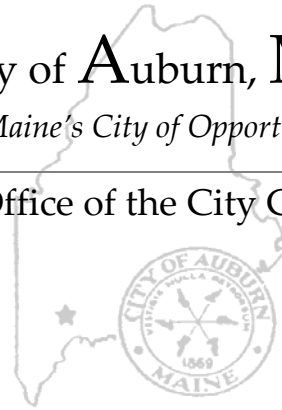


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Council Meeting Agenda Packet

February 27, 2006

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City Council Meeting

February 27, 2006

7:00 P.M.

Agenda

5:30 p.m. Workshop

- Auburn-Lewiston Airport – acquisition of land to meet FAA safety requirements
- Outreach campaign to inform citizens about State and Local Tax Relief Programs
- Committee Appointments (*Executive Session*)
- Economic Development Achievement Award nominations (*Executive Session*)

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Consent Items – All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered as routine and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in the order it appears on the agenda.

Minutes

*022706-00 Minutes of February 6th and 13th, 2006 Council Meetings

Reports

- Mayor
- City Councilors
- City Manager

Finance Report – Month of January
Fire Department Budget
Updates

Communications and Recognitions

Open Session - *Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue which does not appear on the agenda*

Old Business

New Business

022706-1 Resolve – Resolution of Recognition (Recognizing Auburn businesses and Auburn residents that received awards by the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce)

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- 022706-2 Public Hearing and action on Liquor License Applications:
- RARE Hospitality Management, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse, 649 Turner Street
 - Village Farm LLC, d/b/a The Fishery, 250 Center Street

- 022706-3 Appointments
- Ethics Committee
 - Planning Board
 - Recreation Advisory Board
 - Transit Committee
 - Zoning Board of Appeals

ADJOURNMENT

Executives Sessions: On occasion, the City Council discusses matters which are required or allowed by State law to be considered in executive session. Executive sessions are not open to the public. The matters that are discussed in executive session are required to be kept confidential until they become a matter of public discussion. In order to go into executive session, a Councilor must make a motion in public. The motion must be recorded, and 3/5 of the members of the Council must vote to go into executive session. An executive session is not required to be scheduled in advance as an agenda item, although when it is known at the time that the agenda is finalized, it will be listed on the agenda.

The only topics which may be discussed in executive session are those that fall within one of the categories set forth in Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405. Those applicable to municipal government are:

1. Discussion of personnel issues
2. Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition, or the use of real or personal property or economic development if premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency.
3. Discussion of labor contracts and proposals and meetings between a public agency and its negotiators.
4. Consultations between a body or agency and its attorney
5. Discussion of information contained in records made, maintained or received by a body or agency when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute.
6. Discussion or approval of the content of examinations administered by a body or agency for licensing, permitting or employment purposes
7. Consultations between municipal officers and a code enforcement officer relating to enforcement matter pending in District Court.

**CITY OF AUBURN
FEBRUARY 6, 2006
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

PRESENT

Mayor Normand W. Guay, Councilors Bethel B. Shields, Eric G. Samson, Donna L. Rowell, Belinda A. Gerry, Robert C. Mennealy, and M. Kelly Matzen, City Manager Pat Finnigan, Assistant City Manager Laurie Smith and City Clerk Mary Lou Magno. Councilor Robert P. Hayes was absent. There were 56 people in the audience.

Mayor Guay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall with a salute to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Mennealy moved to accept, approve and place on file the following items listed with an asterisk. Seconded by Councilor Shields. Vote: 6 Yeas, No Nays.

***MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2006**

Approved under consent agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

***COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILOR ROBERT HAYES RE: EXCUSED
FROM FEBRUARY 6TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Approved under consent agenda

**OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICERS JAMES PHILLIPS, MICHAEL
CHAIANE AND JASON CROFT**

Mary Lou Magno, City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers James Phillips, Michael Chaine and Jason Croft.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR

None

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Rowell noted that she and Councilor Gerry recently attended a Fundraiser Lasagna Dinner sponsored by Help Keep Maine Warm.

Councilor Gerry read a communication from Auburn Housing Authority Commissioners to Pat Finnigan regarding an air quality study that had recently been completed in the area of the Esplanade.

Councilor Matzen recently attended the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner and, without objection from other Councilors, requested that a copy of the awards presented to Auburn residents and Auburn businesses be entered into and made a part of the official record of this Council Meeting. There were no objections.

Councilor Matzen requested that resolutions of recognition be prepared for the next Council Meeting for the Council to recognize the Auburn businesses and Auburn residents that received awards at the Chamber Dinner.

Councilor Mennealy requested information from the City Manager with regard to the land swap with TIM Corporation and the design of the parking garage.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

None

At this point in the meeting the Mayor continued the workshop with the presentation of the Police Department budget.

