



# City Council Resolve

## I IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLVED**, that the following be, and hereby is the Annual Appropriation and Revenue Resolve of the City of Auburn for the fiscal year 2023-2024, which includes the amounts appropriated herein and revenues from all sources beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

The estimated aggregate amount of non-property tax revenue is \$62,395,844 with a municipal revenue budget of \$23,121,704 and a School Department revenue budget of \$39,274,140.

The aggregate appropriation for the City of Auburn is \$113,170,192, with a municipal budget of \$51,126,866 County budget of \$2,972,037 and a School Department budget of \$59,071,289 which received School Committee approval on May 3, 2023, and school budget approved at the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting pursuant to the School Budget Validation vote on June 13, 2023, in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A § 1486 and based on the budget submitted to the Auburn City Council on April 18, 2023, by the City Manager, and notification was posted on the City of Auburn website on April 27, 2023 that a public hearing would be held on May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and said hearing having been held on that date, and as amended by the City Council, the same is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024 beginning July 1, 2023 for the lawful expenditures of the City of Auburn and the County of Androscoggin taxes, and said amounts are declared not to be in excess of the estimated revenue from taxation and sources other than taxation for the fiscal year of 2023-2024.

### SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES

Ordered that the Auburn City Council hereby adopts and approves the following School Budget articles for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

1. That \$19,300,554 be authorized to be expended for Regular Instruction;
2. That \$ 12,882,836 be authorized to be expended for Special Education;
3. That \$-0- be authorized to be expended for Career and Technical Education;
4. That \$ 898,147 be authorized to be expended for Other Instruction;
5. That \$ 3,806,698 be authorized to be expended for Student and Staff Support;

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager



## City Council Resolve

6. That \$ 1,200,966 be authorized to be expended for System Administration;
7. That \$ 2,413,311 be authorized to be expended for School Administration;
8. That \$ 2,178,859 be authorized to be expended for Transportation and Buses;
9. That \$ 5,679,257 be authorized to be expended for Facilities Maintenance;
10. That \$ 10,329,269 be authorized to be expended for Debt Service and Other Commitments;
11. That \$ 39,644 be authorized to be expended for All Other Expenditures;
12. That \$ 51,699,304. be appropriated for the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that \$15,245,365 be raised as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688;

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

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

13. That \$1,187,586 be raised and appropriated for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the city's legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects, in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690 (2A);

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

14. That \$3,150,553 be raised and appropriated in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,150,553, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$3,150,533, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$3,150,533. The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model:

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager



## City Council Resolve

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

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

15. That the school committee be authorized to expend \$58,729,542 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, fund balances, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools;

16. That the City of Auburn appropriate \$341,747 for Adult Education and raise \$213,644 as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

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

18. That in addition to amount approved in the preceding articles, the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to \$125,000 from the School Department's unexpended balances at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the Edward Little High School Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects, facility upgrades, and plant maintenance at the new Edward Little High School and adjacent athletic facilities.

19. That in addition to amount approved in the preceding articles, the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to \$125,000 from the School Department's unexpended balances at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the School Technology Equipment Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding purchase and maintenance of computers, tablets, audiovisual equipment, and related technology for the School Department.

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

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager



## City Council Resolve

beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, provided that such grants and forfeitures do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

RESOLVED, that fifty percent (50%) of all real estate taxes assessed as in the annual commitment, committed to the Tax Collector, shall be due proportionately from each tax payer on September 15, 2023 and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be due on March 15, 2024.

Except as may be provided by resolve regarding payments in accordance with an installment payment plan, any real estate taxes remaining uncollected on September 16, 2023 and March 16, 2024 respectively shall bear interest at a rate of 4% per annum from and after such dates.

Personal property taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 15, 2023. Any personal property taxes remaining unpaid on September 16, 2023, shall bear an interest rate of 4% per annum from and after such date. Interest on all delinquent taxes shall be computed on a daily basis and shall be collected by the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector is authorized to accept tax prepayments.

