

## IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 1

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.

### Pledge of Allegiance

#### I. Consent Items

##### 1. Order 01-01062020\*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's recommendations and appointments to various Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to move the consent item to New Business.

Passage 7-0.

#### II. Minutes

- **December 02, 2019 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

- **December 09, 2019 Special Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

- **December 16, 2019 Inaugural Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Inaugural Meeting. Passage 7-0.

#### III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication – Introduction of Department Directors**

City Manager Crichton introduced the Department Directors to the new City Councilors.

- **Communication - Planning Board Memo (Merrow Road & Hotel Road concerns) – Michael Chamings provided an update.**

- **Presentation – Recreation and Sports Tourism - Marc Gosselin, Sabrina Best, Rory Mushlin, and Jeremy Gatcomb provided the City Council with an update on Recreation and Sports Tourism Department.**

- **Communications - Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Levesque provided an update to the City Council regarding his appointments to various boards and committees. Some require confirmation by the City Council and others do not.**

#### IV. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street – he welcomed and congratulated the four new Councilors as well as the Mayor and other returning Councilors. He commented on the Mayor's Inauguration speech where he spoke of his vision of the city, and he commented on the

relationship between the City Council and the School Committee. He encouraged the Council to continue working on that relationship and he quoted something a former Auburn Mayor told him “we can all agree to disagree as long as we don’t become disagreeable”.

Dave Simpson, Lake Street, commented on the cross walk on Turner Street in front of the YMCA. He said he would like to see flashing lights installed at that crosswalk adding that it is a dangerous place for kids and people to be crossing.

**V. Unfinished Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**Order 01-01062020 – this item was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business**  
Confirming Mayor Levesque’s recommendations and appointments to various Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to strike Councilors Lasagna and Gerry from the Audit Committee. Replacements will be determined at a later date.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Order 01-01062020 as amended, 7-0.

**1. Order 02-01062020**

Appointing the Citizen’s Advisory Committee Council Representative.

The Mayor opened it up for nominations.

Councilor Gerry nominated Councilor Lasagna.

Councilor Carrier nominated Councilor Milks.

Votes for Councilor Lasagna were 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna and Boss in favor and Councilors MacLeod, Milks, Carrier and Walker opposed), votes for Councilor Milks 4-3 (Councilors MacLeod, Milks, Carrier and Walker in favor and Councilors Gerry, Lasagna and Boss opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to appoint Councilor Milks to serve in the Citizen’s Advisory Committee as the Council Representative.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Boss and Gerry opposed).

**2. Order 03-01062020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: PID #191-087 Reginald Street

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**3. Order 04-01062020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 0 Court Street PID# 218-017.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**4. Order 05-01062020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 31 Beck Avenue PID# 208-045.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**5. Order 06-01062020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 16 Albiston Way PID# 220-103.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street spoke in favor of the sale.

Passage 7-0.

**6. Order 07-01062020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 72 Gill Street PID# 211-125.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**7. Order 08-01062020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 325 Turner Street PID# 250-177.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year’s Auburn Event adding that the wrap up event will take place around the February 22, 2020 birthday. It will be held at the Auburn Senior Community Center where there will be a time capsule that will be interred by the Bells of St. Louis in New Auburn’s Anniversary Park.

**Councilor Boss** – nothing to report.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the New Year’s Day event that was held at the Senior Community Center on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided an Airport Board meeting update, and a School Committee update.

**Councilor Milks** – nothing to report.

**Councilor MacCleod** – nothing to report.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the Recycling Ad-hoc Committee.

**Councilor Gerry** – reminded everyone that there is a LATC is meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 12:30 PM at AVCOG, and MMA’s Freedom of Access training she attended.

**City Manager Report** – commented on the New Year’s Eve Auburn Event, how to find information regarding parking bans, the upcoming Winter Festival will take place January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> adding that more on this event can be found on our website.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October and November 2019 Monthly Finance reports

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the October and November 2019 monthly finance reports.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not present at the time of the vote).

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

**IX. Executive Session**

- A. Executive Session** – Legal consultation on rights and responsibilities, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

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This item was taken up during the workshop.

- B. Executive Session** – Economic Development Project Negotiations (North River Road, Minot Avenue, and Intermodal Facility), pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker not present). Time in 8:27 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:09 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Consent Items**

**2. Order 09-01272020\***

Setting the time for opening the polls for 2020 Elections (7:00 AM).

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry for passage.

Passage 7-0.