At the conclusion of the Police Department budget presentation, Mayor Guay continued the City Council Meeting.

OPEN SESSION

No one spoke

CLOSED OPEN SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

1. RESOLVE – CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND OBLIGATIONS FROM MORSE BROTHERS, INCORPORATED TO JWA HOLDINGS, LLC

Councilor Gerry moved for passage of the resolve. Seconded by Councilor Mennealy. Vote: 6 Yeas, No Nays.

NEW BUSINESS

2. SET DATE FOR SECOND MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Councilor Shields moved that the second meeting be held on February 27th.

Seconded by Councilor Rowell. Vote: 6 Yeas, No Nays

ADJOURNMENT – 9:15 p.m.

Councilor Samson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Shields. Vote: 6 Yeas, No Nays.

A TRUE RECORD

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk

**CITY OF AUBURN
FEBRUARY 13, 2006
JOINT AUBURN-LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

PRESENT

Mayor Normand W. Guay, Councilors Bethel B. Shields, Robert P. Hayes, Eric G. Samson, Donna L. Rowell, Belinda A. Gerry, Robert C. Mennealy, and M. Kelly Matzen, City Manager Pat Finnigan, Assistant City Manager Laurie Smith and City Clerk Mary Lou Magno. Lewiston Mayor Lionel Guay, Councilors Stavros Mendros, Renee Bernier, Lillian O'Brien, Ronald Jean, Paul Samson, Mark Paradis and Norman Rousseau, City Administrator James Bennett and City Clerk Kathy Montejo. There were approximately 80 people in the audience.

Mayor Normand Guay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall with a salute to the flag.

FINAL REPORT – COMMISSION ON JOINT SERVICES

Both Mayors welcomed the audience to this joint meeting, the purpose of which was for the Commission on Joint Services to present their Final Report. Mayor Guay introduced the members of the Committee: Chairs Robert Clifford and Donna Steckino and members Ronald Bissonnette, Mark Carrier, John Emerson (who was absent this evening) K. C. Geiger, Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., Jeffrey Harmon, Linda Hertell and George Hess.

Robert Clifford and Donna Steckino gave an overview of the report. Both Mayor thanked the members of the committee for their hard work and dedication to this effort.

Both Mayors opened discussion by members of the Councils.

Mayor Normand Guay opened the floor to public discussion and the following people spoke: Roma Girardin, 667 Court Street; Thomas Shields, 375 Maple Hill Road; Tammy Grieshaber, 100 Stony Ridge; Bob Bernier, 17 Lamplighter Circle; Mike Scott, 549 South Witham Road; and Ron Potvin, 82 Northern Avenue.

JOINT SERVICES COORDINATOR – APPLY FOR GRANT

Councilor Matzen moved to direct the Auburn staff to cooperate with the Lewiston staff to apply for a grant from the State of Maine to hire a Joint Services Coordinator to be housed at the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council office and be answerable to the Executive Director of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council and the two City Councils. Seconded by Councilor Shields.

Councilor Gerry moved to table. Seconded by Councilor Rowell. Vote: 4 Nays with Councilors Rowell, Gerry and Mennealy voting Yea.

Councilor Samson moved to amend the motion by deleting the words “Executive Director of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council and the”. Seconded by Councilor Mennealy.

Councilor Gerry moved to table. Seconded by Councilor Mennealy. Vote: 4 Nays with Councilors Rowell, Gerry and Mennealy voting Yea.

Vote on the amendment: 4 Yeas with Councilors Shields, Hayes and Matzen voting Nay.

Vote on passage of the motion as amended: 5 Yeas with Councilors Rowell and Gerry voting Nay.

DISCUSSION OF JOINT AGENCY BUDGETS

The Councils discussed the expectations and potential meeting dates for the joint agency budgets.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

Councilor Mennealy moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor O’Brien. Vote: Unanimous.

A TRUE RECORD

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

City of Auburn, Maine

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2006



PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
CHRIS TRENHOLM, FINANCE DIRECTOR

City of Auburn, Maine

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Financial Services

February 23, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Attached please find the financial report for the month of January 2006. At January 31, the City had completed seven months of the current fiscal year. A number of non-recurring expenditures have been paid, and all personal property taxes and the first half of real estate taxes were due by September 15. As a guideline for tracking purposes, revenues and expenditures should amount to approximately 59% of the annual budget. However, not all expenditures and revenues are distributed evenly throughout the year; individual line items will vary based upon cyclical activity.

Revenues

Revenues recorded through January 31 were \$39,196,741 or 63.81%, of the annual budget. The accounts listed below are noteworthy.

