

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 150th 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 1st.

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 24th-26th 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).

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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 27, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 6

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 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.

III. 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

IV. 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.

V. **Unfinished Business** - None

VI. **New Business**

1. **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

2. **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

3. **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

4. **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.

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).

5. 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).

6. 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).

7. 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).

8. 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).

9. 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).

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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

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 3rd 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 14th, 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 5th at 6pm.

The Mayor announced that he would like to host a joint meeting with the School Committee on February 5th 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.

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 11th 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.

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 5th 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.

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 5th 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 25th at 6:00 PM with another forum to be held sometime in mid March.

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 10th 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 18th 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

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 16

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A).

Passage 6-0, time 7:02 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:19 PM.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 27-02242020*

Appointing Maegan Kyllonen as a Civilian Process Server, without a firearm, on behalf of the Auburn Police Department for 2020.

2. Order 28-02242020*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for a two-year term (2020-2022).

3. Order 29-02242020*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,601.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-1023 Bruce Fournier).

4. Order 30-02242020*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,690.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-649 Antwan Gildersleeve).

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of the four consent items. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes – February 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **Communication** – Auburn School Department - Revolving Renovation Fund Loan (Adam Hanson)
- **Presentation** – Opportunity Zone Overview (Michael Chamings and Brett Sawyer)
- **Department Orientation**
 - Office of the City Clerk – Sue Clements-Dallaire
 - Finance Department – Jill Eastman
 - Office of the City Manager – Peter Crichton

IV. Open Session – Linda Wooten, stated that she would like to see Auburn become a sanctuary city protecting unborn children in Auburn. She said she has prepared a draft ordinance that she would like the Council to review and consider. Handouts were provided to the Council.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 31-02242020

Re-appointing Bettyann Sheats to the Airport Board with a term expiration of 01/01/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. 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. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

3. 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). Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

4. Order 32-02242020

Authorizing the City Manager to create an Opportunity Zone working group to draft recommended ordinance, zoning, and policy changes.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. **Order 33-02242020**

Approving the extension of the City Manager's employment agreement through June 30, 2020.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

6. **Order 34-02242020**

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the gravel pit lease with JIG Aggregates, LLC.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he is watching legislation closely and will provide updates.

Councilor Boss – announced that tomorrow at 6:00 PM in the Community Room a public forum will be held on the Court Street Study, and on Friday the Auburn Public Library will be holding their annual Homestead Goods and Farmers Market will be held from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Library.

Councilor Walker – announced that Thursday at noon they will provide a beef stew lunch with a movie to follow at Auburn Senior Community Center.

Councilor Milks – reported on the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting that was held noting that they will be meeting again tomorrow at 5:30 PM. He also provided an update on the Sewer and Water District meetings that were held last week.

Councilor MacLeod – announced that there will be a school Building Committee meeting tomorrow, he provided an update on the Cable TV Advisory meeting, and he reported that he rode the LATC bus last week from the Senior Center with Councilors Gerry and Walker on a public transit trip.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:00 PM, the Recycling Committee will be presenting to the Council at the March 2nd meeting on their progress. Their next meeting is at 7:00 AM on March 27th. She added that the Senior Center provides an excellent lunch for seniors and it's a great way to meet people.

Councilor – Gerry, no report

City Manager Crichton – reported that he has started a conversation with the Lewiston Administrator regarding 911. Staff is working on the FY21 budget, department workshops will be starting soon and he will present the City Manager Budget sometime in April. There will be a strategic plan workshop March 16th at 4:00 PM at the Library, the remainder of Mondays in March there are meetings scheduled.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2020 Monthly Finance Report (due to Network issues at Auburn Hall, this item was postponed until the March 2, 2020 Council meeting)

VIII. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

IX. Executive Session

- Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E)

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0, time 8:50 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:08 PM.

- Economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C) – *this item will be taken up at another time.*
- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A) – *this item was taken up at the beginning of the meeting*

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 2, 2020 VOL. 36 PAGE 16

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

I. Consent Items:

1. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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 4th, the First Auburn Seniors will be meeting at the Senior Community Center from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, March 8th

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Daylight Savings time starts, March 10th the Age Friendly Committee meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center, March 12th 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 17th 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 11th 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

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

VI. 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.

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 11th 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 17th 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.

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 16th 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 17th 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

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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's Gerry and Walker had excused absences. All other Councilors were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items: None

II. Minutes - March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 5-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Androscoggin River Water Quality Classification – the speakers were not available to attend so this item was postponed to the April 6, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

Water District and Water Rate Increase - Sid Hazelton, Auburn Water District Superintendent presented

Council Communications:

Mayor Levesque – reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. trip, and that he has been working on Covid-19 response since he has been back

Councilor Milks – Congratulated the ELHS Boys Basketball team and their coaches for winning the State Championship

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time

Councilor Boss- nothing at this time

Councilor Carrier- nothing at this time

Councilor Lasagna- commended City staff on how well prepared they are with the current pandemic issue

Councilor Walker (via conference call) – reported that there would be no boiled dinner presented by the Age Friendly Committee as originally scheduled for tomorrow

IV. Open Session – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Director of the Auburn Public Library informed members of the Public that the Library doors closed at 6:00 PM due to Covid-19 pandemic. They are working on a process where they can provide books to the public.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 37-03022020

Approving the revolving renovation fund loan for the Auburn School Department. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 03-03162020

Adopting and ordinance, Article II, Division 3, City Council Student Representative, Secs. 267-270. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 02-03162020

Expressing opposition to LD 2090 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

3. Resolve 03-03162020

Expressing alignment with and support for the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance regarding prevention, mitigation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

4. Resolve 04-03162020

Supporting the decisions and efforts of the Superintendent and School Committee regarding the Covid-19 pandemic in order to keep students and faculty safe, continue the educational year by all means available including technology, and providing food services to the student body in the most efficient means possible.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

5. **Order 38-03162020**

Directing the City Manager and or his designee to create a short-term loan program for Auburn Businesses not to exceed \$2500 per loan, with repayment no later than 06-01-2021 at a 0 percent interest rate. Total amount from the City's Emergency Reserve fund not to exceed \$50,000.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

6. **Order 39-03162020**

Directing the City Manager and or his designee to reallocate the \$10,000 from the Feeding Auburn microgrant in the FY 19-20 budget.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

7. **Resolve 05-03162020**

Agreeing to adopt the emergency legislation regarding remote meetings if passed by Legislature.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to suspend rules to add an item to the agenda.