**II. Minutes - January 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

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

- Communication - Michael Malloy and Peter Crichton went over the Legal Services Report
- Presentation – Economic and Community Development staff provided Council with an overview of the Economic and Community Development Department
- Communication – Mayor Levesque announced 4 of his appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee. There are still several positions left to fill on that committee.
- Communication – Mayor Levesque went over his proposal to form an Ad hoc Committee to Review Boards, Committees, and Commissions
- Mayor and Council Communications:
  - Mayor Levesque – Winter Fest, the Council Retreat, Bangor Savings Bank grand opening, and his recent trip to Washington D.C.
  - Councilor Boss – Auburn Library Board meeting
  - Councilor Walker – Waste to Energy meeting
  - Councilor Carrier – School Committee meeting
  - Councilor Milks – none at this time
  - Councilor MacLeod – LATC (Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee), Great Falls TV is looking for committee members
  - Councilor Lasagna – none at this time
  - Councilor Gerry – Age Friendly Community event

## **VIII. Open Session**

- Laurier P. Morrisette, Auburn resident spoke.
- Andy Titus, 24 Rubellite Lane commented on agricultural zone permit fees that were discussed during the workshop.

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### **IX. Unfinished Business - None**

### **X. New Business**

#### **8. Order 10-01272020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: Gammon Avenue, Parcel ID 249-093.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

#### **9. Order 11-01272020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 16 Newbury Street, Parcel ID 231-035.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

The Mayor asked that the minutes reflect that it is sliver of land. Order 11-01272020 that was presented states:

*ORDERED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the sale of tax acquired and city owned property at 16 Newbury Street, Parcel ID 231-035, 609.6 square foot piece as indicated on presented map, for \$1,000 as indicated in request letter.*

Passage 7-0

**10. Order 12-01272020**

Authorizing the sale of tax acquired property: 97 Riverside Drive, Parcel ID 221-143.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

**11. Order 13-01272020**

Re-appointing Mathieu Duvall as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and Walker opposed), passage requires a 3/5 vote.

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Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage of Order 13-01272020.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

**12. Order 14-01272020**

Re-appointing John Engler as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

**13. Order 15-01272020**

Appointing Matthew Leonard as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Boss opposed).

**14. Order 16-01272020**

Appointing Laurel Libby as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Boss opposed).

**15. Order 17-01272020**

Appointing Andrew Paradis as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

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**16. Order 18-01272020**

Appointing Riley Bergeron as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

**17. Order 19-01272020**

Appointing Andrew Titus to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

**18. Order 20-01272020**

Re-appointing Patricia Madore to the LA 911 Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

**19. Order 21-01272020**

Appointing Susan Patneau to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2022.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

**20. Order 22-01272020**

Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0

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**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – no report

**Councilor Gerry** – explained why she voted the way she did on the Board and Committee appointments.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the Recycling Committee meeting, the ELHS Building Committee will be meeting on January 28th, and she asked for a workshop to discuss the Ag Committee at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Councilor Macleod** – reported on LATC during Communications

**Councilor Milks** – reported on the Water District meeting

**Councilor Carrier** – no report

**Councilor Walker** – the United New Auburn Association will be meeting at Rolly's Diner on Tuesday at 6:00 pm, and the New Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting

on Thursday at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a Valentine's Day lunch at the Senior Community Center on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and he said asked the City Manager to invite the PUC (Maine Public Utilities Commission) here to discuss how water charges are assessed.

**Councilor Boss**- no report

**City Manager** – the FY 21 budget process is underway, he announced that the Legislative Policy Committee will be meeting this week, he spoke about establishing a Student Internship program, they are also considering implementing Student Council Reps (to be discussed at a future workshop), and he spoke about Solar Power and holding a joint workshop with the School Committee scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The Mayor announced that he would like to host a joint meeting with the School Committee on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – December 2019 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker for to accept and place on file the December 2019 monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0

## **VIII. Open Session**

Mathew Leonard, 169 Davis Avenue commented on action taken by the Council on the board and committee appointments, and tax acquired properties.

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Leroy Walker, 41 Broad Street, commented on action taken by the Council on board and committee appointments.

## **IX. Executive Session** – to discuss a legal matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0, time in 8:56 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:34 PM.

**Executive Session** – to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A)

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker not present), time in 9:35 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 10:02 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

**IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 12**

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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Consent Items - None**

**II. Minutes - January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the amended minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Council meeting (reflecting a change to Councilor Gerry's Council report. She asked that it be noted that she felt the Council should have gone into Executive Session during Board and Committee Appointments).

