

## IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 101

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 (150<sup>th</sup>) 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, the City Council will transition from a paper and note books to a surface pro tablet with the goal going paperless for the February 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

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#### **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 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 6:30 PM and the United New Auburn Association meeting is going to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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those kinds of remarks. He reminded everyone that there is a workshop scheduled for Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**V. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None**

**VI. 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**

**5. 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**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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,

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Western Avenue is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **II. 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.

## **VII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None**

## **VIII. Open Session**

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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**

### **6. 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**

### **7. Order 15-02262018**

Re-appointing Patricia Mador to the LA 911 Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2020) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

**8. 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.

**9. Order 17-02262018**

Re-appointing Larry Pelletier to the Complete Streets Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

**10. Order 18-02262018**

Re-appointing Linda Snyder to the Ethics Committee (term expiration of 1/1/2021) as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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).

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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  
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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.

**III. 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.

**IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions - None**

- X. 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**

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. 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).

**6. 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).

**7. Order 28-03052018**

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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).

**8. 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).

**9. 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).

**10. 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).

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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.

- IV. 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.

- XI. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Recognition** – Edward Little High School Boys and Girls Basketball State Champions

- XII. 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**

### **11. 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**

### **12. Resolve 03-03192018**

Supporting Central Maine Power Company's New England Clean Energy Connect Project.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 27/28<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM the Sewer District Trustees will meet, and at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://www.32auctions.com/APL2018). The auction will run from May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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**Councilor Walker** – reported that the Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the United New Auburn Association meeting will be Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>) 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.

- V. Consent Items**
- 2. Order 32-04022018\***  
Setting the date for the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 12, 2018.
- 3. Order 33-04022018\***  
Approving the time to open the polls at 7:00 A.M. for the June 12, 2018 Election.
- 4. 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.

**XIII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Proclamation** – The Mayor read the proclamation and declared April as Fair Housing Month in Auburn

**XIV. 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

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 Hayes and Titus had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

**VI. Consent Items**

**13. 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).

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

- Introduction of Auburn's new Fire Chief, Robert Chase

## **XVI. 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.

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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.

**14. 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).

**15. Order 38-04232018**

Appointing Tim Griffin to the Citizens Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/30/2019 (new appointment).

**16. Order 39-04232018**

Re-appointing Tizz E.H. Crowley and Rhyanna D. Larose to the Conservation Commission with term expirations of 6/1/2021.

**17. Order 40-04232018**

Appointing Rick M. Martel to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiration of 10/01/2018 (new appointment).

**18. 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

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. They will be discussing Proficiency Based Learning and the concerns raised by the public on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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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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.

**VII. Consent Items**

**5. 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).

**XVII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Proclamation** – Kids to Parks Day
- **Proclamation** – Curtis Ouellette, Eagle Scout
- **Proclamation** – Youth Week

## **XVIII. 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 IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 137**

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> (Sewer) and the 16<sup>th</sup> (Water) of the month at 4:00 PM. He also reported on the Retail Marijuana Committee that he has been serving on.

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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**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.

**II. 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.

### **III. 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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### **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.

### **VIII. 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.

## **XIX. 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)

## **XX. Open Session**

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library reminded everyone about the online auction coming up at the Library from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **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?*

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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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 142**

**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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## 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.

### IX. Consent Items

#### 6. 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.

### X. 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.

### XXI. 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.

### XXII. 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

#### 4. 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).

#### 5. Ordinance 02-06042018

Adopting the zone change for 33 Dunn Street – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**6. 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.

**7. 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).

**8. 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 12<sup>th</sup>. The next School Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> 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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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.

**XI. 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.

**XXIII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

1. Presentation of the Bruce J. Gerry Scholarship award – Jean Doherty, recipient

**XXIV. 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**

**9. 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.

**10. 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).

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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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM, on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Association will meet at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner where Michael Chammings 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

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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.

### **XII. Consent Items – None**

### **XIII. 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Councilor Gerry** – reported that the next LATC meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**XIV. Consent Items**

**2. 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.

**V. 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

**VI. 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**

**3. 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.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will be holding an open house on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilor Young** – reported that the Danville Grange is on its foundation and a fundraiser will be held there on July 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**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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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.

## **XV. 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).

## **VII. 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.

## **VIII. 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**

### **4. 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 Chammings. They will leave on

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September 12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>) 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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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.

**XVI. 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).

**XVII. 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.

**IX. 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.

**X. 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

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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 12<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>), the Recreation Departments Men’s Draft League for softball, the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 PM the first Parade Committee meeting will be held to begin planning the Memorial Day parade as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

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**Councilor Walker** – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be meeting tomorrow at Senior Center at Pettengill Park at 5:30 PM tomorrow, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**City Manager** – welcomed Phil Crowell as our new Assistant City Manager. He reported that there will be an employee appreciation BBQ event on September 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

### **XVIII. 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.

### **XIX. 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.

### **XI. 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.

### **XII. 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.

**XIII. 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.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The next Auburn Public Library meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. The 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Corporators will be held at the Auburn Public Library on September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

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**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

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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.

**XX. Consent Items**

**7. 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.

**XXI. 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.

**XIV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

Communication – City Assessor, Karen Scammon provided the Council and public with an overview on the Board of Assessment Review

**XV. 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**

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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.

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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 29<sup>th</sup> at noon and the event is free of charge.

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**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. He also reported that all Neighborhood Watch Groups will be meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**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

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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.

**XXII. Consent Items** - None

**XXIII. 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.

**XVI. 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

**XVII. 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**

**7. 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

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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.

**8. 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,

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> the Community Health Needs Assessment is holding a forum from 10:00 AM to Noon to be held at the Franco Center. On October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, on October 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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an award (Spirit of America Award) by the Androscoggin County Commissioners. The ceremony will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. He also asked 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.

**XXIV. Consent Items - None**

**XXV. 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.

**XVIII. 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)

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

**V. Unfinished Business**

**9. 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**

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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**

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers. The public is welcome. Last, he

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM to talk about the intersections in New Auburn. The Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, and on October 30<sup>th</sup> the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6:00 PM. Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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

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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.

**XXVI. 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.

**XX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

**Communication** – Police Department Update (Interim Chief Jason Moen)

**Communication** – Cable TV Advisory Board Update (David Young, Chair)

**XXI. 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.

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**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.

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Chamings, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> of the month on homelessness. She also noted that on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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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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.

### **XXVII. Consent Items**

#### **5. 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.

### **XXII. 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)

**XXIII. 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.

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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.

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**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup> at Rolly's Diner the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at 6:00 PM. Michael Chammings and Eric Cousens are scheduled to speak. On November 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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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#### **IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2018 VOL. 35 PAGE 192**

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.

**XXVIII. 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.

**XXIV. 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).

**XXV. 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**

**6. Order 98-11192018**

Approving a waiver of foreclosure on the Auburn Enterprise Center

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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. 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, the Auburn Sewer District board of trustees will be meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Auburn Water District board of trustees will be meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>.  
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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