Passage 5-0.

Order 40-03162020

Suspending all board, committee and commission meetings as defined by Charter or Ordinance, with the exception of City Council, School Committee, Planning Board, and any with a State mandate for action.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – encouraged the public to check our website, social media, and our new Instagram account adding that community events have been cancelled due to the pandemic. He also encouraged everyone to help each other out.

Councilor Milks – reported that he will recommend that the Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees meetings be suspended for now, however he noted that it will be up to the Trustees to decide.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Cable TV Advisory Board meeting and he encouraged residents to submit requests for things they would like to see on Great Falls TV.

Councilor Boss – reported that she was unable to attend the last Auburn Public Library Board meeting and she noted that the final meeting on the Court Street study will likely be cancelled. She will try to get an update and will share that information with the Council.

Councilor Carrier – reported on the Airport Board meeting, the School Committee meeting, and he reported that the Appointment Committee did not meet last week as scheduled due to scheduling conflicts.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on the Recycling Committee meeting and they are looking for an extension in doing their final presentation. She also noted that the Maine CDC is a great resource to find more information on the Covid-19 virus.

City Manager – reported that he will be presenting his proposed budget on April 6, 2020, he noted that the ELHS Boys basketball team was scheduled to be recognized at the April 6th Council meeting. He also thanked staff for the work being done in regards to the corona virus issue and all of the work that is being done.

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

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items:

1. Order 41-04062020*

Confirming Mayor Levesque’s appointments to the Audit and Procurement Committee (Katie Boss and Tim MacLeod).

2. Order 42-04062020*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,626.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-3899 Dwayne Paisley).

3. Order 43-04062020*

Accepting the transfer of \$1,160.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-19-3921 Jana Hansen).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

II. Minutes – March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Androscoggin River Water Quality Classification presented by Peter Rubins
- Edward Little High School Site Phasing and Building Schedule presented by Mark Lee
- Covid-19 Update provided by Phil Crowell

- Council Communications:
 - Mayor Levesque – reported that there have been a lot of calls and meetings over the last few weeks due to Covid-19, was on a call with the Governor and other Mayor’s today, they discussed various issues including the upcoming election. He talked about economic recovery, the emergency proclamation that was issued last week, landlord/tenant communications, and board and committee meetings.
 - Councilor Boss – nothing to report
 - Councilor Walker – commented that he will be glad when the restaurants open again
 - Councilor Carrier – nothing to report
 - Councilor Milks – nothing to report
 - Councilor MacLeod – nothing to report
 - Councilor Lasagna – commended the information on Auburn’s website and the Mayor’s (Levesque and Cayer) for their communications for new Mainer’s.
 - Councilor Gerry – nothing to report
 - Manager Crichton – Budget workshops are coming up on April 9th, April 13th, April 16th, and April 27th, and May 4th.

IV. Open Session – Bill Sylvester commented that he enjoyed listening tonight and he commented that the Ag Committee hasn’t moved anywhere adding that Forestry is important.

Resident Dana Bonenfant, 25 Andrea Lane submitted the following email comment:
“Once we are done with COVID-19, will we be working on repaving some roads? Andrea Lane is in horrible array, so is Center Street. There are other roads also.”

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 03-03162020

Adopting an ordinance, Article II, Division 3, City Council Student Representative, Secs. 267-270. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 44-04062020

Approving amendments to the Auburn-Lewiston Advisory Cable TV Committee.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 45-04062020

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute and deliver to Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC or Hackett Mills Hydro Associates or their designee, a net energy billing credits agreement.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call was taken.

3. Order 46-04062020

Authorizing the purchase of the Fire Department's new fire truck based on the provided bid with \$100,000 to be provided as part of the FY21 Capital.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Resolve 06-04062020

Limiting the increase in the school budget by 1.4 million dollars and the draw-down of the fund balance by no more than 20% this fiscal year.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend the resolve by replacing 1.4 million dollars to not more than an \$350,000 increase in the tax levy.

Passage of amendment 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of the resolve as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – nothing to report.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she has been assisting with delivering meals to seniors and Auburn residents.

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Councilor Lasagna – reported that there will be a date when Bates students can present to the Recycling Committee and the City Council.

Councilor MacLeod – reported that the LATC meeting is scheduled for the 15th of this month.

Councilor Milks – reported that the Water District will be meeting on the 15th of this month. He is not sure if there will be a meeting of the Sewer District, and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee will be meeting soon.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board will not be meeting this month but they did notify board members that construction has started on the runway.

Councilor Walker – thanked the Public Works Department for their quick service picking up tires that had been left on the side of the road.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on the status of the Auburn Public Library and the next Library Board meeting will be April 21st, and the Court Street study group has requested an extension to report their findings in light of the pandemic.

Manager Crichton – commented on how impressed he is with Auburn staff and all they are doing, especially the first responders.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2020 Monthly Finance Report and Revenue Discussion

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

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session

Legal Consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

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

Passage 7-0, time 9:18 PM. A roll call vote was taken. The remote meeting adjourned.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 9:08 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

I. New Business

1. Order 47-04162020

Ensuring safe options for temporary housing to victims of domestic violence and allowing for the use of existing Churches and Municipal Buildings (specifically Hasty Memorial Building) to help provide temporary housing solutions for victims of domestic violence with a simple staff level review for building safety.

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

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

II. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn. All were in favor. Time adjourned 9:09 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items:

1. Order 47-04272020*

Appointing Election Clerks to serve a two-year term from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022 pursuant to Title 21-A §503.

2. Order 48-04272020*

Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Tyler J. Trainor as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

II. Minutes

April 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

April 16, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Covid-19 Update provided by Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield
- Council Communications:
 - Councilor Gerry – nothing to report

- Councilor Lasagna – stated that she wanted to be sure that we are being thoughtful and ready to hit the road running when we are ready when it comes to boards and committees
- Councilor MacLeod – nothing to report
- Councilor Milks – nothing to report
- Councilor Carrier – nothing to report
- Councilor Walker – commented that he is hoping things will begin opening by May 4th
- Councilor Boss – commented that based on an epidemiology and historical perspective, the second wave is always worse when you lift restrictions.
- Mayor Levesque – appreciates staff actions, thought process, and how staff has taken into account proper protocol and precaution, adding that he is very impressed and thanked staff. He said there is a slow movement already towards a new normal, Hobby Lobby has been deemed essential and re-opened today, more restaurants are opening and forward thinking on proper planning. He noted that the Governor will be holding a press conference tomorrow afternoon. He talked about Community Gardens and whether they should be considered essential, the \$1.25 billion dollar stimulus adding that he will be advocating for additional stimulus funds, he discussed recovery, resurgence, and said he was pleased with the City budget that was presented. He also stated that the desire right now is to have an in person meeting on May 4th, and they are working out the details adding that if anyone is uncomfortable, they do not have to attend in person.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke or submitted comments via email.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 07-04272020

Supporting the Androscoggin River Water Quality Classification Upgrade from Class C to Class B.

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

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that boards and committees have started meeting and would continue to do so as pertinent issues come up.

Councilor Boss – reported on the Auburn Public Library meeting held on 4/21 via zoom, the next meeting would be around the same time next month, most likely via zoom. She also noted that the Court Street study has been extended and the next meeting is scheduled for 5/1/2020 at 10:00 AM via zoom.

Councilor Walker – would like the City Clerk to provide an update on upcoming meetings and reported that things were coming along with the park in New Auburn.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board has not met, however they did receive correspondence from the Airport Manager regarding the CARES funding. He also reported that the School Building Committee will be meeting on May 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. On Wednesday, the School Committee will be meeting to discuss the school budget.

Councilor Milks – reported on the Sewer and Water Board Meetings held last week. Appointments were made for the year.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee meeting that was held last week. He also reported that the School Building Committee will meet on May 5th.

Councilor Lasagna – commented on our small farms and how they are doing, and how they are providing food to the community.

Councilor Gerry – nothing to report.

Manager Crichton – commented on the work being done by staff adding that they are doing a good job stepping up, and he thanked the Council and Mayor for their leadership as they work to move the City forward.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – March 2020 Monthly Finance Report

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

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Executive Session - None

- X. Adjourn** – Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna, seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items: None

II. Minutes – April 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Covid-19 Update - Phil Crowell, Matt Fifield, and Marc Gosselin

Council Communications:

Mayor Levesque – commented that we’ve posted the list of farms from the Sun Journal’s list and have had over 1,000 views. He also urged people not to go to Mt Appetite at this time. It is very wet and muddy, and bikes are tearing up the trails right now.

Councilor Carrier - nothing at this time.

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time.

Councilor Lasagna – reminded people that this was the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment being signed. She thanked the Mayor for talking about the farms and reminded everyone that the farmers market on Main Street is set to open on Wednesday and Lewiston’s is set to open on Sunday. She reminded everyone to remember Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) where you can buy a share and get food delivered monthly. She thanked Peter for his email regarding remaining supportive and respectful of one another.

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time.

Councilor Walker – commented that we still have restaurants and recreation areas in New Auburn that are not open and are not sure if or when they will open adding that they cannot remain closed until July. A lot of businesses are struggling to hang on adding that something has to be done.

Councilor Gerry – nothing at this time.

Councilor Boss – asked if there are there any resources on the recovery page that will be helpful to businesses, adding that there are creative ways to stay profitable and what can we do for those that re not adapting and need to do so in order to stay afloat.

Councilor Carrier – asked about the issue on Riverside Drive, and will it be added to a future workshop as an agenda item.

IV. **Open Session** – No one from the public spoke, however the following email comment was sent via email.

Mayor Levesque:

I am very disappointed by your letter to Governor Mills, which includes the following line:

"I am writing today on behalf of the City of Auburn to urge you to lift the Stay Safe at Home order no later than May 4."

Decisions about how and when to modify Maine's social distancing policies should be made based on the best available data and epidemiological and public health principles, and in consultation with appropriate experts, including public health officials. Your letter doesn't even marginally mention the science or data behind the restrictions or the well-recognized criteria for relaxing restrictions. Instead, you praise Auburn's 'inspired leadership' and base your request on your personal opinion about the city's mood.

Economic issues are important, but data from previous pandemics shows that the most robust economic recoveries occurred in those places where restrictions were started early, were strong, and were not discontinued prematurely. One does not remove one's parachute just because the rate of descent has slowed.

*You are free to express a personal opinion, but as Mayor you are not entitled to claim that your personal opinion represents the City of Auburn. I cannot find any evidence that the City Council directed you to make this request **on behalf of the City**. Although some Auburn residents may feel as you do, my friends, acquaintances, and I most certainly do not. I am appalled that you have taken it upon yourself to speak for us without consulting us.*

*As a physician, a member of a high risk group, and based on my training and experience in preparing for infectious disease outbreaks, I disagree quite strongly with your request - but it would never occur to me to send a letter to Governor Mills advocating my position and claiming it was **on behalf of the City of Auburn or a local medical center**.*

I ask you to publicly state that your letter expressed your PERSONAL request, and was not 'on behalf of the City of Auburn'.

I am very, very unhappy about this.

Peter Elias, MD, 564 Lake Street

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 49-05042020

Adopting the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan as recommended by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Public comment and vote.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 50-05042020

Adopting the amendments to the Annual Action Plan as recommended by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Public comment and vote.

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

Public comment - no one from public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 51-05042020

Scheduling the School Budget Validation Referendum Election to be held on July 14, 2020 to coincide with the State Election.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 52-05042020

Approving a second, non-binding advisory question to be included on the School Budget Validation Referendum Ballot as proposed by the School Department.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion failed 0-7. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

- **Mayor Levesque** – nothing to report

- **Councilor Gerry** – reported that she attended a zoom seminar last week put on by MMA and she found it very informative
- **Councilor Walker** – nothing to report
- **Councilor Milks** – reported that there is a Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting scheduled tomorrow at 12:30 via zoom
- **Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the School Building Committee meeting tomorrow at 6:30 PM via Zoom, the Recycling Committee will meet Thursday morning at 7:30 AM via Zoom.
- **Councilor MacLeod** – nothing to report, but he did ask for clarification about committees and when they will start to meet.
- **Councilor Carrier** – reported that the Airport Board has not had a meeting but did get a report that the construction on the runway is progressing, the next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, and the Appointment Committee will meet next week.
- **Councilor Boss** – reported that the Library has had a voluntary return to work for staff. A date has not been set when they will be open to the public. All borrowed materials that have been taken out are due back on June 1st. She also provided an update on the Court Street Study. They met last week and will be holding a virtual community meeting on 5/21.
- **City Manager Report** – reported that staff has been busy, he is looking forward to the School Building Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, he talked about boards and committees resuming their meetings, he would like to talk to the Mayor about this and would also like to reach out to chairs to see if there is a need to meet at this time. There will be an update on the Court Street study at the May 18th Council meeting.

VIII. Executive Session

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

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

Passage 7-0, time 8:26 PM. A roll call vote was taken. The remote meeting adjourned.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items: None

II. Minutes – May 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness Month
- Proclamation – Arbor Week
- Proclamation – 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
- Update on the Library Avenue Project - Tony Beaulieu
- Court Street Study Update – Tony Beaulieu, Jennifer Williams
- Downtown Vision Discussion – Michael Chamings
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield
 - Recovery Plan Update – Marc Gosselin
- Council Communications:
 - Councilor Boss** – no communications at this time
 - Councilor Walker** – no communications at this time
 - Councilor Carrier** - no communications at this time
 - Councilor Milks** - no communications at this time
 - Councilor MacLeod** – commented that it was nice to see Auburn teachers driving around and waving to their students in his neighborhood
 - Councilor Lasagna** - echoed Councilor MacLeod’s comments adding that she is happy to hear what they are doing regarding the high school graduation
 - Councilor Gerry** – the Grab and Go Meal Program will continue until the 29th of May, then it will transition from meals to groceries
 - Mayor Levesque** – reported that he is working on securing additional funding for the City of Auburn (CARES Act), he would like to release committees allowing them to resume meeting whether it is via zoom or in person, particularly the newly formed Ag Committee

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke, and no comments were submitted via email.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 53-05182020

Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute and deliver to BAP Power Corp (d/b/a Cenergy) or their designee, a net energy billing credits agreement.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 04-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVIII: Solar Energy Generating System. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Ordinance 05-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 2: Agriculture and Resource Protection District. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 54-05182020

Appointing Darren Finnegan 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 7-0.

5. Order 55-05182020

Appointing Stacey LeBlanc as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/01/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 56-05182020

Appointing Dana Staples as associate member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1/01/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 57-05182020

Appointing David Bell to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 40/1/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 58-05182020

Appointing Scott Blanchard to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2022.

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 59-05182020

Appointing David Griswold to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 60-05182020

Appointing Kathy Shaw to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2021.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 61-05182020

Appointing William Sylvester to serve on the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4/01/2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session to discuss appointments.

Motion failed 3-4 due to the lack of a 3/5 affirmative vote (Councilors Carrier, Walker, and Milks opposed).

12. Order 62-05182020

Re-appointing Mary LaFontaine to serve on the Board of Assessment Review with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

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

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 63-05182020

Appointing Casey Knight to serve on the Auburn Housing Authority with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

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

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 64-05182020

Appointing Keith Ellis to serve on the A-L Cable TV Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6/01/2021.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report

Councilor Gerry – reported on the Grab and Go Meal program noting that it is not just for senior citizens.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee met last week, the Recycling Committee met two weeks ago and began to plan what they want to present to Council, and their next meeting is scheduled for May 21st via zoom.

Councilor Milks – reported that the Sewer Trustee meeting is tomorrow at 4:00 pm and the Water Trustee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board has not met but they are being kept abreast on the construction that is taking place. He reported on the School Committee meeting noting that a new Superintendent has been hired (Dr. Cornilia Brown).

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the School Building Committee meeting, and the LATC meeting that was held last week.

Councilor Walker – no report.

Councilor Boss – reported that the Court Street Study group will be meeting on May 21st at 6:00 pm, the Auburn Public Library board will be meeting tomorrow morning, and she reported that almost all of the Library staff is back to work, however they are not open to the public yet.

City Manager – reported on Phil Crowell replacing him on various boards and committees he serves on when he retires, he commented on the budget and work done by staff, adding that he appreciates the support and leadership of the Council and Mayor.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – April 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the April 2020 Monthly Finance Report.

Passage 7-0.

VIII. Executive Session - Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C)

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

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:45 PM. The remote meeting adjourned.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted remotely using “Zoom” due to the protests taking place in Lewiston and Auburn. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes – May 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Museum L-A Project Design and Exhibit Concepts – Rachel Desgrosseilliers, Thomas Platz, and Audrey Thomson presented.
- Covid-19 Update – (Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield)
 - Recovery Plan Update (Marc Gosselin)
- Council Communications:

Councilor Boss – nothing at this time.

Councilor Walker – nothing at this time.

Councilor Carrier – nothing at this time.

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time.

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time.

Councilor Lasagna – commented on the Recycling Committee

Councilor Gerry – commented on the Community Gardens

Mayor Levesque - commented on the summer City Council schedule and asked to consider postponing or cancelling one of the Council meetings in August as they did last year. He reported on the Memorial ceremony that was held last week at Mount Auburn Cemetery. He also said he has been advocating for early release of the CARES Act funds.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke and no written comments were provided.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 04-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVIII: Solar Energy Generating System. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod 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. Ordinance 05-05182020

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 2: Agriculture and Resource Protection District.
Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend the ordinance allowing Ag Committee review after 1% of all land in the Ag zone has been developed with solar power.

Passage of amendment 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Boss and Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of the ordinance as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 65-06012020

Adopting the 2020-2024 CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan & PY2020 Annual Action Plan.
Public comment and vote.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 66-06012020

Reallocating \$235,000 of unspent proceeds from various General Obligation Bonds to finance a portion of the City's FY 21 Capital Improvements. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 67-06012020

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,310,000 to finance the City's FY21 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by adding \$800,000 to the Downtown Vision line item and allowing the City Manager to sign anything up to \$25,000 and anything more than that would require Council approval.

Passage of amendment 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Passage of Order 67-06012020 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

4. Resolve 07-06012020

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2021. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by directing the City Manager to re-appropriate \$10,000 from the current budget that was earmarked for Auburn's share of the fourth of July fireworks (Liberty Festival) line item to be put in a dedicated account for the Mount Auburn Cemetery to be used to restore, update, and purchase additional monuments and if feasible, restore the man-made pond.

Passage of amendment 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 07-06012020 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

5. Order 68-06012020

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

6. Order 69-06012020

Authorizing the carry forward, up to \$400,000 from the FY 20 Budget, Emergency Reserve Account to the FY 21 Budget – Emergency Reserve Account.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

7. Order 70-06012020

Appointing Phil Crowell to the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) Executive Committee, Androscoggin Resource Transportation Committee (ATRC), and the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) effective July 1, 2020.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

- **Mayor Levesque** – read an Executive Order 01-06022020 which he is issuing effective on June 2, 2020 regarding the Agriculture Committee.
- **Councilor Gerry** – no report
- **Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the Recycling Committee
- **Councilor MacLeod** – reported on the LATC meeting
- **Councilor Milks** – reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings
- **Councilor Carrier** – reported on the School Committee and status of the school budget
- **Councilor Walker** – reported on the upcoming Maine Waste to Energy meeting where they will discuss their budget
- **Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.
- **City Manager Report** – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support through this budget process.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.
All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted both in Council Chambers and remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Resolve 08-06152020*

Supporting the application for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grant Urban Agricultural Grant Application.

2. Order 71-06152020*

Nominating Mayor Jason Levesque to serve as full member on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee during the 2020-2022 biennium.

3. Order 72-06152020*

Appointing Phil Crowell to serve as an alternate member on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee during the 2020-2022 biennium.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the consent items. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes - June 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes as corrected (that the meeting was held remotely due to concerns about the protest, not due to COVID-19).

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Covid-19 Update (Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield)
 - Recovery Plan Update (Marc Gosselin)
- Council Communications

Mayor Levesque – a special meeting will be held on June 22, 2020 to establish polling place(s) for the July 14th election. Boards and Committees can meet with approval from either the City Manager or the Mayor, the Mayor’s ad hoc committee to review Boards and Committees will be meeting beginning in July.

Councilor Carrier - nothing at this time

Councilor MacLeod – commented on the recreation departments softball program

Councilor Lasagna – asked questions brought up by a constituent about programming at the Senior Center, and talked about CDBG funds for COVID-19 education and awareness.

Councilor Boss - nothing at this time

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time

Councilor Walker – nothing at this time

Councilor Gerry – commented on the Community Gardens and lack of time allowed to spend in the gardens. She respectfully requested that the padlock be removed so they can get into the gardens at any time.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to suspend the rules and take Order 73-06152020 out of order.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

Order 73-06152020

Adopting the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 66-06012020

Reallocating \$235,000 of unspent proceeds from various General Obligation Bonds to finance a portion of the City's FY 21 Capital Improvements. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 67-06012020

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,110,000 (as amended during the first reading on 06/01/2020) to finance the City's FY21 Capital Improvement Program. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

6. Resolve 07-06012020

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2021. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Resolve 09-06152020

Accepting the public art piece as recommended by the Public Art Group.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

2. Resolve 10-06152020

Declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential and calling on the Governor of the State of Maine to open all businesses.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to move the question. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Lasagna, Boss, MacLeod, and Carrier opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to postpone this item indefinitely. Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Carrier, Gerry, Walker, and Milks opposed).

Public comment:

Lynn Ward 2004 Hotel Road, opposed to resolve

Sara Strong, 33 Whitman Spring Road, opposed to resolve

Mark Chasse, 55 Mayfield Road, spoke in favor of the resolve

Kelly Hutchins, Bradley Street commented

Jon Michael, 163 Summer St, spoke in favor of the resolve

Dana Staples, 32 Greenfield Drive, spoke in favor of the resolve

Several members of the public provided written comments which are attached to the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to amend by striking the paragraph “Whereas, precautions and limitations imposed by the Governor are being implemented in an arbitrary and capricious manner with Androscoggin County (3 deaths) being illogically lumped in with Cumberland County (55 deaths) and York County (11 deaths)”.

Passage 4-3 (Councilor Milks, Walker, and Gerry were opposed). A roll call vote was taken as requested by Councilor Gerry.

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Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend the next paragraph by striking the words “are being forced” and replacing with “have adhered to” and striking the end of the sentence. The paragraph would change from “Whereas, Auburn area residents are being forced to adhere to prescribed precautions, strict protocols and procedures and denied the rights afforded to other Maine Counties who are being allowed to resume safely living their lives freely” to “Whereas, Auburn area residents have adhered to prescribed precautions, strict protocols and procedures and denied the rights afforded to other Maine Counties”.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, and Milks opposed).

Motion by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to move the question. Both Councilor Gerry and Councilor Milks withdrew the motion to withdraw the question.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to strike the paragraph “Whereas Auburn Citizens are being forced to adhere to the state’s provisions and precautions, while protesters are given total freedom to disregard state requirements”.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, and Milks opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to strike Councilor names at the end of the resolve.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Walker, and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken as requested by Councilor Gerry.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Boss to replace the word “demand” to “request” in sections II and III (the last two paragraphs).

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

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to amend the 4th paragraph by striking “has long ago been met” with “has been met to date”.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna to strike “delegate re-opening decisions to municipal and county authorities” from the last paragraph, section III, but withdrew her motion.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to strike the paragraph that states “Whereas, reductions in revenue will necessitate the Auburn City Council deciding which services can continue, and which must be eliminated while preserving public safety as we meet our budget obligations”.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Carrier, Milks, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Passage of the resolve as amended 4-3 (Councilors Lasagna, Boss, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

- 3. Resolve 11-06152020** Requesting that Governor Mills immediately begin distributing funds to Maine municipalities based on \$30 per capita in direct and flexible state funding.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.
Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – noted that this is City Manager Peter Crichton’s last official City Council meeting, adding that working with Peter it has been an amazing learning experience, adding that he appreciates his steady hand, professionalism, and the process. Mayor Levesque turned it over to Phil Crowell to say a few words. He noted that Peter has brought stability, experienced leadership, and a kind voice. Peter was presented with slides showing a beautiful chair and framed photo of Auburn Hall that will be delivered to Peter.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Milks – reported on the Water and Sewer District meetings

Councilor Boss – reported on the Audit Committee meeting that was held last week

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee meeting will be meeting tomorrow via zoom, and reminded everyone that Friday is Juneteenth, the date the Emancipation Proclamation was read after being signed.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on LATC, Great Falls TV

Councilor Carrier - airport board met last week, school committee meeting on Wednesday, new superintendent will be coming on board July 6th

City Manager – talked about the role everyone has as councilors, be the leaders they are collectively together with the mayor to move the city forward. Phil will need his support, as well as the asst city manager.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – May 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the May 2020 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

VIII. Executive Session

- Poverty Abatement, pursuant to (36 M.R.S.A § 841) with possible action to follow.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to enter into executive session to discuss the poverty abatement.

Passage 7-0, time 9:23 PM.

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Council was declared out of executive session at 9:35 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the abatement request of \$2,493.33 for 2019/2020.

- Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter.

Passage 7-0, time 9:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:55 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 7-0, time 9:55 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:10 PM.

- Labor contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Passage 7-0, time 10:10 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:30 PM.

VIII. Adjourn – Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Passage 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk



PUBLIC COMMENT
06/15/20 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The following Public Comments were submitted to the comments@auburnmaine.gov email as of 12:00PM on 6/15/2020:

From: Sarah Horton, address unknown

I do not support the resolve to declare all businesses as essential. This is clearly a move to make it more difficult to shut down in the event of the inevitable second wave of Covid-19. We as a community are not adhering to policies regarding masks and social distancing, as evidenced by the widespread unenforced mask policies and the resuming of social interactions without proper precautions. If you make this declaration, you are displaying a blatant disregard for the vulnerable populations in our community. As a small business owner, this situation has hit me particularly hard, with incredibly limited resources being offered by local, state and national government. Regardless, I value the health and well being of my fellow Auburn citizens above profits. Do the right thing, vote against this measure.

From: Jane Costlow, 104 Fourth Street

I sent this message to Councillors Gerry, Walker and Boss, but wanted to post it here as well: I want to thank Ms.

Gerry for reaching on the Next Door list and asking about what Auburn residents think about the proposal to declare all businesses essential, as a way to get them opened more quickly. I don't know all the details, but I did want to share a few thoughts.

I would feel better about the proposal if I thought my Auburn and Lewiston neighbors were observing social distancing and wearing masks when they are in stores. But it's pretty obvious to anyone who goes to a place of business these days that lots of people are not observing these rules/guidelines. In the past few days I've been at Hannaford in Auburn, Lowe's, and Paris Farmers' Union. Lowe's seems to be working the hardest to remind people that they should wear masks, and all the employees were wearing them. Still, there were a small number of people there without masks. The situation is worse at Hannaford (employees all have masks, but the times I've been recently I'd say between 1/3 and 1/2 are not wearing masks). At Paris Farmers Union none of the employees had masks on.

This lack of adherence to what we know will keep people safe really concerns me - not just for myself, but for others in the community, particularly those who are older and at risk. I think it's relevant to your discussion of whether or not to label all businesses "essential" because if we as a community want to do that, we ALSO ought to be following the rules - and I'm very skeptical that people will do that.

The news from various states is that there are starting to be major spikes in hospitalizations as states have opened up. I understand that there are real economic impacts for keeping businesses closed. I feel as though I'm doing my part by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing when I go to local businesses. But there are too many people who are NOT doing so for me to think it would be a good idea to open more businesses.

From: Alaina Patterson, Paul Street

Good morning,

As a resident of Ward 5, I do not support Resolve 10-06152020. While I understand the desire to open and protect our small and local businesses from additional economic losses, I do not believe the data supports a wide reopening at this time, nor do I believe that enough of our population - Auburn and statewide - are acting within their full power to protect each other from transmitting COVID-19 by wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing between individuals. I believe that a full reopening at this time would cause a sharp increase in cases in our zip code, and directly result in additional deaths. I do not believe additional deaths are a consequence we as a society can support in the name of protecting our economy.

Please vote NO on Resolve 10-06152020.

From: Jeremiah and Sara Bartlett, 107 Shepley Street

Good Evening,

Attached is a letter from two Auburn residents: Jeremiah Bartlett, as well as myself, Sara Bartlett) regarding the pending discussion and vote on Resolve 10-06152020, "Resolution declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential and calling on the Governor of the State of Maine to open all businesses."

Thank you for the opportunity to enter this as a comment into the public record. We hope you use it as part of your consideration of this resolve.

Letter follows:

REV. SARA AND JEREMIAH BARTLETT

107 Shepley Street, Auburn Maine 04210
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June 14, 2020

Mayor Levesque and Members of the Auburn City Council
Auburn Hall
60 Court Street
Auburn, Maine 04210

Dear Mayor Levesque and Members of the City Council,

We have greatly appreciated the City of Auburn's focus and attention to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the losses in revenue and complications from risk of infection, many services continue, benefitting residents and businesses. Seeing trash pickup continue, classroom Zoom meetings for our youngest son, and street construction proceed in our neighborhood demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that life goes on.

In addition, our family has had concerns about the detail of data provided to Mainers regarding where and how the spread of COVID-19 has taken place in our state. We have had so much concern that our oldest son, Josh has taken great pains to craft a county by county Google Sheets document including total cases, active cases, and positive test rates for about a month now, and updates it on a daily basis. We have shared this information on social media to make it widely available for anyone who wishes to view it. Further, Josh's concerns have risen to the point where he directly contacted the Governor's Office to express our concerns in detail.

The impact of this pandemic has been significant on our family. Jeremiah's engineering group at the City of Portland has lost almost 40% of its staff since the beginning of the year due to budget cuts, and Sara has faced the challenge of having a church operate remotely. She is also on the Board of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, so has worked on these challenges as much or more than many church pastors. Each of us knows people who have passed due to the disease, including a professional colleague of Jeremiah's.

We have shifted much more of our spending to local businesses than normal to help them in their efforts to keep functioning, including Hannaford, Taber's, Blackie's, Heidi's, Heathco's, Side by Each, the Pinky D's Poutine Factory and Lamey-Wellehan, not to mention numerous businesses in Lewiston. Jeremiah has spent a significant portion of his job over the past month working with other City staff and businesses in Portland to support outdoor dining and shopping, resulting in making a difference for over 100 small businesses in Maine's largest City. It is not an exaggeration to say that each day we strive to make choices that will help Maine businesses, and Auburn businesses specifically.

But all this being said, it is clear to us with the data available that this current situation is far from over, and moving too quickly to go back to business as usual brings with it great risk to the public in general and even more so to many of our more vulnerable populations, including the sick, the elderly, and people of color.

We have watched with great concern the rapid rise in COVID-positive rates in states that have reopened all types of businesses, including the Carolinas, Texas, Arizona, and others. As a result, despite significant declines in states hit hardest by the pandemic, such as New York and New Jersey, the level of active cases in the United States have not significantly declined, based on public data available as of today (June 14, 2020). The overall number of positive cases nationwide has plateaued at the largest amount on the planet.

But our greatest concerns are with the many assertions in the resolution itself, which appears riddled with inaccuracies and does not appear to have been based on discussions with key stakeholders.

In the past two weeks (as of today, June 14, 2020), the rate of active COVID cases in Androscoggin County

have declined by four people, or a drop of three percent - hardly a notable change in case load. Yet the only metric the resolution appears to concern itself is the number of total deaths, as opposed to those who have experienced serious and potentially ongoing health issues due to this disease.

Sara, as previously mentioned, knows as well as anyone the challenges faced by worshippers in these times. But she has worked closely to familiarize herself with the guidance issued by one of the largest faith-based organizations in Maine, the Maine Council of Churches. In no way does this document appear to be based on discussions with this organization, which in has NOT advocated for a quick return to in-person worship.

The resolution also suggests hardship resulting from a two-week mandatory quarantine period if travel to and from New Hampshire is involved. Based on all available public information, this statement is outdated and inaccurate.

Further, this resolution is a slap in the face to the great majority of people who have expressed great concern in public with regards to the treatment of black people by law enforcement and other established organizations and done so safely. Sara personally attended an event and wore a mask the entire time, getting no more than six feet away from anyone outside of her household, despite the fact that the event was outdoors. It is highly unlikely these outdoor events will pose anywhere near as much a risk as upcoming national political rallies to be held indoors. And again, it does not appear that this resolution was based on any dialogue from organizations facilitating these events.

But lastly, and most significantly this document appears mostly concerned with the business climate in our area. Surely, the authors of the document must have had a dialogue with key stakeholders in the area? Yet, a quick check-in with Shanna Cox, President and CEO of the L-A Metro Chamber confirmed that absolutely no discussion took place with the largest consortium of businesses in the region.

