



City Council Workshop & Meeting Agenda

Februaury 2, 2026

Auburn Hall, Council Chambers

1. 5:30 PM Workshop

- FY27 Budget - City Manager Phil Crowell & Superintendent Dr. Susan Dorris

- Syringe Service Program - Continued Discussion

2. 7:00 PM Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call - *Roll call votes will begin with Councilor Duvall*

Minutes:

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Student Representatives Abdulahi and Edwards were absent.

3. 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. Passage of items on the Consent Agenda requires majority vote.*

4. II. Minutes

Minutes:

January 20, 2026 minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

- Motion to ORDER 16 to reflect the item will also be referred to the SNRB with an update to the

Council no later than 2/25/26.

- Correcting the spelling – JA-LYNNE Park

Motion for passage by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Gerry. Motion passed 7-0.

File: [January 20, 2026 - Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

5. III. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

- **Winter Storm Operations Update - Scott Holland, Public Works Director**

Minutes:

Public Works Director, Scott Holland, presented on Winter Operations. Mr. Holland discussed use of salt and sand on the road; Chief Moen explained the reasoning on closing Goff Hill due to public safety reasons.

Jay Brenchick, Economic Development Director, provided an update on Economic Development for the 2025 year.

Councilor Platz asked about the timing of the reimbursement process for septic inspections. Mr. Cousens answered it was within the quarter that the inspection was performed.

File: [2025 Economic Development Update](#)

File: [Lake Auburn Watershed Subsurface Wastewater \(SSWW\) System Inspections Update](#)

File: [Vacant & Abandoned Buildings Update](#)

6. IV. Open Session

Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business or any item that does not appear on the agenda.

Minutes:

None.

7. V. Unfinished Business

- 1. 1) ORDINANCE 03-01202026 - Granting a 180 day moratorium extension regarding Needle Exchange Services.**

Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Minutes:

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

File: [ORDINANCE 03](#)

- 2. 2) ORDINANCE 04-01202026 – Granting a 180 day moratorium prohibiting rent or fee increases at Mobile Home Parks.**

Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Minutes:

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Butler.

The following spoke during public hearing:
Frank LeChair, Washington Park Rd
Juliette St. Amand, Auburn
Sharon Dickinson, Ja-Lynne
Laurie N, Canton; Maine Labor Climate Council
Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
File: [ORDINANCE 04](#)

8. VI. New Business

9. VII. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report**
- b. City Councilors' Reports**
- c. Student Representative Report**
- d. City Manager Report**

Minutes:

Mayor Harmon attended the grand re-opening of Ottos Pizza.
Councilor Gerry asked to be excused; left the meeting at 8:23pm.
Councilor Randall shared that she is getting prepared for the upcoming budget planning discussions.
Councilor Cowan spoke on the point time count process held in January. Thank you to all involved who helped with this program; lots of hard work went into this.
Councilor Platz gave an update on the School Department on the upcoming budget planning discussions related to serving on the School Committee as the Mayor's representative; the Council will vote on the overall budget but the School Committee will set the terms of how the money is allocated.
Manager Crowell shared an update on the Grab and Go program (using ARPA funds); due to changes with GSFB we are unable to continue with a third party vendor. By March 1, this program will end.
Other resources in the community will be made available.

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Minutes:

None.

11. IX. Executive Session

12. X. Adjournment

Minutes:

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn at 8:28pm, seconded by Councilor Cowan.
Motion passed 7-0.