Passage of first reading as amended on 5/1/2023 4-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed, Councilors Morin and Staples absent).

Passage of second reading as amended on 5/15/2023 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager



# City Council Resolve

## IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE JARED GOLDEN'S PROPOSAL FOR A TWO-YEAR BUDGET FRAMEWORK

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Golden is proposing a two-year agreement establishing the bottom line for the next two federal fiscal years, and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal will also leave final appropriations to be determined through the normal congressional budget process, and;

**WHEREAS**, once an agreement has been reached, Congress could raise the debt limit in tandem with the budgeting process to ensure that the agreement is followed, and;

**WHEREAS**, State and local governmental bodies like ours come to agreement, making difficult decisions on budgets, and;

**WHEREAS**, citizens have a right to expect that our President and Congress do the same, without jeopardizing our nation's credit rating, and;

**NOW THEREFOR**, the Auburn City Council hereby supports Representative Golden's two-year budget framework proposal to stabilize the national debt.

Failed 2-3 (Councilors Milks, Hawes, and Walker opposed and Councilors Morin and Staples absent).

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager



# City Council Resolve

## IN CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLVE**, calling upon the Auburn Water District and the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission to collaborate with the Towns of Turner, Minot, Hebron, and Buckfield in the upper watershed to take similar actions as the City of Auburn to protect the drinking water of over 50,000 residents in Auburn, Lewiston, and Poland.

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn Water District was granted a legislative Charter by Chapter 60 of the Private and Special Laws of 1923, as amended, and under the terms of its Charter, the said Auburn Water District was granted the power “to adopt by-laws, not inconsistent with the general laws of the state, to prevent pollution of the water of Lake Auburn and to preserve the purity of said water, and may prescribe penalties for the violation thereof, which said by-laws shall have the same force and effect as municipal ordinances”; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Auburn Water District was also granted under its Charter the “power and authority” to bring legal proceedings “to enjoin, prevent or restrain any persons, firms or corporations from polluting the water of Lake Auburn, provided such pollution shall tend to corrupt or impair the quality of the water of said Lake Auburn for domestic purposes, or render it injurious to health”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §2647, “Any water utility...is authorized to take reasonable steps to protect a public water source from pollution”; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to strengthen Lake protections, the Auburn Water District formed the “Lake Auburn Water Quality Ad-Hoc Committee” and the said committee was tasked with reviewing and advising about the changes to the watershed related ordinances being made by the City of Auburn; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee supported the City of Auburn changes and further recommended the committee draft and execute an engagement with the Upper watershed towns to apply these critical watershed protections in the Towns of Turner, Minot, Hebron, and Buckfield; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the By-laws for Protection of Lake Auburn and specifically Protection Level 4: Upper Watershed, the Trustees of the Auburn Water District established the entity or authority for the protection and control of the Lake Auburn Watershed, including those portions located in other municipalities, and shall provide technical assistance and enforcement assistance for watershed protection controls to homeowners and residents of the extended watershed area.

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn Water District and/or Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission is authorized to implement and enforce their By-Laws and restrictions by all appropriate means, including without limitation by bringing legal proceedings for the enforcement thereof.

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager



## City Council Resolve

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the City Council of the City of Auburn that; We call upon the Auburn Water District and the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commissioners to begin discussions with the towns in the upper watershed to adopt these critical protections for Lake Auburn.

Passage on 12/04/2023 6-0 (Councilor Gerry absent).

---

**Richard Whiting**, Ward One  
**Joseph Morin**, Ward Four  
**Belinda A. Gerry**, At Large

**Ryan Hawes**, Ward Two  
**Leroy G. Walker**, Ward Five  
**Jason J. Levesque**, Mayor

**Stephen G. Milks**, Ward Three  
**Dana Staples**, At Large  
**Phillip L. Crowell, Jr.**, City Manager