

IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council, in accordance with section 13 of the Auburn Water District Charter, hereby grants permission to the Auburn Water (the "Water District") District to issue its bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, referred to herein as the "Water District Bonds" in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to finance upgrades to the Water District's water distribution system, including water main replacement, with other improvements ancillary and related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Auburn City Council, that the Water District bonds shall not constitute any debt or liability of the City or a pledge of the faith and credit of the City, but shall be payable solely by the Water District, and the issuance of the Water District Bonds shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the City to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment.

Passage on 2/7/2022 7-0.

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APRIL 4, 2022 A resolution of the City Council expressing support of and utilization of Maine's Dual Enrollment Program on the campuses of Central Maine Community College, Bates College, and the University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn.

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council are dedicated to ensuring all of our Students have the opportunities to be career ready upon graduation from Edward Little High School

WHEREAS, Auburn's businesses are experiencing a shortage of workers properly trained in foundational jobs such as construction, electricians, plumbers, welders, equipment operators, public service and fabricators.

WHEREAS, recently over 190 interested ELHS students participated in a field trip to the LRTC campus to learn more, the program has 60 slots open to our students and more students will be able to participate when the new high school is opened.

WHEREAS, Auburn is fortunate to have Central Maine Community College, Bates College, and the University of Lewiston Auburn in such close proximity to our High School, which both offer diverse course offerings and skilled educators.

WHERAS, the State of Maine has authorized a dual enrollment program that allows all Maine High School Students to attend up to 2, 3 credit classes per semester on site within the University and Community College System at little to no cost.

WHEREAS, credits earned through the duel enrollment program are transferable through the University and Community College system within Maine as well as other post-secondary institutions, thereby significantly offsetting the upfront cost and future debt encumbered by our residents.

WHEREAS, there are currently obstacles that prevent our students from fully utilizing the benefits of dual enrollment such as transportation and current high school schedules.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council encourages the Auburn School Committee Chair to create a stakeholder group made up of leaders from the business community, educators, parents, and municipal staff who will assess, evaluate, and take appropriate action to eliminate those obstacles within our control, such as modifying ELHS class schedule, and solving transportation challenges all of which prevent students from fully and seamlessly integrating post-secondary courses with High School curriculum and experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the need is urgent and any solutions from the stakeholder group being proposed should be considered for the fall of 2022.

Passage on 4/4/2022, 7-0.

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RESOLVED, that the following be, and hereby is the Annual Appropriation and Revenue Resolve of the City of Auburn for the fiscal year 2022-2023, which includes the amounts appropriated herein and revenues from all sources beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

The estimated aggregate amount of non-property tax revenue is \$57,742,831 with a municipal revenue budget of \$21,175,616 and a School Department revenue budget of \$36,567,215.

The aggregate appropriation for the City of Auburn is \$107,045,151, with a municipal budget of \$48,551,841 County budget of \$2,761,220 and a School Department budget of \$55,732,090 which received School Committee approval on April 27, 2022, and school budget approved at the May 16, 2022 Council Meeting pursuant to the School Budget Validation vote on June 7, 2022, in accordance with Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A § 1486 and based on the budget submitted to the Auburn City Council on April 19, 2022, by the City Manager, and notification was posted on the City of Auburn website on April 28, 2022 that a public hearing would be held on May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and said hearing having been held on that date, and as amended by the City Council, the same is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023 beginning July 1, 2022 for the lawful expenditures of the City of Auburn and the County of Androscoggin taxes, and said amounts are declared not to be in excess of the estimated revenue from taxation and sources other than taxation for the fiscal year of 2022-2023.