Passage 7-0.

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Presentation – Pedestrian Safety Mitigation Plan (Eric Cousens, Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development and Patrick Adams, Maine Department of Transportation)
- Presentation -Strategic Plan (City Manager Peter Crichton and Asst. City Manager Phil Crowell) – this item was discussed during the Council Workshop.
- Presentation - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) (Michael Chammings and Brett Sawyer, Economic & Community Development Department)

**IV. Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street on picking up dog waste.

Evan Cyr, 435 West Auburn Road with concerns with actions taken by Council at the previous meeting rejecting 2 appointments to the Planning Board leaving that Board short handed by 2 members.

## **Mayor and Council Communications:**

**Mayor Levesque** – handed out a draft Order which will be presented at a future meeting authorizing the City Manager to create an internal working group to develop recommendations for an Opportunity Zone. He also noted that there will be a public forum on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Senior Center regarding microgrants for the Food Insecurity Program, and commented on a successful Sports Tourism event held at Lost Valley this past Sunday (JP Parisien Memorial Ski Race).

**Councilor Boss** – Nothing at this time.

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**Councilor Walker** - the Neighborhood Watch Group met this past Thursday, Fire Chief Bob Chase was the guest speaker.

**Councilor Carrier** – commented on the School Committee meeting, they are working on the Superintendent search.

**Councilor Milks** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilor MacLeod** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilor Lasagna** – Nothing at this time.

**Councilor Gerry** – Nothing at this time.

**City Manager** – reminded everyone of a Joint City Council/School Committee workshop on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM to discuss Solar Power.

**V. Unfinished Business** - None

## **VI. New Business**

### **1. Order 23-02032020**

Authorizing the sale of the Tax Acquired Property at 53 Stevens Mill Road, PID# 208-042.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

2. **Order 24-02032020**

Authorizing the sale of the Tax Acquired Property at 301 Stevens Mill Road, PID# 217-048.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to postpone this item until March 2, 2020.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. **Order 25-02032020**

Appointing Andrew Titus to serve on the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2024.

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Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. **Order 26-02032020**

Appointing Shawn MacDonald to serve on the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3/1/2024.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. **Resolve 01-02032020**

Supporting the formation of the Mayor's Ad-hoc Committee charged with reviewing boards, committees, and commissions of the City.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – no report.

**Councilor Gerry** – no report.

**Councilor Lasagna** – no report.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported on the School Building Committee meeting.

**Councilor Milks** – no report.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported on the upcoming School Committee/City Council Joint Workshop on solar power to be held on February 5th, the Superintendent search is underway, there will be an Appointment Committee meeting held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM for the Airport Board vacancy

**Councilor Boss** – attended the Court Street Study last Friday, the next public forum is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with another forum to be held sometime in mid March.

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**Councilor Walker** – there will be an Age Friendly meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center and they will be hosting a Valentine’s Day lunch on February 14, 2020 also at the Senior Center.

**City Manager** – the IT department will offer IT training for those who are interested, Command Training will be held at a future date, the FY21 Budget process is underway, there is a Joint School Committee and Council workshop and executive session on February 5th at 5:30 PM, and the Fire Department tour/orientation will be held on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

### **VIII. Open Session**

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street continued his comments on cleaning up dog waste. He also commented on the litter and trash problem in the City.

Andy Titus, thanked Council for his appointments to both the Sewer and Water District Board of Trustees. The Sewer District will be meeting on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4PM and the Water District will meet the following day at 4PM.

Larry Pelletier added that he put up flags in areas where there was dog waste in a three-block area. He said there were approximately 50 piles in the Anniversary Park area.

### **IX. Executive Session**

Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:17 PM.

Council was declared out at 8:32 PM

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. All unanimously in favor. Time adjourned 8:32 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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. Councilor Carrier had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Consent Items:**

**3. Order 35-03022020\***

Accepting the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019 and placing it on file.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks for passage of the one consent item.

Passage 6-0.