- A. Personal property taxes were due by August 29. The first half of real estate taxes was due September 15, with the remainder being due March 15. The City had collected approximately \$25.25 million in property tax revenue for the period ending January 31, of a total budget of \$39 million. Our collection rate is higher this year than last year. At January 31, the City had collected approximately 64% of the total annual taxes due, compared to approximately 61% at the same time last year.
- B. Excise taxes are coming in slightly better than budget, primarily due to conservative budgeting.
- C. Business licenses and permits are higher this time of year due to the timing of annual permits.
- D. State-Local Road Assistance is higher than budget due to an extra payment for local transit services.
- E. General Assistance reimbursements are higher due to higher expenditures resulting from more applicants and a greater need. The State of Maine reimburses municipalities 50% of eligible expenditures.
- F. Investment Income is higher than budget reflecting the improved interest rate environment and the higher interest rate we are being offered by TD Banknorth for our investments

- G. Rent revenue is higher than expected compared to budget due to the annual invoicing to Maine Intermodal Transportation, Inc. for lease payments for the intermodal facility.

Expenditures

Expenditures through January 31 were \$36,708,036, or 59.76%, of the annual budget. Noteworthy variances are discussed below.

- A. *Mayor & Council*: Progress payments for the fiscal year 2005 audit were paid during October and November.
- B. *Health & Social Services*: Public assistance costs are slightly higher than expected at this time, compared to budget.
- C. *Community Programs*: Includes full payment of the annual appropriations for the Liberty Festival and Saint Peter's School.
- D. *Debt Service*: The annual principal payments for the City's bonds were paid by November 30. Additionally, the first of the semiannual interest payments had been paid by November 30.
- E. *Property*: One-half the annual premium for various insurance coverages was paid to MMA in August.
- F. *Intergovernmental Programs*: The City funds the intergovernmental agencies quarterly, in the first month of each quarter, upon receipt of their invoices. The county tax payment was paid in August.

Investments

This section contains an investment schedule as of January 31, as well as a comparison of the investments between January 31 and prior month. Interest rates have risen in recent months and TD Banknorth is offering the City a much higher interest rate on money market accounts than Bank of America did when they provided our banking services. All of this provides benefits for the City's investment income stream. Currently the City's funds are earning an average interest rate of 4.19%, compared to approximately 2.2 % last year at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Finnigan
City Manager

Christopher Trenholm
Finance Director

CITY OF AUBURN, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND
JANUARY 31, 2006

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>January 31,</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
CASH	\$7,076,459	9,531,126	2,454,667
RECEIVABLES			
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES	\$462,982	519,167	56,185
TAXES RECEIVABLE-CURRENT	\$16,017,589	15,511,042	(506,546)
DELINQUENT TAXES	\$216,704	216,538	(166)
TAX LIENS	\$277,257	262,299	(14,958)
NET DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$3,132,354	(1,270,817)	(4,403,171)
TOTAL ASSETS	27,183,345	24,769,356	(2,413,989)
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$244,828	115,830	(128,997)
WAGES & TAXES PAYABLE	(\$49,621)	(61,919)	(12,298)
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$778,069	778,069	0
STATE FEES PAYABLE	\$39,772	41,428	1,656
PREPAID TAXES	\$6,162	9,009	2,847
IN LIEU OF BONDS	\$61,205	61,205	(0)
DEFERRED REVENUE	\$17,115,155	16,740,906	(374,249)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,195,570	17,684,528	(511,042)
FUND BALANCE - NOT DESIGNATED	3,587,198	3,587,199	1
FUND BALANCE - DESIGNATED FOR WORKERS COMP & UNEMPLOYMENT	\$924,599	924,599	-
FUND BALANCE - DESIGNATED UNAUDITED FY05 EXCESS REVENUE	\$100,353	84,325	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$0	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	4,375,624	2,488,705	1
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	8,987,774	7,084,828	2
	27,183,344	24,769,356	(511,040)

**CITY OF AUBURN, MAINE
REVENUES - GENERAL FUND
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2006**

REVENUE SOURCE	FY 2006 BUDGET	ACTUAL REVENUES THROUGH JAN 31	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
<u>TAXES</u>			
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE-	\$ 38,255,419	\$ 24,322,391	63.58%
PRIOR YEAR REVENUE	\$ -	\$ 361,647	
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 700,872	\$ 526,613	75.14%
ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENT	\$ (100,000)	\$ (67,651)	67.65%
ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES	\$ (15,000)	\$ -	0.00%
EXCISE	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 1,820,082	58.71%
PENALTIES & INTEREST	\$ 130,000	\$ 48,750	37.50%
TOTAL TAXES	\$ 42,071,291	\$ 27,011,831	64.20%
<u>LICENSES AND PERMITS</u>			
BUSINESS	\$ 29,700	\$ 24,951	84.01%
NON-BUSINESS	\$ 317,500	\$ 194,069	61.12%
TOTAL LICENSES	\$ 347,200	\$ 219,020	63.08%
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE</u>			
STATE-LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE	\$ 356,000	\$ 260,702	73.23%
STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 1,792,660	61.82%
WELFARE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 16,250	\$ 13,690	84.25%
OTHER STATE AID	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.00%
FEMA REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -	\$ 2,211	
CITY OF LEWISTON	\$ 180,000	\$ -	0.00%
EDUCATION SUBSIDY	\$ 14,471,377	\$ 8,071,177	55.77%
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 17,953,627	\$ 10,140,440	56.48%
<u>CHARGE FOR SERVICES</u>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 241,600	\$ 118,715	49.14%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 136,620	\$ 77,500	56.73%
EMS TRANSPORT	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,317	29.27%
EDUCATION	\$ 1,394,435	\$ 1,047,179	75.10%
TOTAL CHARGE FOR SERVICES	\$ 1,797,655	\$ 1,250,710	69.57%
<u>FINES</u>			
PARKING TICKETS & MISC FINES	\$ 80,000	\$ 44,205	55.26%
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 200,000	\$ 205,816	102.91%
INTEREST-BOND PROCEEDS	\$ 100,000	\$ -	0.00%
RENTS	\$ 130,000	\$ 121,158	93.20%
UNCLASSIFIED	\$ 103,600	\$ 49,441	47.72%
SALE OF RECYCLABLES	\$ 50,000	\$ 13,768	27.54%
COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE FEES	\$ 53,500	\$ 31,060	58.06%
SALE OF PROPERTY	\$ 150,000	\$ 5,458	3.64%
RECREATION PROGRAMS	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0.00%
MMWAC HOST FEES	\$ 171,000	\$ 103,833	60.72%
9-1-1 DEBT SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 70,000	\$ -	0.00%
TRANSFER IN: TIF	\$ 60,000	\$ -	0.00%
TRANSFER OUT: TIF	\$ (1,960,000)	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ (821,900)	\$ 530,534	-64.55%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$ 61,427,873	\$ 39,196,741	63.81%

**CITY OF AUBURN, MAINE
EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2006**

DEPARTMENT	FY 2006 BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES THROUGH JAN 31	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	\$ 98,610	\$ 54,787	55.56%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 65,000	\$ 52,098	80.15%
CITY CLERK	\$ 119,582	\$ 66,631	55.72%
CITY MANAGER	\$ 220,946	\$ 108,652	49.18%
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 101,212	\$ 55,980	55.31%
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$ 186,507	\$ 105,828	56.74%
ASSESSING SERVICES	\$ 243,207	\$ 142,902	58.76%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$ 336,794	\$ 194,979	57.89%
CUSTOMER SERVICE	\$ 16,000	\$ 8,632	53.95%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,387,858	\$ 790,488	56.96%
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>			
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES			
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 44,879	\$ 25,978	57.88%
ASSISTANCE	\$ 30,900	\$ 25,147	81.38%
PLANNING & PERMITTING	\$ 698,254	\$ 387,334	55.47%
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 552,328	\$ 311,000	56.31%
PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 837,957	\$ 500,197	59.69%
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	\$ 23,050	\$ 21,350	92.62%
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 2,187,368	\$ 1,271,007	58.11%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>			
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 7,411,314	\$ 6,550,317	88.38%
PROPERTY	\$ 520,694	\$ 406,679	78.10%
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 150,000	\$ -	0.00%
WAGES & BENEFITS	\$ 3,935,023	\$ 2,033,114	51.67%
EMERGENCY RESERVE	\$ 600,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 12,617,031	\$ 8,990,110	71.25%
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
EMERGENCY MGMT AGENCY	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,881	75.09%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 3,132,528	\$ 1,883,108	60.11%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 2,585,792	\$ 1,465,472	56.67%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 5,724,820	\$ 3,353,461	58.58%
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>			
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	\$ 4,322,005	\$ 2,277,072	52.69%
WATER AND SEWER	\$ 457,500	\$ 238,220	52.07%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 4,779,505	\$ 2,515,292	52.63%
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS</u>			
AUBURN-LEWISTON AIRPORT	\$ 136,269	\$ 101,951	74.82%
E911 COMMUNICATION CENTER	\$ 874,118	\$ 674,012	77.11%
LATC-PUBLIC TRANSIT	\$ 117,994	\$ 88,496	75.00%
LAEGC-ECONOMIC COUNCIL	\$ 90,000	\$ 67,500	75.00%
L-A ARTS	\$ 21,000	\$ 15,750	75.00%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 1,745,129	\$ 1,745,129	100.00%
TAX SHARING	\$ 345,000	\$ 33,984	9.85%
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 3,329,510	\$ 2,726,822	81.90%
<u>EDUCATION DEPARTMENT</u>	\$ 31,401,781	\$ 17,060,856	54.33%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 61,427,873	\$ 36,708,036	59.76%

**CITY OF AUBURN, MAINE
INVESTMENT SCHEDULE
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2006**

INVESTMENT	FUND	ACCOUNT BALANCE	INTEREST RATE	VALUE		WEIGHTED AVG YIELD
				BOOK	MARKET	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	GENERAL FUND	10,340,941.14	4.20%	10,340,941.14	10,340,941.14	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	GENERAL FUND	662.58	4.03%	662.58	662.58	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	GF-WORKERS COMP	45,846.57	4.20%	45,846.57	45,846.57	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	GF-WORKERS COMP	53.75	4.03%	53.75	53.75	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	GF-UNEMPLOYMENT	72,282.59	4.20%	72,282.59	72,282.59	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	GF-UNEMPLOYMENT	73,980.54	4.03%	73,980.54	73,980.54	
BANK OF AMERICA	GF-UNEMPLOYMENT	15,851.14	2.40%	15,851.14	15,851.14	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	SPECIAL REVENUE	1,412,947.13	4.20%	1,412,947.13	1,412,947.13	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	SPECIAL REVENUE	2,280.38	4.03%	2,280.38	2,280.38	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	SR-PERMIT PARKING	104,660.68	4.20%	104,660.68	104,660.68	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	SR-PERMIT PARKING	341.18	4.03%	341.18	341.18	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	SR-TIF	58,809.49	4.20%	58,809.49	58,809.49	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	SR-TIF	730.16	4.03%	730.16	730.16	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	6,125,001.45	4.20%	6,125,001.45	6,125,001.45	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	57,851.71	4.03%	57,851.71	57,851.71	
BANK OF AMERICA	CAPITAL PROJECTS	24,277.47	2.40%	24,277.47	24,277.47	
BANKNORTH MNY MKT	ICE ARENA	80,564.40	4.20%	80,564.40	80,564.40	
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	ICE ARENA	185.23	4.03%	185.23	185.23	
GRAND TOTAL		18,417,267.59		18,417,267.59	18,417,267.59	4.19%

**CITY OF AUBURN, MAINE
INVESTMENT SCHEDULE
COMPARISON OF DECEMBER 31, 2005
AND JANUARY 31, 2006**

INVESTMENT	FUND	DECEMBER 31, 2005		JANUARY 31, 2006		INCREASE (DECREASE)	
		VALUE		VALUE		VALUE	
		BOOK	MARKET	BOOK	MARKET	BOOK	MARKET
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	GENERAL FUND	6,802,116.15	6,802,116.15	10,340,941.14	10,340,941.14	3,538,824.99	3,538,824.99
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	GENERAL FUND	588.86	588.86	662.58	662.58	73.72	73.72
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	WORKERS COMP	45,689.86	45,689.86	45,846.57	45,846.57	156.71	156.71
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	WORKERS COMP	53.44	53.44	53.75	53.75	0.31	0.31
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	UNEMPLOYMENT	72,025.67	72,025.67	72,282.59	72,282.59	256.92	256.92
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	UNEMPLOYMENT	73,727.89	73,727.89	73,980.54	73,980.54	252.65	252.65
BANK OF AMERICA	UNEMPLOYMENT	15,819.30	15,819.30	15,851.14	15,851.14	31.84	31.84
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	SPECIAL REVENUE	908,612.85	908,612.85	1,412,947.13	1,412,947.13	504,334.28	504,334.28
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	SPECIAL REVENUE	2,272.58	2,272.58	2,280.38	2,280.38	7.80	7.80
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	PERMIT PARKING	104,288.67	104,288.67	104,660.68	104,660.68	372.01	372.01
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	PERMIT PARKING	339.94	339.94	341.18	341.18	1.24	1.24
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	TIF	58,600.45	58,600.45	58,809.49	58,809.49	209.04	209.04
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	TIF	727.68	727.68	730.16	730.16	2.48	2.48
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	CAPITAL PROJECTS	7,800,616.24	7,800,616.24	6,125,001.45	6,125,001.45	(1,675,614.79)	(1,675,614.79)
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	57,654.15	57,654.15	57,851.71	57,851.71	197.56	197.56
BANK OF AMERICA	CAPITAL PROJECTS	24,228.70	24,228.70	24,277.47	24,277.47	48.77	48.77
BANKNORTH MNY MARKET	ICE ARENA	80,278.04	80,278.04	80,564.40	80,564.40	286.36	286.36
MBIA CLASS ACCOUNT	ICE ARENA	184.61	184.61	185.23	185.23	0.62	0.62
GRAND TOTAL		16,047,825.08	16,047,825.08	18,417,267.59	18,417,267.59	2,369,442.51	2,369,442.51

CITY OF AUBURN

CITY COUNCIL, AUBURN, MAINE

DATE February 27, 2006

TITLE: RESOLVE – RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE ANDROSCOGGIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS

Be It Resolved by the Auburn City Council that, the following Auburn residents and businesses be recognized for awards received at the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner:

For the reasons expressed in the comments of Paul Lacombe, the City Council congratulates and honors Lamey Wellehan and James Wellehan for their recent Business Leadership Award.

For the reasons expressed in the comments of Charles (“Chip”) Morrison, the City Council congratulates and honors The Munroe Inn and Connie and Clint Zimmerman for their recent President’s Award.

For the reasons expressed in the comments of Charles (“Chip”) Morrison, the City Council congratulates and honors Safe Handling, Inc., Paul Turina, Ford Reiche and Howard Reiche for their President’s Award.

For the reasons expressed in the comments of Peter Geiger, the City Council congratulates and honors Thomas H. Platz for receiving the highest honor bestowed by the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce, the Ray Geiger Award.

Note: A copy of the comments made at the Chamber Dinner are attached to and made a part of this resolve.

Motion to dispense with further reading, for acceptance of second reading and for final passage.

Seconded by:

Vote:

Action by Council:

Date:

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

**Business Leadership Award – Lamey Wellehan
Presented by Paul Lacombe, TD Banknorth**

As Dick mentioned, the business leadership awards recognize businesses which have made significant investments in supporting the region's economic growth.

This year's Business Leadership Award for a smaller company is presented to LAMEY WELLEHAN SHOES and their president, Jim Wellehan.

A little over a year ago, the Auburn mall announced that its long time tenant, Lamey Wellehan Shoes was leaving the mall in the wake of a national chain shoe store taking their place at the mall. Thus, an LA institution was faced with the prospect of not having a local retail store. But that was not acceptable to owner Jim Wellehan. He began working with local developers first for a temporary location on Center Street and then to build a new stand-alone store.

The result is nothing short of phenomenal! Their new store, within sight of the Auburn Mall, is the best looking shoe store anywhere in Maine. And can they compete with the big national chains? **You bet they can.**

Lamey Wellehan is a service oriented, family shoe store that has been dedicated to the people of Maine for over 90 years. Their first retail store opened in Lewiston in 1914 and they have since grown to 7 stores today. They stock over **150** brands of footwear, insoles, socks and accessories with over **75,000** pairs of shoes in inventory. More than **80** associates are available (including a staff of Board-Certified Pedorthists) to help you with almost any footwear need!

In addition, it has long been the philosophy of Lamey Wellehan to conduct their business in the most environmentally friendly way as possible. They accomplished that goal in the manner in which they designed and constructed their new Auburn store and they have continuously led state-wide recycling efforts.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating Jim Wellehan for his incredible success.

The second President's award goes to the Munroe Inn, and owner's Connie and Clint Zimmerman.

I want to tell you Connie and Clint's story – because I think it is amazing. They bought the historic Horace Munroe House in 1999 after an extensive search of properties from Thomaston to Kennebunk. They decided to locate in L/A because they saw the tremendous potential in our communities.

Before they came here, they were both educators at Bonney Eagle High School. While Clint continued to teach at Bonney Eagle, Connie oversaw the extensive renovation of the house – with Clint coming up here on weekends to do his share. Of course, neighbors were very interested – frequently looking up at Clint on the ladder and asking him why they were painting the house purple – to which he cheerfully responded – because we're out of orange and black.

Their plan was to open a restaurant as well – but that plan needed to be delayed for two reasons: first until adequate parking was available; and second, because of the birth of their twins 21 months ago.

In the spring of 2000 they opened Auburn's first Bed and Breakfast – leading an incredible transformation in downtown Auburn. They have four guest rooms specializing in personal service to their customers – combining the services of a hotel with the friendly comforts of a bed and breakfast. One of their customers put it very well: *We decided to stay another night. There is something to be said about a real inn like this one. It's exquisite décor, elegant antiques, and beyond superb hospitality make this*

historical structure the best place to stay in the local area – without contest.”

Clint's dream was always to open his own restaurant. He has 28 years experience in the business and although he has tried several other fields, he has always kept up with his passion. After opening the B & B, they continued to develop their plan for a restaurant and last June opened the premiere dining establishment in L/A. Innkeepers Clint and Connie present fine dining at its best with exceptional cuisine, fine wine, outstanding service and exclusive menu items. Their incredible 4 and 6-course presentations have diners raving about the best meals they've ever had! And this month – on February 19th – they will begin a new tradition of offering an incredible Sunday brunch. Unlike typical restaurant set-ups, EVERY dish from their kitchen is prepared from scratch by Chef Clint (with the help of Sous Chef, David Moyse.)

Connie and Clint have created an incredible team at the Munroe Inn with a dedicated staff that works together to provide an experience for the overnight guests and for their dinner guests that is second to none. I've eaten at the restaurant five times – and firmly believe that one day they will be a five star restaurant – a destination point for people from all over who want an exquisite meal.

Joining me to present the award is their fellow Innkeeper, Jan Barrett of the Ware Street Inn.

Jan Barrett's remarks

Please join me in congratulating and thanking Connie and Clint for their incredible investment in our communities.

President's Awards, February 2, 2006
Presented by Chip Morrison

This year there are two President's awards – being presented to two very different organizations that have one major thing in common – they have made incredible changes in our communities which have contributed to our renaissance in significant ways.

The first President's award goes to Safe Handling. Headquartered in Auburn, Safe Handling is the primary reason why Auburn has become the largest inland port in the northeastern United States. Recently, they just completed their fourth major expansion in Auburn since 1990 – opening a new facility near the intermodal facility in Auburn.

Safe Handling specializes in packaging, warehousing, and trucking bulk liquid chemicals and dry goods for Northern New England and Eastern Canada through facilities in Auburn.

Paul Turina, Ford Reiche, and Howard Reiche founded Safe Handling, Inc. in 1989 and, back then, they were the only employees. With their respective backgrounds of environmental consultant, attorney, and manager of Scott Paper's S.D. Warren mill in Westbrook, Maine, the three each had valuable experience to fill a need in the transportation of sensitive bulk materials in the Maine market. Prior to Safe Handling, no terminal in the region had committed itself to this area of specialization. Today, Safe Handling has grown to almost 100 employees

From the beginning, the Safe Handling terminal was constructed using the best available equipment and design for safe operations. They are ISO certified and meet the highest standards of safety, performance, and customer service of prominent national chemical producers.

Their customer base has grown exponentially. Their first customer was Lepage Bakeries, they then added all of Maine's paper companies, Poland Spring Bottling and many others including nearly all of the prominent chemical producers servicing the northeast marketplace, who consistently report that Safe Handling provides the best service in the country.

Let me give you an example of what they do. One of their customers is a Japanese company who ships a Chinese product to Vancouver where it is transported by rail to Safe Handling in Auburn. (They are putting L/A on the world map.) The product comes to Auburn in a dry, powdered form where it is mixed with water to increase its volume eight-fold, which is then ready for use by regional paper companies. What's more, by transporting this product in its dry form – rather than wet – Safe Handling substantially reduces air pollution in our country. At just today's volume, their efforts take 1.7 million truck miles off the roads!

But what are they really? A recent example is illustrative. Ford got a call from the Governor's office about International Paper's prospective action to dismantle the #1 Paper Machine at their Jay plant. While hunting in the Maine woods, Ford talked to the #2 guy in IP worldwide and worked out a new use for the machine which will save jobs in Maine. That's what they really do – They solve problems for their customers!

Please join me in thanking and congratulating Safe Handling owners Ford Reiche, Howard Reiche and Paul Turina for their incredible foresight in developing a whole new business for our area and our state. They have changed our area forever!

COMMENTS OF PETER GEIGER PRESENTING
THE RAY GEIGER AWARD TO THOMAS H. PLATZ
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 2, 2006

When an award carries the name of an individual, over time the significance of the honoree can diminish with the years. My father, Ray Geiger, adopted Lewiston in 1955 when he moved Geiger Bros. to the city. When Newark was heading in the wrong direction, he had a chance to locate anywhere in the US but chose Maine and Lewiston as the place to raise his family and grow his beloved business.

His commitment was to "Give Back to the Community" and that he did in Ray Geiger style. I had the privilege of traveling with my Dad to promote the Farmers' Almanac. Like most sons, I didn't fully appreciate the man while he was alive. What the heck, he gave himself many tags including the "Most Interviewed Man in America". He declared that the Farmers' Almanac was "Corny Not Porny" and that he was the "King of Cornography".... why he even chose April 1st, 1994 (April Fool's Day) as the day to die. Prior to his demise, he held a predeceased adventure at Mt. Hope Cemetery just so he could see what it would be like to have a gravesite service and hear what people would say about him.

What I didn't realize, until Ray Geiger passed on, was how very passionate he was about everything in which he involved himself: Notre Dame, Catholic Church, Farmers' Almanac, State of Maine, and most importantly, Lewiston. His love and vision for this town played out in many ways, but none more robustly than his service to the Chamber of Commerce. He and Tom

Crowley raised funds for the 911 System. They would challenge all young'ens to compete in the annual Chamber Membership Drive. He'd collect money from those who failed to pay their dues the previous year and then get them to resign (with a check) so he'd get credit for a sale. My father organized and funded a Lewiston Celebration Week, brought in celebrities like newsmen, Walter Cronkite, and Frank Reynolds, the Don MacNeil Breakfast Club, and held celebrations that benefited the United Way. Ray had a vision for Lewiston/Auburn and I know he'd be so proud of what has transpired since his "premature" demise in 1994.

The Ray Geiger Award recognizes a Chamber member who has made a significant contribution in support of the Chamber's Mission. It is one of the most prestigious awards. This year's recipient is Tom Platz.

As I look around the Twin Cities and all of the great things that have happened in the last few years, I think of Tom Platz as someone who has really changed our communities and made it a lot better. Many, many prominent developments bear his mark.

Back in the early 80's, the City of Auburn was not able to sell its vacant urban renewal property in Great Falls Plaza. No one was interested. The City talked to many developers and their response was always -- the price is too high -- Auburn is in decline -- etc. Tom stepped forward with a proposal to pay the City **full value for the land** and put up a building which has become a landmark in our communities. But, he went even further. Everyone acknowledged that such a development would be enhanced if it included a first class restaurant -- but the developers could not interest a restaurateur -- so they did it themselves.

But that was just the beginning of Tom's development efforts in the Twin Cities. He developed the L.L. Bean's Communications Center in the old Peck's building -- preserving that historic

landmark at the head of Lisbon Street; he developed the Auburn Plaza; and he developed the Wal*Mart and Home Depot Shopping areas. Tom also worked with the City of Auburn and the Auburn School Department to design and build the addition to Edward Little High School -- resulting in a project completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

More recently, Tom has been the champion of the Bates Mill Redevelopment in Lewiston. He put together a creative master plan for the mill complex which sparked community interest and attracted private investment. As the architect and developer of the Peoples Bank renovation of Mill #7, he began the process of transforming Lewiston. Later, his development team purchased from the City all of the Bates Mill (except Mill #5) and have embarked on an aggressive development program which has brought us over 1,000 new jobs, a new first class restaurant and much, much more. As I drive down Lincoln Street and look toward the mill, all I can do is smile when I think of the tenements and bottle clubs that were once there. Tom's vision, tenacity, and willingness to absorb unjustified criticism all contributed to the success we now see. And his continued work on the mill will carry on that redevelopment for years into the future.

From a physical standpoint, I know of no single individual who has guided the change in our communities more than Tom Platz. But his imprint does not end there!

Like Ray Geiger, he has a record of community service and philanthropy which is also monumental. He is the founder and major benefactor of The Public Theater. This high quality professional theater was Tom's idea and its implementation is a result of his hard work, perseverance and generosity. That same generosity has supported all of the other cultural activities in Lewiston-Auburn which have transformed us from the acultural wasteland we were dubbed 20 years ago into an award winning community. His firm was also the designer of the

renovated St. Mary's Church, now the Franco American Heritage Center (another award winner this evening).

Tom is a major contributor to numerous organizations and schools for the benefit of children in the Auburn-Lewiston area. He was a major force in the development of the soccer field complex behind the Auburn Middle School; he has coached Odyssey of the Mind teams for many, many years; and he was instrumental in the design and construction of the YMCA Teen Center.

Whenever the community has a need, you can usually find Tom Platz working quietly behind the scenes to help meet that need. I know Ray Geiger would be proud of your accomplishments.

Please join me in thanking Tom for his incredible service to our communities.

City Council

Agenda Information Sheet

Council Meeting Date 2/27/05 **Agenda Item No.** 2

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE

INFORMATION:

RARE Hospitality Management, Inc., d/b/a LongHorn Steakhouse, 649 Turner Street, is a new structure and restaurant locating in the City of Auburn.

All appropriate departments (Treasurer, Fire, Police, and Planning & Permitting) have approved this application.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this application.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to approve issuance of this license.

City Council

Agenda Information Sheet

Council Meeting Date 2/27/06 **Agenda Item No** **2**

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – THE FISHERY

INFORMATION:

Village Farm LLC, d/b/a The Fishery, 250 Center Street, has recently been acquired by William Hathaway.

The Treasurer and Police have approved this application, however Mr. Hathaway is in the process of completing some work in order for Planning & Permitting and the Fire Department to issue final approvals.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this application, contingent upon the Fire Department and Planning & Permitting giving their approvals.

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion to approve issuance of license contingent upon the Fire Department and Planning & Permitting Department giving their approvals.

MEMO

Item #3

TO: Mayor Guay and City Councilors
FROM: Councilors Shields and Matzen
SUBJ: Appointments
DATE: February 23, 2006

It is requested that the following appointments be approved at the February 27th Council Meeting:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Appoint Ralph Stetson as an Associate Member until February 2009

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Appoint Robert L. McArthur until Feb. 2009

TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Appoint Maureen Aube until Feb. 2009

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Re-appoint Roger Laroche, Daniel Poisson, Philip Savignano, Paul Douglass, Steve Myers, Dennis Cormier and Steve Milks until Feb. 2008

PLANNING BOARD

Appoint William K. Skelton as an Associate Member until Feb. 2009