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Ordered that the Auburn City Council hereby adopts and approves the following School Budget articles for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

- 1. That <u>\$20,492,295</u> be authorized to be expended for Regular Instruction;
- 2. That <u>\$ 12,237,270</u> be authorized to be expended for Special Education;
- 3. That <u>\$-0-</u> be authorized to be expended for Career and Technical Education;
- 4. That <u>\$ 893,936</u> be authorized to be expended for Other Instruction;
- 5. That <u>\$ 3,291,349</u> be authorized to be expended for Student and Staff Support;

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- 6. That <u>\$ 1,217,269</u> be authorized to be expended for System Administration;
- 7. That <u>\$ 2,362,172</u> be authorized to be expended for School Administration;
- 8. That <u>\$ 1,824,534</u> be authorized to be expended for Transportation and Buses;
- 9. That <u>\$ 5,281,608</u> be authorized to be expended for Facilities Maintenance;
- 10. That <u>\$ 7,726,548</u> be authorized to be expended for Debt Service and Other Commitments;
- 11. That <u>\$ 40,953</u> be authorized to be expended for All Other Expenditures;

12. That <u>\$ 49,483,622</u> be appropriated for the total cost of funding public education from Prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that <u>\$14,867,518</u> be raised as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688;

Explanation: The city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding

Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

13. That <u>\$894,187</u> be raised and appropriated for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the city's legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects, in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, Section 15690 (2A);

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the city's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.

14. That <u>\$3,195,978</u> be raised and appropriated in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,195,978, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$3,195,978, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,195,978. The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model:

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The Essential Programs and Services funding model does not recognize all of the costs of special education services, transportation services, instructional services, co-curricular services and other services that the School Department provides.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the city's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the school department budget for educational programs.

15. That the school committee be authorized to expend <u>\$55,367,933</u> for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, fund balances, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools;

16. That the City of Auburn appropriate $\frac{364,157}{5}$ for Adult Education and raise $\frac{207,192}{5}$ as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

17. That in addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

18. That in addition to amount approved in the preceding articles, the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to \$125,000 from the School Departments unexpended balances at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year to the 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 facilities.

19. That in addition to amount approved in the preceding articles, the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to \$125,000 from the School Departments unexpended balances at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year to the 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.

RESOLVED, The City is authorized to accept grants and forfeitures and to expend sums that may be received from grants and forfeitures for municipal purposes during the fiscal year

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beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, provided that such grants and forfeitures do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

RESOLVED, that fifty percent (50%) of all real estate taxes assessed as in the annual commitment, committed to the Tax Collector, shall be due proportionately from each taxpayer on September 15, 2022, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be due on March 15, 2023.

Except as may be provided by resolve regarding payments in accordance with an installment payment plan, any real estate taxes remaining uncollected on September 16, 2022, and March 16, 2023, respectively shall bear interest at a rate of 4% per annum from and after such dates.

Personal property taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 15, 2022. Any personal property taxes remaining unpaid on September 16, 2022, shall bear an interest rate of 4% per annum from and after such date. Interest on all delinquent taxes shall be computed on a daily basis and shall be collected by the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector is authorized to accept tax prepayments.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk Date

Passage of first reading on 5/2/2022 as amended 5-2 (Councilors Staples and Gerry opposed). Passage of second reading on 5/16/2022 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).



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RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Auburn, Maine, in City Council assembled, that,

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Auburn Police Department relocated to Auburn City Hall as a temporary solution due to space needs; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Auburn Public Safety Team and consultants conducted a space needs analysis based on current usage and future needs along with extensive site evaluations; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019 the CIP funding secured to address deficiencies with the police locker room and facilities at City Hall were higher than anticipated those funds were allocated to a comprehensive facilities assessment of all public safety facilities; and,

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021 the Auburn City Council voted to create the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Building Committee to work with staff, consultants and members of the public to advise the City Manager and City Council on the preferred site, design and cost estimates for a new Engine 2 Fire Station, combined Police and Fire Public Safety Building and upgrade to Engine 5 Fire Station; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Ad-Hoc committee reviewed all previous work done by consultants and reviewed all recommendations by city staff over the course of a 6 month period; and,

WHEREAS, a final report and recommendation was presented to the Auburn City Council on September 16 August 15, 2022; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Auburn City Council in City Assemble, officially thank all the participants for their hard work and dedication to the process and accept the final report from the Public Safety Building Ad-Hoc Committee in its entirety and will act upon the recommendations at a time and in a manner determined by the City Council.