**IV. Minutes – February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0.

**XI. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- **Communication** – Assistant City Manager Phil Crowell discussed a proposed ordinance for City Council student representatives
- **Communication** – Draft Transit Study Update was provided by Marsha Bennett, Lewiston-Auburn Transit Coordinator and Jennifer Williams Transportation/MPO Director for the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center and Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

- **Communication** – Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS) Update was provided by Sandy Buchanan, General Manager for WMTS
- **Council Communications:**
  - **Councilor Gerry** – no communications or announcements at this time
  - **Councilor Lasagna** – no communications or announcements at this time
  - **Councilor MacLeod** – reported that Museum LA has a great exhibit going on right now on Child Labor and he encouraged the public to check it out
  - **Councilor Milks** – reported a constituent concern about people that are driving to Maine Waste to Energy without covering the trash and garbage is flying out of trucks on Poland Road and that area
  - **Councilor Walker** – reported that on March 4<sup>th</sup>, the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting at the Senior Community Center from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, March 8<sup>th</sup>

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Daylight Savings time starts, March 10<sup>th</sup> the Age Friendly Committee meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center, March 12<sup>th</sup> the Age Friendly Committee will meet at the Auburn Public Library from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room for a movie, March 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a St. Patties Day dinner at the Senior Center. Doors open at 4:30 PM and dinner will be at 5:30 PM, and on March 11<sup>th</sup> the Appointment Committee will be meeting at 4:30 PM.

- **Councilor Boss** – no communications or announcements at this time
- **Mayor Levesque** - no communications or announcements at this time

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

**XIII. Unfinished Business**

**6. Order 24-02032020**

Authorizing the sale of the Tax Acquired Property at 301 Stevens Mill Road, PID# 217-048.

*At the Regular Council meeting of February 3, 2020, this item was postponed to tonight's meeting. Action was no longer required as taxes on this property were paid in full.*

**7. Ordinance 01-02242020**

Amending the City of Auburn Ordinances, Appendix A, Fees and Charges to reduce the building permit fees for Agricultural Barns and Buildings. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage of the second and final reading.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

**8. Ordinance 02-02242020**

Amending the City of Auburn Ordinances for Solar Energy Generating Systems in the Industrial District (Chapter 60, Sec. 60-578 and Article XVIII Solar Energy Generating Systems). Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the second and final reading.

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

#### **XIV. New Business**

##### **1. Order 36-03022020**

Approving the employment agreement and appointing Phil Crowell as the new City Manager of Auburn effective July 1, 2020.

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Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0-1 (Councilor Gerry abstained).

##### **2. Order 37-03022020**

Approving the revolving renovation fund loan for the Auburn School Department. First reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0. A roll call was taken.

##### **3. Order 38-03022020**

Appointing two City Councilors to serve on the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Board's, Committee's, and Commissions of the City.

Councilor MacLeod nominated Councilor Boss, and Councilor Lasagna nominated Councilor Gerry to serve. There were no other nominations.

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Milks to appoint Councilor Boss. Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to appoint Councilor Gerry. Passage 6-0.

#### **VII. Reports**

**Mayor Levesque** – there is a MMA Leadership trip to Washington, DC on March 11<sup>th</sup> to meet with members of the delegation to talk about federal funds and how they are spent in our communities.

**Councilor Boss** – reported that the APL Farmer’s Market went well, the next Board meeting is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:30 AM.

**Councilor Walker** – reported that they had a great luncheon at the Senior Community Center where they offered beef stew to everyone and there was more than plenty to go around.

**Councilor Milks** – nothing to report

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported on the Cable TV Advisor Board will be meeting on Thursday at 4PM, and he reported on the School Building Committee meeting that was held last Tuesday.

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**Councilor Lasagna** – recommended that the renderings of the new school building be accessible to the public adding that they are very impressive. She reported that the next Recycling Committee meeting is a week from Thursday here at Auburn Hall in the bump out room at 7:30 AM.

**Councilor Gerry** – nothing to report

**Manager Crichton** – Reported that on March 16<sup>th</sup> there is a Strategic Plan workshop at the Auburn Public Library, he congratulated Phil Crowell for his appointment as the next City Manager for Auburn. There is a basketball game scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> between Police Department and Central Maine Community College basketball team which is a fundraiser for the PAL Center. He reported that there will be a tour of the Recreation and Sports Tourism Department on Monday, we are still working through the FY21 budget and he will be presenting his preliminary draft budget at the beginning of April, and we will be reviewing our policies, procedures and practices regarding the corona virus and will be coming back to the council on that. He also addressed the trash issue mentioned by Councilor Milks.

**Jill Eastman, Finance Director** – January 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to accept and place on file the January 2020 Monthly Finance report.

Passage 6-0.

**VIII. Open Session** - No one from the public spoke.

**IX. Executive Session** – Economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6(C)).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to enter into executive session.

Passage 6-0, time 8:00 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:43 PM.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk