$5,700 to \$11,400.

Failed 1-6 (Councilors Whiting, Hawes, Milks, Morin, Walker, and Staples opposed).

Passage of original motion 7-0.

13. Order 121-09052023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the purchase and sales agreement of 80 Lake Street (PID 239-114), 7 Fern Street (PID 239-113), and 9 Fern Street (PID 239-112).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – Corey Wallace, 93 Gamage Avenue, asked about 67 Minot Avenue and wondered if there have been any updates on that structure. He said he could see this as a non-profit housing unit.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque, announced that the Blues and Brews Festival will be held on September 9th; there is new college housing in our downtown where the Value Inn used to be on Center Street; last week he met with the Governor's staff on infrastructure law and more; and the

School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday; and last, he reported on the open house at the new Edward Little High School.

Councilor Staples also commented on the Edward Little High School open house.

Councilor Walker also commented on the Edward Little High School open house and was looking for the big plaque but could not find it.

Councilor Morin stated that he also attended the Edward Little High School open house. He added that if anyone is looking for a rewarding opportunity, they can donate their time and volunteer with Literacy Volunteers.

Councilor Gerry also reported on the Edward Little High School open house.

City Manager Crowell reported on the partnership with school and city to rehab the tennis courts at the East Auburn School, the project is complete. The grand opening will be on Monday. They can also be used for Pickleball. PAL movie night was held last Friday, 100 people attended, and he encouraged the Council and the Public to listen to our new Podcast called Absolutely Auburn. There are 4 episodes out at this time.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes seconded by Councilor Morin to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- 1. Order 122-09182023***
Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Brent Bynum as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
- 2. Order 123-09182023***
Accepting the transfer of \$1,896.00 of forfeiture assets to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-2020-01965 (St. Hilaire)).
- 3. Order 124-09182023***
Accepting the transfer of \$2,114.00 of forfeiture assets to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-2019-02569 (Poulin)).
- 4. Order 125-09182023***
Accepting the transfer of \$1,421.00 of forfeiture assets to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-22-2172 (Burnsworth)).
- 5. Order 126-09182023***
Accepting the transfer of \$557 of forfeiture assets to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-23-1609 (Deam)).
- 6. Order 127-09182023***
Authorizing the cancellation of the October 2, 2023 regular City Council meeting and calling a special meeting to be held on October 23, 2023.
- 7. Order 128-09182023***
Designating Phil Crowell as the official Voting Delegate and Brian Wood as the alternate Voting Delegate for Auburn at the Maine Municipal Associations Annual Business Meeting scheduled for October 2023.

Councilor Staples requested that item #6, Order 127-09182023 be taken off consent and added to new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the six remaining consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - September 5, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque stated that he received a letter from President Joe Biden regarding his recent visit to Auburn. The Mayor read the letter for the public to hear. He also reported that he and Evan Cyr attended the CNU (Congress for the New Urbanism) New England Fall Summit and were presented with the Municipal Innovation Award.

Manager Crowell reported on the shops at Anniversary Park, kayaking opportunities on the river, and last, he noted that we are in search of a Christmas tree for Festival Plaza.

IV. Open Session –

Mike Adler, 82 Loring Avenue, spoke regarding pan handlers in Auburn.

Wayne Souza, Auburn resident read a few quotes.

Chance, who stated that he is a homeless healthcare worker who commented on Facebook and commented that a public official should not be able to block criticisms and voices of the community.

Bob Hayes, 172 Allen Avenue, spoke about what he called flaws in the process of ordinance changes and the form-based planning process.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 11-09052023

Approving the text amendment to the Auburn Code of Ordinances, Sec. 60-548B – Front Setback, Principal for Traditional Downtown Neighborhood T-4.2B as shown in the Citizen Petition submitted on June 12, 2023. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 12-09052023

Approving the text amendment to the Auburn Code of Ordinances, Sec. 60-548B, T-4.2B Sec. 60-54B Intent and Purpose, Sec. 60-54B.1, Building Placement on Lot, Frontage Buildout, 3. Sec 548B.2, Common or Porch Yard Stoop Yard Frontage Storefront Type, Building envelope articulation, Ground and Upper story building façade. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Ryan Smith, provided handouts for the City Council which he stated outlines flaws in our definitions of structures and dwellings. He stated that there is no definition for a shared private drive adding that he feels it is a flaw that was overlooked.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 13-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B & C/OS “Area A1”. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment - Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street provided written comments that were emailed and handed out to the Mayor and City Council. He stated that he was submitting written comments to clarify what the new LD2003 states. He noted that he is all for more flexible zoning, but only with more careful planning and citizen engagement. Included in the handout was a copy of Chapter 5: Housing Opportunity Program: Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Rule.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 14-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B & C/OS “Area A2”. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – Dee Chapman, Vivian Street, spoke in opposition of this proposed ordinance. She stated that the Sun Journal quoted her incorrectly and she wanted that noted. She said she would like to remove the whole T-4.2b in this section.

Mike Adler, 82 Loring Avenue, stated that he would like the Council to vote this down again.

Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street provided written comments that were emailed and handed out to the Mayor and City Council. He stated that he was submitting written comments to clarify what the new LD2003 states. He noted that he is all for more flexible zoning, but only with more careful planning and citizen engagement. Included in the handout was a copy of Chapter 5: Housing Opportunity Program: Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Rule.