Passage on 9/6/2022 as amended, 7-0.

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WHEREAS, as part of the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over \$1 billion of roadway safety funding available in the form of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program; and

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2022, approximately 9,000 crashes occurred on Auburn's streets, with 22 of those crashes involving a fatality and 2,238 involving personal injury; and

WHEREAS, the city, in coordination with community stakeholders, can aid in preventing these types of tragedies by taking a proactive, preventative approach that prioritizes transportation safety as public health issue in planning and investment decisions, and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero, a strategy supported by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), aims to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all and is a framework that has successfully reduced fatalities and serious injuries in cities where it has been implemented, and

WHEREAS, the Center Street/Route 4 and Mt. Auburn Avenue/Veteran's Memorial Bridge corridors have been identified as having multiple high crash locations, limited bicycle and pedestrian access, and have been prioritized in 2021 Comprehensive Plan for investments focused on safety and mobility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC), the metropolitan planning organization for our urban area can apply for a SS4A grant to develop an Action Plan for the Center Street and Mt. Auburn Avenue corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council commits to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries along these corridors and others citywide; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council supports the submission of the SS4A grant and the engagement of residents, businesses, and all users of these corridors in creating an Action Plan if awarded.

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Passage on 9/6/2022, 7-0.

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Whereas the City of Auburn is experiencing tremendous demand upon existing housing stock causing values to significantly increase.

Whereas the City of Auburn, State of Maine and most parts of the United States is experiencing a significant housing shortage.

Whereas the City of Auburn has over 20,000 acres of under or undeveloped land, with a significant percentage serviced by some infrastructure such as roads, trash, police, and fire protection, which is on average more served than similar rural communities.

Whereas there are certain impediments that are restricting natural growth of homes on this privately held land within the Agriculture and Resource Protection Zone or within an arbitrary residential strip of 300' in depth.

Whereas the City of Auburn Planning Department has received numerous requests to petition to Planning Board to change zoning in order to construct a residence, these numerous requests must be heard but will produce a significant burden upon staff and Planning Bboard.

Whereas the 2018 third party Cross Roads study of the viability of our rural land recommended elimination of the income standard as a condition to build a residence.

Whereas the income standard was not repealed but modified from 50% of a family's income to 30% of an individual's income being derived from agriculture activities as a condition to build a residence in 2019 without any increase in number of new farms created.

Whereas the Comprehensive plan of 2021 states "it is understood that agriculture and forestry may not be profitable in some areas of the city and the existing Agriculture and Resource Protection zoning, in some cases, eliminates the economic use of private land."

Whereas LD 2003 allows the building of 2 units on a parcel located in an area that allows residences. This State law supersedes local ordinance and will be in effect in July of 2023.

Whereas the Lake Auburn Watershed requires conservation measures to protect Lake Auburn and therefore the greater good supersedes the individual's economic benefits unless those within the watershed petition the Planning Board directly for a zone change and can

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demonstrate that any development will not negatively impact the regions primary source of drinking water.

Therefore, be it resolved that the City Council directs the Planning Board <u>after consultation</u> from the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board to provide an opinion and <u>deliver recommendations to the City Council</u> 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 on 9/6/2022 as amended, 5-3 (Councilors Gerry, Whiting, and Staples opposed).

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RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Auburn, Maine, in City Council assembled, that,

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn and the State of Maine are experiencing a housing crisis making housing difficult to secure or unattainable for more than half of Maine people if they did not already own a home in 2019.

WHEREAS, a lack of sewer infrastructure is preventing higher density residential development in South Auburn; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 Comprehensive Plan identified the area north and west of the Maine Turnpike as a Designated Growth Area in the Future Land Use Map given its proximity to existing densely developed neighborhoods and the potential for existing transportation capacity to serve growth while maintaining mobility; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 Comprehensive Plan established a goal to "Provide safe and adequate sewage disposal that meets the needs of current and future residents and businesses in coordination with the Future Land Use Plan" and further "When economically feasible, work with developers to expand the sewer service to areas designated for future growth by the Future Land Use Plan;"

WHEREAS, Undeveloped land served by public utilities can provide for a great number of housing units when compared to those developments requiring individual wastewater disposal systems; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council to authorize the City Manager to explore funding opportunities for utility extensions, improvements and capacity increases. To include all cost, but not limited to feasibility and capacity studies, design, estimating and construction cost; and,

WHEREAS, to support State of Maine charge to consider measures that would encourage increased housing options in the City of Auburn including but not limited to municipal incentives, state mandates (LD 2003) eliminating or limiting single- family-only zones and allowing greater housing density near transit, jobs, schools or creation and development of neighborhood centers that would be supported by utility and infrastructure expansion; and

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WHEREAS, Collaboration with the State of Maine; Governor's Office, Executive Branch and Legislative Body to support increase housing opportunities in the City of Auburn while exploring funding avenues for public infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Auburn City Council in City Assemble, that there hereby an Ad Hoc, Public Infrastructure Committee created, and the membership, terms, offices and duties shall be as follows:

- 1. Create a joint effort among The State of Maine, City of Auburn staff, Auburn Sewer and Water District, City Council and the Citizens of Auburn to explore funding avenues for public Infrastructure.
- 2. To advance this important project, draw upon resources of the community, state, federal and city resources to plan with sufficient detail to create funding opportunities for City of Auburn Public Infrastructure to create housing opportunities.

Passage on 9/6/2022 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

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WHEREAS, the number of community members who are unhoused is continuing to increase rapidly; and

WHEREAS, the current increase in housing costs, especially rental costs are increasing at rates that are exceeding inflationary rates; and

WHEREAS, the housing costs increases are happening throughout the entire State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are without housing are statistically going to be adversely impacted more by other contributing factors than the population as a whole; and

WHEREAS, these known contributing factors include domestic violence, behavioral health, substance abuse, human trafficking and others; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, with federal COVID funds during the pandemic, provided temporary relief by utilizing hotels as a short term solution; and

WHEREAS, those hotels are no longer available, leaving those in need without other viable alternatives; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are required by the Maine Law to provide housing assistance through the General Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, municipalities, including the City of Auburn, do not have the expertise or resources to provide the additional services which would be beneficial to many of the community members who are unhoused; and

WHEREAS, the housing crisis cannot be solved without uniform policies, State coordination, and cooperation between municipalities; and

WHEREAS, finding viable long term solutions for the growing number of folks without housing will require participation and resources from outside of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, through various policies, including but not limited to those that impact Asylum Seekers, are contributing to the challenges of serving the needs of the unhoused;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Auburn, join with other municipal leaders in Maine to request that the Governor of the State of Maine, supported by Legislative Leadership, create a formal Working Group of both elected and professional staff to make improvements to the state and local responses for those who are unhoused.

Passage on 10/03/2022, 7-0.

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WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation, pursuant to Public Law 21, Chapter 239, established a Rail Use Advisory Council to facilitate discussion, gather information, and provide advice regarding the future use of the state-owned section of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Berlin Subdivision between Auburn and Portland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn was provided a seat on said Council to provide input on city plans and policies relating to the future use of this rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, state of Maine acquired this corridor through two purchases, one in 2007 and another in 2010, as part of on-going planning for freight and passenger movements between the City of Portland and the City of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, the city has identified south Auburn as a growth area in its most recent Comprehensive Plan and multi-modal use of this corridor, including for active transportation, would increase its attractiveness for residential and commercial investment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council supports a "rail with trail" recommendation from the Rail Use Advisory Council and the expedited movement of any necessary planning and design work to implement that recommendation between Maine's largest city, Portland, and the city of Auburn.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk Date

Passage on 12/19/2022, 7-0.

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