Failed 0-6-1 (Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Ordinance 15-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B “Area C”. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment - Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street provided written comments that were emailed and handed out to the Mayor and City Council. He stated that he was submitting written comments to clarify what the new LD2003 states. He noted that he is all for more flexible zoning, but only with more careful planning and citizen engagement. Included in the handout was a copy of Chapter 5: Housing Opportunity Program: Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Rule.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Ordinance 16-09052023

Approving the zoning map amendment T-4.2B “Area D”. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – Ryan Smith, 14 Weaver Street expressed concerns that this zone change will save the neighborhoods from LD2003, and he would like to hear more discussion from the Council and would like to hear more regarding parking. He also provided written comments in advance of the meeting that were emailed and handed out to the Mayor and City Council. He stated that he was submitting written comments to clarify what the new LD2003 states. He noted that he is all for more flexible zoning, but only with more careful planning and citizen engagement. Included in the handout was a copy of Chapter 5: Housing Opportunity Program: Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Rule.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

7. Ordinance 17-09052023

Approving the Zoning Ordinance text amendments (Proposal B1) – Amend Sec. 60-145 and Sec. 60-146 of Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2-Agriculture and Resource Protection District. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Milks opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

8. Ordinance 18-09052023

Approving the Zoning Ordinance text amendments (Proposal B3) – Amend Sec. 60-145 and Sec. 60-146 of Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2, Agriculture and Resource Protection District. AGRP text Amendment (Proposal B3) Planning Board Proposed Change #10 concerning prohibiting housing in the AGRP zone in the Taylor

Pond watershed. **Second reading.**

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

9. Ordinance 19-09052023

Approving the AGRP text amendments (Proposal B2) Planning Board proposed change number ten to Sec. 60-145(a)(1)(b)(vii) prohibiting housing to be sited on land that has been enrolled in certain State of Maine current use programs within the last five years.

Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

Order 127-09182023

Authorizing the cancellation of the October 2, 2023 regular City Council meeting and calling a special meeting to be held on October 23, 2023.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry to add a workshop on October 2, 2023. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Passage of Order 127-09182023 5-2 (Councilor Staples and Gerry opposed).

1. Public hearing

Public Safety Building Referendum scheduled to be submitted to the Auburn voters at the November 7, 2023, Election.

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:43 pm.

Matt Dailey, Police Department spoke to endorse the proposed Public Safety Building and addressed some of the needs for adequate space.

Douglas Mathews, also spoke in favor of the proposed Public Safety Building and the need for additional space.

Chance, no last name or address provided, stated that it would be wise for the city to

invest in more protection for the vulnerable, less protected, and homeless.

Jason Moen, Police Chief, spoke regarding the needs of a Public Safety Building and spoke regarding the process that has gotten us to this point. He added that Auburn is growing and very different from 20 plus years ago and they need a location and space to support that.

Bob Chase, Fire Chief, wanted to build on what Chief Moen stated. He stated that there is a financial cost to do nothing as well. Both agencies have much more diverse work forces which will have to be addressed whether this building passes or not, as well as safety issues that will have to be addressed.

Wayne Souza said he has dealt with similar issues and understands it is difficult for the city to reach out to the state for money but when you take that step it makes it easier.

Mike Adler, 82 Loring Ave, stated that he supports Police and Fire, he knows they need a new building, and we need to support our city services, Police, Fire, Public Works, and EMT, and we also have to support the County Sheriff's Department as well.

Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:59 pm.

2. Ordinance 20-09182023

Amending Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-33 of the General Assistance Ordinance Annual Adjustment of Maximum Benefits. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – Chance, who stated that he is a homeless health care worker, and a CNA, and stated that we need general assistance during times of hardship.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 128-09182023

Authorizing the partial discontinuance of Chestnut Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained, Councilor Walker opposed).

4. Order 129-09182023

Authorizing the discontinuance and re-alignment of Miller Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 130-09182023

Authorize the city manager to modify the solid waste agreement with Casella to initiate a pilot recycling program within designated areas within the city, by using the allocated funding authorized in the FY24 budget.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Ordinance 21-09182023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article XVIII Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Business licensing. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public hearing – Hannah King, representing Marc Fishman, respectfully requests council to remove the retroactive language which would add to the license application criteria that is not in the current ordinance. She stated that it also creates a new appeals process. The application that was filed contained all required information. She suggested making it a condition which would make more sense than requiring all those approvals.

Marc Fishman, business owner at 213 Washington Street, Auburn said he would like to see the retroactive language removed. He stated that he included everything that was needed under the current ordinance. He stated that it does not seem like a fair process that could impact, not only his business, but also sets bad precedence for the city of Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone this item until the October 16, 2023 meeting.

Passge 7-0.

VII. Open Session - Wayne Souza, commented on cones that are left around the city and also commented on drivers that do not slow down for people in the cross walk.

Chance, spoke regarding inflation, rent control, and wages.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the Blues and Brews Festival which was a success. He also noted that he was invited to serve on a state committee for creating permanent homes and financing options for ADU's.

Councilor Staples noted that Thursday is the Annual Meeting for Auburn Public Library starting at 5:30.

City Manager Crowell provided information regarding pan handling in the city. He also provided an update on the lawsuit against the City of Auburn. The judge found in favor of the City of Auburn and American Development Group and the plaintiff has 21 days to file an appeal.

August 2023 Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to accept and place on file the August Finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions – None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Staples seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2023, VOL. 37 PAGE 88

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.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes - September 18, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recycling Update – Phil Crowell, City Manager
- Proclamation - Extra Mile Day – Mayor Levesque proclaimed November 1, 2023, as Extra Mile Day in Auburn and presented David Griswold with a plaque and recognized him for his volunteerism and for going the extra mile for the community.
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Hawes announced that Saturday, October 21st the Auburn Fire Department will be holding an open house from 10:00am to 1:00pm. He encouraged the public to attend.

Councilor Walker announced that on October 29th at 1:00 pm in Anniversary Park there will be a Trick or Treat event with free candy for the kids.

Councilor Staples thanked staff for performing the recent walk audits led by Jonathan LaBonté adding that a report should be coming soon. He thanked staff for putting on the Shops at Anniversary Park, he reported that he has been working with the Sustainability Working Group and the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board (SNRB) to discuss recycling and he thanked the City Manager for his work on that, and last, he stated that the Androscoggin Land Trust had a clean-up event along the river which he participated in. He stated that it was a great community event.

Mayor Levesque announced that the organization Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC has just recognized Auburn, Maine and did a nationwide case study called Small City Zoning Reforms in Auburn Maine adding that this is a testament of the good work of the council and staff.

City Manager Crowell announced that a Truck or Treat event is coming to the Public Works building on October 26th from 5:00 – 7:00pm, and the Pal Center will be running a haunted house on October 31st.

IV. Open Session

Elizabeth Dunn, 530 Court Street, commented on the vote taken at the last City Council meeting that exempted area A2 of New Auburn from the T-4.2B ordinance.

TJ Cassiello, 225 Vickery Road, stated that he and his wife moved here recently from Boston, stating that we are doing the same thing that was done in Boston which has become what he called an “overcrowded disaster area”. He is opposed to building the proposed complex adding that they want to live in the country with land and does not want this.

V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Morin to suspend the rules to move three items (Orders 133-10162023 through 135-10162023) from new business and to act on before the unfinished business.

Passage 7-0.

Order 133-10162023

Allocating \$10,317.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Auburn Ski Association to purchase an alpine ski timing system.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Order 134-101620023

Allocating \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Edward Little High School Outdoor Club.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street, asked why isn't this part of the school budget, and is this a one-time deal, and what happens when the ARPA funds are no longer available?

Passage 7-0.

Order 135-10162023

Allocating \$10,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Special Olympics Maine to be the “Presenting Sponsor” for the “Special Olympics Maine Winter Games 2024” to be held at Lost Valley in February 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

1. Order 115-09052023

Approving the renewal of an Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts, 940 Washington St. North.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples, seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend to include the conditions recommended by staff.

1. Any vehicle containing fluids or batteries shall only be stored or dismantled within the area shown as "Storage of vehicles w/fluids + batteries limited to this area" on an aerial map entitled "940 Washington Street – 2012 Flood Plain Zones – 2013 Aerial" (the "Compliance Plan"), on file in the City's Planning and Permitting Office, and in no event shall any vehicle containing fluids or batteries be stored or dismantled within 100 feet of the normal high water line of the Little Androscoggin River.
2. No vehicles or junk shall be stored or dismantled within 50 feet of the normal high water line of the Little Androscoggin River.
3. Tires shall be stored at least 100 feet from the normal high water line of the Little Androscoggin River, except that if tires are maintained within a fenced enclosure of sufficient height and durability to contain the tires within the enclosure, they may be stored more than 50 feet but less than 100 feet from the normal high water line of the Little Androscoggin River.
4. The used car display area shall be limited to the area of the premises that is located north of the rectangular building shown on the Compliance Plan.
5. The driveway entrance to the premises and exit onto Washington Street North shall at all times be kept free and clear of dust and debris so that dust and debris is not tracked onto Washington Street North or any other public street.
6. Licensee shall cooperate with the City's Director of Planning and Permitting or their designee, who is to conduct inspections of the premises for compliance with (a) these conditions, (b) Sec. 14-74(c) of the Code of Ordinances, and (c) 30-A M.R.S. § 3751 *et seq.* no less frequently than quarterly. If any violations are observed as a result of such an inspection, they shall be communicated to the licensee for immediate remediation and, if not immediately remediated, to the City Council for potential suspension or revocation proceedings.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 115-10162023 as amended, 7-0.

2. Ordinance 20-09182023

Amending Chapter 24, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 24-33 of the General Assistance Ordinance Annual Adjustment of Maximum Benefits. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 21-09182023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article XVIII Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Business licensing. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing – Hanna King represents Alzie and Mr. fishman, spoke at the last meeting objecting to the retroactive criteria provision of this proposed ordinance.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Morin, and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Public hearing - Partial discontinuance of Chestnut Street

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:52 pm.

Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street spoke in opposition of the discontinuance and stated that he doesn't think there has been enough input from the general public.

Stephen Beal, 575 Johnson Road, spoke neither for nor against but stated that he feels it is a public safety concern if they do close the street and he feels that a traffic or safety study should be done.

Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:57 pm.

5. Public hearing - Discontinuance and re-alignment of Miller Street

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:57 pm.

William Turner, Chicoine Ave, also owns a building on Miller Street, stated he had no issue with realignment, however he had concerns regarding parking.

Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:59 pm.

VI. New Business

- 1. Public hearing - CDBG/HOME Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) Program Year 2022.**

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 7:59 pm.

No one from the public spoke.

Mayor Levesque closed the public hearing at 7:59 pm.

- 2. Ordinance 22-10162023**

Amending the Auburn Zoning Ordinance – Minimum Dwelling Size. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street asked why the size of a dwelling is an issue.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

- 3. Ordinance 23-10162023**

Amending the Auburn Zoning Map, Area B change, from UR, SR, and LDCR to T4.2B. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Kate, 225 Vickery Road, spoke in opposition of the change.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, spoke in opposition of this amendment.

Failed 1-5-1 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, Milks, Morin, and Staples opposed, Councilor Walker abstained). A roll call vote was taken.

- 4. Order 131-10162023**

Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Tax Levy Therefor, for the proposed Public Safety Building. Public hearing and first reading. **Requires an affirmative vote of five.**

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor staples for passage.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:19 pm.

Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street stated that issues like this should have been addressed publicly long before absentee voting began.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:21 pm.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 132-10162023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a modified contract with Casella to reinstate curbside recycling.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 136-10162023

Allocating up to \$5,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide public safety costs (Police and EMS services) associated with Special Olympics Maine Winter Games 2024” to be held at Lost Valley in February 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street, commented on property in his neighborhood that is storing unregistered cars in his yard and looks like a scrapyard. He said he would like the city to do something.

Ryan smith, 14 weaver street, commented on the recycling program.

VIII. Reports – There were no reports.

IX. Executive Sessions

- **Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)** which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes to enter into executive session regarding an Economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

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Passage 7-0. Time in 8:33 pm.

Council was declared out at 8:42 pm.

- **Economic development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)** which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session regarding an Economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:43 pm.

Council was declared out at 8:55 pm.

- **Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)**

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session regarding a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) which premature disclosure would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the City.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:55 pm.

Council was declared out at 9:20 pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes seconded by Councilor Staples to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Hawes had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 137-10232023*

Re-appointing Timothy Cogle to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10-01-2025.

2. Order 138-10232023*

Appointing Julia Bergeron-Smith to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10-01-2025.

3. Order 139-10232023*

Re-appointing Celia McGuckian to the Auburn Housing Authority Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 10-01-2028.

4. Order 140-10232023*

Appointing Jonathan LaBonté to the Airport Board with a term expiration of 01-01-2026.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition of Dan Campbell, the 2023 recipient of The John Jenkins Hands & Hearts Leadership & Service Award-3rd Annual Award.
- September Finance Report – Jill Eastman, Finance Director

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the September Finance Report.

Passage 6-0.

Councilor Whiting commented on role models such as John Jenkins and Dan Campbell. He then apologized for his behavior at the last meeting.

Councilor Milks read a letter that he would like to be included in the minutes.

To the People of Auburn,

Over the past four years, I served as the Mayor's appointee to the Board of Trustees for the Auburn Water and Sewer District. I was elected President of the Board in 2021 and serve as President today. I've been immersed in the issues of the Lake for 4 years, seen countless briefings from many experts and read the studies. This report is not a legal opinion, nor does it address any legal proceedings. My goal is to state facts and give my assessment to Council.

FACTS:

- *Auburn Water District received great evaluations recently from the Drinking Water Program. Operationally, AWD is functioning very well and in total compliance with all Federal and State rules and regulations. We have an extensive testing and monitoring system that monitors the lake daily, weekly, monthly and yearly.*
- *The water quality problems have nothing to do with current zoning or ordinance revision ideas.*
- *Lake Auburn is a small, shallow lake. The water quality fluctuates due to the weather much more than Sebago Lake for example.*
- *The majority of things causing water quality issues in the lake are already there. Much of it is from storm runoff due to improper logging, unusually heavy rains, phosphorus loading from upper water shed towns like Turner and shorter iced over periods in recent years. The bottom of Lake Auburn is full of the mineral Apatite which naturally releases phosphorus which causes quality problems.*
- *Water quality issues in the lake have persisted for two decades and it was recommended to put in a filtration plant years ago.*
- *In 2012 a UV treatment plant was built to adhere to Tier 1 and Tier 2 requirements for the removal of Giardia and cryptosporidium. This was a cheaper solution than a filtration plant and requires UV and chemical treatment of the water.*
- *In 2018 the Lake experienced an algae bloom that resulted in taste and odor complaints with the water. An algaecide was applied to remove the algae and to improve the esthetics of the water. In 2019 an alum treatment was applied to the lake to strip the water column of phosphorus and reduce the potential of another algae bloom.*

The Gravel Pit

- *According to experts, the most dangerous thing for the lake is to leave the gravel pit a gravel pit and continue digging and blasting the bedrock.*
- *Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on studies over the years. No study has shown the storm runoff water from the gravel pit flowing into the lake.*

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- *The Gravel Pit has been there for over 50 years and is legal and in compliance with all regulations and zoning. AGRP, the Ag zone, allows for a gravel pit next to the lake.*
- *The sanitary sewer is at the street and available for any development.*
- *Any housing redevelopment of the gravel pit would require extensive civil and environmental engineering to address storm runoff containment systems and connection to the Sanitary Sewer System. There would be public hearings, planning board reviews and permitting requirements. The city could require greenspace, walking trails and other recreational opportunities accessible to the People of Auburn*
- *The recent AD Hoc Committee which included the City of Lewiston Water Director, Lewiston LAWPC Representative, AWD Superintendent, AWD Trustee President, and Turner LAWPC representative agreed with the things the City of Auburn has proposed to Protect the lake like the proposed septic ordinance and the passed LID standards to protect Lake Auburn.*

Councilor Milks Assessment:

AWD Superintendent Broadbent is doing a phenomenal job maximizing AWD and LAWPC resources, coordinating with Lewiston officials and constantly looking to improve how AWD delivers water to the rate payers. The AD Hoc committee is a perfect example of his initiative.

The owner of the gravel pit would like to build a housing development on the site of the gravel pit. Based on all the factors, that is our best-case solution for the gravel pit. The development would be on the sanitary sewer and would have extensive engineering to secure the site and prevent any future storm runoff into the lake. It would most likely be a TIF district which would allow us to capture revenue for the Public Safety building and would have other amenities available to the people of Auburn like green space and walking trails. A development would allow us to secure the gravel pit, like we have the two dumps next to the gravel pit.

Additionally, AWD is exploring other options for water, like putting the intake into deeper water where the quality tends to be more consistent, and exploring alternative water sources should we be forced to put in a filter plant or if a disaster strikes the lake.

There are several interlocal agreements between Auburn and Lewiston that should have been renegotiated years ago.

In summary, the proposed ordinance revisions and watershed boundary changes will make a positive impact on the Lake. These changes will allow for responsible development that could reduce Auburn's impact to Lake Auburn. These improvements will then be needed in the upper watershed towns to continue to reduce the phosphorus loading on the lake. Despite all of these positive initiatives, we need to start planning for filtration. Given the vulnerability of the Lake and the environmental factors that are out of our control we need to start planning.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Order 131-10162023

Authorizing bonds for the Public Safety Building. Second reading.
Requires an affirmative vote of five.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.
Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gery opposed).

IV. New Business

1. Order 141-10232023

Directing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for the PRO Housing Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

V. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Whiting had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

7:00 P.M. City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence and In Memoriam to pay respect to the 18 victims of the October 25, 2023 mass shooting event in Lewiston.

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 142-11062023

Appointing Warden's and Ward Clerks for the Nov. 7, 2023 Election.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

October 16, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

October 23, 2023, Special City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Mayor Levesque recognized Hilary Dacko-Roy, Todd Pelletier, and Dan Hall, representatives of Hannaford Supermarket for Hannaford's generous donation to be used for a second Project Support You responder in the city.
- Communication – Special Event/Mass Gathering Application for New Year's Eve Auburn Event
- Public Safety Wellness Program presented by Police Chief Jason Moen and Fire Chief Robert Chase and guests Dr. Ben Stone and Vince Pallozzi who attended via Zoom
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque reminded the public that the polls open at 7:00 am tomorrow and encouraged residents to vote; on Friday, December 1st there will be a tree lighting and

Christmas Shopping Village opens in Anniversary Park; there will be a holiday shopping event at the Hilton Garden on Thursday, November 30th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Manager Crowell provided an update on the recycling program. He also announced that starting Wednesday night at 7:00 pm, the St. Louis Bells will ring 18 times over the course of 18 weeks to honor the 18 victims of the October 25th shooting event. He reminded Councilors that they have two more meetings for the remainder of this term, November 20th and December 4th. Some items coming up are a report from our auditors, the Miller Street discontinuance, and the Lake Auburn ordinance amendments.

Councilor Staples thanked the City Clerk for the work put into the upcoming election.

Councilor Walker announced that there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner held on Thursday, November 23rd at the Senior Community Center hosted by the Age Friendly Community Committee. They are asking for donations of \$5.00 and are also requesting that anyone interested in attending call the Recreation Department at ext. 2101 by November 20th so they can get a count on how many will be attending.

Councilor Gerry said she has been asked what we have planned for people to get out of the elements as it gets colder.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 22-10162023

Amending the Auburn Zoning Ordinance – Minimum Dwelling Size. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 23-10162023

Amending the Auburn Zoning Map, Area B change, from UR, SR, and LDCR to T4.2B. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public hearing – Scott Crane, 271 Vickery Road, reiterated what fellow neighbors and citizens have said and would like council to vote no on this item.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, also would like council to vote no on this item adding that she does not think it is right to allow 16 units per acre.

Failed 0-6. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Public hearing - Miller Street Discontinuance.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:40 pm. No one from the public spoke. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:40 pm.

VI. New Business

1. Order 143-11062023

Approving the discontinuance of Chestnut Street.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. Order 144-11062023

Amending the Downtown Omnibus TIF #10. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

3. Order 145-11062023

Allocating \$10,000.00 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to Rebuilding Together Lewiston/Auburn who will make necessary repairs to homes of those financially unable to do so.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – David Trask spoke on behalf of Rebuilding Together Lewiston - Auburn, thanked the City Council for considering this request.

Passage 6-0.

4. Open Session

Chaplain Eddie Greyfox Burgess urged Veterans to go to the Auburn Mall for a Hire a Vet Campaign and Resource Fair on November 9th. The Green Ladle will be holding lunch on the 8th and there will be many resources at the Fall Festival at Cabella's. He added that there are also many services for active-duty individuals.

5. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

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Mayor Levesque announced that the Auburn Exchange Club will be offering a free Annual Veteran's lunch at the Green Ladle on November 8th and encouraged veterans to join him. He reported on the School Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday. Last, he noted that the Victims Resiliency Center will be opening up on the 13th of November at 184 Main Street in Lewiston.

City Manager Crowell thanked the team in Auburn for collaborating and working alongside Lewiston during the October 25th incident. He also commended the communications team at the 9.1.1 center that fielded over 700 calls between 7:00 pm and midnight. He thanked the City Council, the Mayor, members of the community and city staff for their efforts.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 – November 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Mayor Levesque announced that he received notification that the Senate has passed a \$3.9 million Congressional discretionary spending bill for the Riverwalk, however, they haven't acted on it yet. He thanked staff, the City Council and Senator Collins and her staff for helping with this. He provided information on the Light the Park event in Anniversary Park to be held on Friday, December 1st from 6-8pm.

Councilor Whiting congratulated the Lewiston Blue Devils soccer championship team.

Councilor Gerry asked what will be done for the homeless and warming centers in the City and the City Manager provided an update.

IV. Open Session – Stephen Beal wanted to comment on agenda item #5, the TIF #29 item not realizing there would be public comment at that time. He stated that he would defer his comments until that item comes up on the agenda.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 146-11202023

Approving the Mass Gathering Permit for the New Year Auburn Event to be held on December 31, 2023, in Festival Plaza. Public hearing and vote.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 147-11202023

Allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Public Safety Wellness Program.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 148-11202023

Allocating funds for the Recreation Program Scholarships.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 149-11202023

Approving the Miller Street discontinuance.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 150-11202023

Approving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #29, 186 Main Street.

Motion was made by Councilor and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Stephen Beal, Johnson Road, did not speak for, nor against this item but had questions regarding the credit enhancement agreement.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 151-11202023

Approving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #30, Diamond Point Storage.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, had questions regarding the credit enhancement agreement. He also stated that he would like to see the Tax Increment Financing voted on separately from the Credit Enhancement Agreement.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Whiting opposed).

7. Ordinance 24-11202023

Amending the zoning map to rezone all areas in the LDRR or RR zoning district within the Lake Auburn watershed to the LDCR zoning district. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

8. Ordinance 26-11202023

Amending the zoning map for parcel ID 289-001, 289-002, and 277-026 from AGRP to GB. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

9. Ordinance 27-11202023

Amending the zoning map to reflect the actual drainage boundary based on existing topography of the land and known groundwater flows. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

10. Ordinance 28-11202023

Amending the Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 4 – Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District pertaining to animal farms, agricultural buffer strips, septic system buffer strips, and private sewage disposal systems and subsurface wastewater standards and requirements. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Bruce Rioux, Mary Carroll Street, said amending this ordinance will be adding pollution to the lake.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports -

Mayor Levesque reported on the School Committee's fund balance.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn.

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Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. Councilor Gerry was excused from the meeting at 8:25 pm.

I. 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 requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Order 152-12042023*

Re-appointing Riley Bergeron to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

2. Order 153-12042023*

Re-appointing Evan Cyr to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

3. Order 154-12042023*

appointing Stephen Roop to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

4. Order 155-12042023*

Accepting the Audit Report.

5. Order 156-12042023*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for a two-year term as outlined in our City Charter.

Councilor Whiting requested that items 1 through 3 (Orders 152-12042023, 153-12042023, and 154-12042023) be removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage of the two remaining consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes – November 20, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Proclamation – Small Business Saturday

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Recognition of Outgoing Elected Officials (Mayor Levesque, Councilor Hawes, Councilor Morin, Councilor Staples).

Jill Eastman, Finance Director - Finance Report of October 2023

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the October 2023 Final Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

Council Communications -

Councilor Walker announced that the United New Auburn Association and the City of Auburn proudly present the Christmas in the Park (Anniversary Park) event scheduled for Saturday, December 9th beginning at 4:00pm.

City Manager Crowell stated that they appreciate the work that Councilor Walker does with the United New Auburn Association, and Christmas in the Park will be a great event. He also wanted to highlight www.auburnchristmasvillage.com which is a great site to go to find out more about the vendors that are there now and leading up to Christmas. He recognized and gave thanks to everyone that contributed to the Thanksgiving dinners that were provided at the Senior and PAL Centers. He thanked the employees of Panolam (Pioneer Plastics) for their donation and introduced John Everly and Susan Hagerstrom, both from Panolam. They donated 30 turkeys and the fixings for the PAL families, adding that it is greatly appreciated.

IV. Open Session

Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street, spoke regarding the ability for citizens to have access to public records.

Dave Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue, wanted to thank the Council at the end of their terms for their work and commitment and stated that he appreciates their service.

A gentleman who did not identify himself, spoke regarding his property on Penley Corner Road and helping veterans.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 21-09182023

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article XVIII Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Business licensing. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 24-11202023

Amending the zoning map to rezone all areas in the LDRR or RR zoning district within the Lake Auburn watershed to the LDCR zoning district. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Ordinance 26-11202023

Amending the zoning map for parcel ID 289-001, 289-002, and 277-026 from AGRP to GB. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public hearing –

Renee Cote, Dawes Avenue, asked that the Council consider the will of the majority and keep the lake area undeveloped. She asked that they vote against the amendment.

Peter Dingley stated that people do not want general business by the lake and with all the talk about the festivals we have in the city, have we ever had a lake festival and celebrated the lake?

Deb Desjardins, 2768 Turner Road stated that we are reducing the watershed line adding that she has never seen a watershed line for Lake Auburn. She has for Taylor Pond but not Lake Auburn and urged council not to pass this tonight.

Mike Ouellette, West Auburn Road, provided handouts to the Council and spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment. He said he feels that development of the sand pit would threaten the water quality of the lake. He said he has never had issues with his well water until his neighbor clear cut a lot next to him and has since had to purchase a filtration system. He said he never thought he would need a filtration system as he has now and said don't be fooled that Auburn won't too.

Fred Holler, 352 West Auburn Road stated that it is obvious that the citizens of Auburn regard this as a threat to the lake and don't want this change. He said he thinks passing this is unfair and it is not a "Not in My Back Yard" issue.

John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, stated that this proposed zoning amendment before them was part of a repeal where petitions were signed, and Council had the opportunity to put it out to the voters or to repeal it themselves. He stated that Council chose to repeal the change on September 6, 2022. He further stated that the vote has the same effect and per the city charter, the Council has no authority to vote against the repeal by re-instating it.

Stephen Beale, 575 Johnson Road, stated that while he agrees with most of the comments, he has a specific concern and would like to see the 100-foot buffer around the landfill parcel be retained.

Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street stated that if this passes this will become a large housing development and asked if having 3,000 people living in that area is protecting the lake and asked the Council to think about that before they vote.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road stated that this would be taking more land out of the ag zone when we should be saving it, and then stated that if the area is built up, there have been no studies done on the impact that could have.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by excluding the landfill.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Hawes, Milks, and Morin opposed).

Passage as amended 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 27-11202023

Amending the zoning map to reflect the actual drainage boundary based on existing topography of the land and known groundwater flows. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

5. Ordinance 28-11202023

Amending the Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 4 – Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District pertaining to animal farms, agricultural buffer strips, septic system buffer strips, and private sewage disposal systems and subsurface wastewater standards and requirements. Public hearing and second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public hearing –

Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road, also the Chair of the Natural Products and Agricultural Work Group provided hand-outs to the councilors and stated that this would take a lot of small, non-invasive farming operations out of contention, completely prohibited and she asked to set aside this language to take more time to look at this with more detail.

Pam Rousseau, 745 West Auburn Road, reiterated what Kathy Shaw just stated adding that she would like this set aside and looked at again.

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John Cleveland, 183 Davis Avenue, read the last paragraph of a letter from the Lewiston City Administrator that was included in the agenda packet.

Bruce Rioux, 85 Mary Carroll Street commented that in the past, if Lake Auburn came up on a City Council or Planning Board agenda, the Water District Superintendent and microbiologist would attend these meetings addressing the science of the lake when questions came up. He stated that tonight is the first time in the last four years, that the Water District Superintendent has attended a meeting, and he is not answering the questions adding that we are getting our information from the developers, and he is not trusting their answers.

Stephen Beale, 575 Johnson Road stated that he wanted to address the septic design change and added that if this Council wants to do something for the benefit of the watershed, the thing to do would be to pass the septic design but put a cap of 20 permits to be issued over a 25-year period.

Dave Griswold, 199 Gamage Avenue, spoke regarding the language about the non-hobby agriculture stating that the intent was good, but it can be confusing. He said he did some research to see what might fall under that category and he shared that information with the Council. He stated that possibly, rather than make a blanket prohibition under agricultural activities, maybe Council should consider stating what would be allowed such as low impact activities that will not have an impact on the lake if managed properly. He stated he would urge them to take this back to the drawing board and get it right.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to send this to the Natural Product and Agriculture group.

Failed 3-4 (Councilors Hawes, Morin, Milks, and Walker opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 28-11202023 as presented 5-2 (Councilors Gerry and Whiting opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Gerry was excused from the meeting and Mayor Levesque called for a 5-minute recess.

VI. New Business

Order 152-12042023

Re-appointing Riley Bergeron to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained).

Order 153-12042023

Re-appointing Evan Cyr to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Hawes and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – Renee Cote, Dawes Avenue stated this should not be the purview of this Council and they should address it at this time.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained).

Order 154-12042023

Appointing Stephen Roop to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee. This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes to amend by striking Stephen Roop and replacing him with Timothy Deroche (Stephen Roop withdrew).

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained).

Passage as amended 5-0-1 (Councilor Whiting abstained).

1. Public hearing – CDBG PY23 Revised Budget and Action Plan.

Mayor Levesque opened the public hearing at 8:33 pm.

No one from the public spoke. The public hearing closed at 8:33 pm.

2. Order 157-12042023

Authorizing the School Committee to establish a curriculum development reserve fund for the purpose of funding curriculum development materials, equipment, software, and professional development.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 158-12042023

Authorizing the naming of “Officer Norman Philbrick Square” (or “Philbrick Square”).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 159-12042023

Authorizing the naming Mustang Alley.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 160-12042023

Authorizing the naming of “Joseph ‘Joe’ Walker Memorial Field” or (“Walker Field”).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

6. Order 161-12042023

Authorizing the naming of “Tricia Asselin Memorial Field” or (“Asselin Field”).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

7. Order 162-12042023

Allocating funds (Comprehensive Plan Implementation Funding) of up to \$160,767.50 for the replacement structure for R&K Properties LLC (PID 221-074).

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

8. Order 163-12042023

Approving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #31, Academy Street. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-1-1 (Councilor Whiting opposed, Councilor Milks abstained).

9. Order 164-12042023

Approving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #32, Mount Auburn Housing. Public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Staples opposed).

10. Order 165-12042023

Adopting the employment agreement between the city and the City Manager Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

11. Order 166-12042023

Approving the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the PAL Center.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – Maureen O'Brien, 42 Winter Street, stated that we should not be spending money without a plan, and she hopes they do not approve this.

Passage 6-0.

12. Order 167-12042023

Authorizing the allocation \$1,823,255.00 from the FY22 undesignated fund balance that's in excess of the recommended 14%.

Motion was made by Councilor Staples and seconded by Councilor Hawes for passage.

Public comment – Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road asked where these funds were going.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to allocate an additional \$100,000 from the fund balance to conduct a security evaluation of our public buildings that are accessible to the public.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Walker to allocate an additional \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance to be used for wayfinding signage to use for memorials and other facility naming bringing the allocation to \$2,023,255.00.

Passage 6-0.

Passage of order 167-12042023 as amended 6-0.

13. Resolve 03-12042023

Calling upon the Auburn Water District and the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commissioners to begin discussions with the towns in the upper watershed to adopt critical protections for Lake Auburn.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

14. Order 168-12042023

Approving the increase to EMS care and transport fees with the first increase taking effect December 11, 2023, and the second increase taking effect April 1, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

15. Order 169-12042023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the sale of 186 Main Street, Parcel ID 231-020 (city-owned property) to Great Falls Construction, DBA JCS 18, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Morin for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

16. Order 170-12042023

Directing a review of zoning ordinance text amendments relating to Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay District evidenced by Ordinance 28-11202023.

Motion was made by Councilor Morin and seconded by Councilor Staples for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session

Kathy Shaw, 1200 Sopers Mill Road thanked the Council for creating more community conversations and engagement and she wished them good luck in the future.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Councilor Staples thanked everyone for the last two years. He stated that his favorite part is how everything has been civil, and they've managed to talk things out and he values that.

Councilor Walker also expressed thanks to the voters, the City Council, and the mayor.

Councilor Morin stated these have been the two most educational years of his life. He said he also appreciates the civility and decency of everyone on the Council, adding that he calls everyone on the Council a friend. He closed by saying that during these two years he has concluded that Auburn is very fortunate to have the level of staff that do this as their day job day in and day out and he is proud of city staff. He said he wishes the next council much luck and success.

Councilor Milks thanked the Council adding that he has learned a lot from everyone up here. He stated that one thing he was taught is that you should listen to people you disagree with. He thanked Mayor Levesque and added that he is looking forward to the next steps and thanked voters for their vote and confidence and he looks forward to working with the next Council.

Councilor Hawes gave thanks to the city staff and echoed comments made by Councilor Morin. He also thanked the Councilors and the Mayor. He wished the newly elected Council good luck, and he thanked Manager Crowell and Assistant Manager Wood.

Councilor Whiting thanked everyone and echoed what Representative Shaw said and added that although they did not always agree, they agreed on more than what they disagreed on.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on the activity on the LAWPCA property on Penley Corner Road.

Mayor Levesque discussed some unresolved items and is hoping there will be follow through on the following. Discussion on eminent domain properties, specifically the Barn on Minot Avenue; the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation is a corporation in which 33% of the shares go to Auburn and the rest go to Lewiston, though 90% of the revenue is derived from Auburn operations whereas a vast majority of the property that doesn't create revenue sits in Lewiston for the most part sitting in a quasi-land trust or a land bank. He added that he has fought vehemently for fairness in this, and they refuse, adding that Auburn isn't getting any economic benefit for the rail that flows through the city and should be addressed; he would like to urge the Council to keep in mind a renegotiation of water costs for our rate payers.

Lewiston and Auburn splits costs 50/50 though Lewiston uses 63-65% of that water and we pay a disproportionately high amount of the operating costs and this needs to be addressed; Stevens Mills Baseball/Softball fields, we must see that through; one parcel on Mechanics Row that is still left for sale. He would like the Council to see this through; regarding Walton School, there is an order to create a transitional committee with anticipation of closing Walton School. He is leaning towards no at this point and we must take into consideration the growth we've seen in the last few years. He urged everyone to pay attention to the School Committee meeting scheduled for this Wednesday.

In closing, he stated that this is approximately his 158th Council meeting in 6 years, adding that it has been a joy, a pleasure, and he thanked the City Council, City Manager Crowell, Assistant Manager Wood, and city staff for helping and working together, respecting boundaries, and the chain of command. He stated that nationally, Auburn has a great reputation.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Harmon 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.

1. **Order 171-12182023***
Confirming Chief Moen's appointments of Constables/Civil Process Servers without Firearm.
2. **Order 172-12182023***
Confirming the re-appointment of Bryan Bachelder as Local Sealer of Weights and Measures for 2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the two consent items.

Passage 7-0.

I. **Minutes** – December 4, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

II. **Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Communication – April 9, 2024, Special Election (Ward 4 School Committee)
- Communication – Mayoral Appointments

III. **Open Session** –

Dan Campbell, 294 Hotel Road, spoke regarding homelessness and said he would like to seek the help of the City Council, stating that we need to come together on this, and he asked that they join him when he walks the streets of Auburn. He stated that we need shelters now.

Alex, who stated that he was homeless, spoke about his experience, addiction, homelessness, and challenges in getting a job.

Beth, who also stated that she was currently homeless, spoke about her experience, and the difficulty finding an apartment. She also encouraged Councilors to visit some of the shelters and to walk amongst the homeless community, to meet them and start a conversation. She stated that she is hoping we can find a solution.

Greg Whitney, President of the Pleasant Street Drop-In Center said the center opened almost two years ago as a warming center and as the need got greater and greater, they've opened as a drop-in center. He said what the city really needs is an overnight shelter and an emergency shelter especially on days like today. He added that there is also a need for day shelters.

IV. **Unfinished Business** – None

V. New Business

1. Order 173-12182023

Confirming Mayor Harmon's Board and Committee Appointments.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Whiting for passage.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion made by Adam Platz seconded by Councilor Gerry to adopt the following order which was discussed during the Executive Session held during the Council Workshop earlier this evening.

Order 174-12182023

***ORDERED**, that the City Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to prepare, in consultation with the City Attorney and appropriate City staff, proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments that would serve to delay the applicability date of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance evidenced by Ordinance #26-12042023 and Ordinance #28-12042023;*

***BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that such proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments be prepared in time for a first reading of them at the January 2, 2024 City Council meeting.*

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Milks and Walker opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to rescind Order 152-12042023 re-appointing Riley Bergeron to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Cowan to take a brief recess.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Milks and Walker opposed). Time 7:50 pm.

The Council meeting resumed after a ten-minute recess. Time 8:00 pm.

Passage to rescind Order 152-12042023 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Walker, and Weisner opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to rescind Order 153-12042023 re-appointing Evan Cyr to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Walker, and Weisner opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Whiting and seconded by Councilor Gerry to rescind Order 154-12042023 appointing Timothy DeRoche to the Planning Board, full member position with a term expiration of 01/01/2027 as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

Public comment – No one from the public spoke.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Walker, and Weisner opposed).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Harmon announced that he will be forming a Mayor's Ad hoc committee on housing and another on homelessness. He thanked the school department for hosting the inauguration at the Donald Gay Performing Arts Center adding that it is a beautiful facility that will not only serve the school well but will also be a benefit to the community. He commented on the Absolutely Auburn podcasts and encouraged the public to listen. Last, he reminded the public of the upcoming New Year's Eve event adding that more information can be found at www.newyearsauburn.com.

Councilor Gerry inquired about warming centers in the City of Auburn.

Councilor Whiting echoed the Mayor's comments on the Donald Gay Performing Arts Center and he thanked the people that helped to make that possible: Malcolm Philbrook, Bob Gardner, Dick Gammon and others, members of the class of 1951 who donated a large sum previously used for scholarships to go toward the construction of that beautiful space. He also stated that he was happy to be back on the Library Board.

Councilor Cowan stated that he is excited to be part of the new City Council and looking forward to making some good changes.

Councilor Weisner echoed previous comments, adding that he is looking forward to listening to the needs of the people of Auburn and is looking forward to it.

Councilor Walker announced that there will be a New Year's event to be held at the Senior Center on New Year's Day at 10:00 am.

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Councilor Platz thanked everyone on the Council and city staff for welcoming the new members of the board and congratulated the returning City Councilors. He noted that he was looking forward to it as well as serving on the School Committee, adding that his first meeting is on Wednesday.

Councilor Milks stated that the highlight of the Inauguration held on Thursday was the students that participated.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on the current storm situation, adding thanks to the first responders that are out there. He commented on the New Year's Eve event adding that the team is doing a great job planning that event and announced that there will be a drone show which is the first in New England and he encouraged people to come out to see the drone show.

Finance Report – November 2023

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Cowan to accept and place on file the November 2023 Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Sessions - None

IX. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Weisner and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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