As such, we can only draw the conclusion that this document was based on input from a precious few individuals wishing to impose their bottom-line decisions on literal matters of life and death. And we can only state this with the greatest of sadness and disappointment. Auburn can and should do better.

We want to close this letter with a parable familiar to those in the Christian and Muslim communities, in Luke 15: 3-7 and Matthew 25: 39-40 in the New Testament (known as Injil to Muslims). The story itself is short and simple: a shepherd leaves the 99 sheep together in the flock to seek and rescue the one lost sheep. We urge the Council to consider all of those in Auburn in these trying times, and not leave anyone behind.

Sincerely yours,



The Reverend Sara E. Bartlett



Jeremiah J. Bartlett, PE

From: Anthony D Farr, Penley Corner Road

Auburn City Council,

I have read the statement drafted to call on Governor Mills to declare all Auburn businesses "essential." While I don't agree with everything Governor Mills has done, I feel your decision to attempt a circumvention of the CDC and Mills' guidelines for reopening is reckless and I'll informed.

I studied Genetics- specifically Epidemiology at the University of Georgia, had a job offer for the CDC in Atlanta, and have many friends and former colleagues that still work for the Atlanta CDC. My stance is not based on media fluff or baseless opinions.

I feel that to declare ALL Auburn businesses while not addressing the public health education of our citizens is not the right path. A slower tiered opening with an emphasis on distancing and mask wearing would be the better approach but it seems people are only looking at this in the binary. Either full open or full closed. Please, I implore you to find an educated and informed path as opposed to relenting to those who either don't understand or are unwilling to educate themselves.

Please, consult educated experts. Make contact with a representative of the Maine CDC and ask for their guidance. Being informed and consulting experts will go a long way with your constituents.

I will say that if this pushes through without evidence that the city council has "done their homework," that will inform Auburn citizens that you value the wants of the few over the needs of the many and you value a false sense of economic security over public health.

And I say false sense, because if this comes back for a second round, your current proposal feeds into that scenario far more than an educated/tiered reopening.

I hope you heed my words. Be safe and well.

From: Samantha Sainte Marie, West Auburn Road

Hello,

I am a resident of West Auburn Road in Auburn and I oppose the resolution 10-06152020

Opening up all of our community and returning to life as "normal" is very unsafe for our community members as the cases of COVID-19 continue to increase. This pandemic has not stopped and continues to infect our community, state, country, and world. Despite our governor's efforts to protect Mainers, many residents, both locally and state wide, continue to fight restrictions and act apathetically. As much as I would love to support our local businesses, visit our parks and beaches, and spend time with neighbors, this is not a time to let our guard down.

As a mother to a toddler, a wife of a physician, a volunteer with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and an individual that is immunocompromised, I have to rely on the health and behaviors of those in my community to avoid illness. This disease could be fatal for me as it has been

fatal for others with similar health problems. When our mayor and town council say they want to return as business as normal what it means to me is that my life doesn't matter. My son doesn't need a mother, my family left with a void.

I challenge our town council to find ways to encourage and enforce safer practices in our community before everything is allowed to open. I don't go out into public often since the pandemic started to affect our community, but when I do go out, I see very little compliance with safely precautions and recommendations in our community. Very few people are wearing masks, keeping safe distancing, or cleaning their hands after touching their face.

One of the bigger global struggles of this pandemic is that there has not been a unified response on how to handle it. I also oppose the resolve to allow individuals towns and counties to make decisions about procedures and policies for managing the pandemic. Division will only continue to breed the apathy in our communities.

Instead of putting our heads in the sand and trying to go back to life before, this is a time to be creative and encourage ingenuity about how to support businesses and the health of the community. It would be sad to see more local businesses close, however the death of a company is different than the death of individuals. Health needs to take priority over wealth.

From: Timothy Szal, 96 Tournament Drive

To the Auburn City Council:

I write to request that the City Council REJECT the resolution brought forth by Councilor Gerry that would label all Auburn businesses essential and that calls on the Governor to open all businesses.

This would seriously harm public health and cause a dramatic rise in Covid-19 cases in the area. From my (careful) travels into a few different parts of the state, I would say that the L/A area has been and still is one of the riskiest places to be right now. People do not take social distancing or mask-wearing seriously, and seem to think that the virus is either a hoax or has gone away (which it hasn't). At my annual physical a couple weeks ago, my Dr. said that her primary job since the initial shutdown has been educating her patients on the seriousness of this disease.

I agree that the economic pain has been unimaginable, and that we want businesses to reopen. HOWEVER, the City Council must focus on promoting good public health FIRST, so that we can reopen safely. Masks should be worn in all businesses by all people, and social distancing and occupancy requirements must be observed and enforced. The City Council should also be helping businesses utilize outdoor spaces & streets to help in this regard. We need to have a plan FIRST, before we completely re-open. Declaring all businesses essential is not the smart way to go.

Finally, please remember that even when re-open, this virus is STILL HERE. It will take a vaccine to get us back to "normal".

Thank you for your time & consideration.

From: Suzanne Turgeon, 99 Lake Auburn Avenue

Please allow business owners to use CDC guidelines and common sense to open their businesses. I'm in favor of monitoring local businesses to make sure they are following the guidelines.

From: Donna Kassa, address unknown

To City Council members,

Janet Mills is holding us hostage. She is determined to undermine our economy, and way of life, for her own agenda. For three months we have been isolated from friends, family, work, and play. Maine has had a fragile economy, and now she is dooming the state that she swore to "protect", to disaster. This quarantine has already exceeded its intent. Maine has not been, and is not, a so called hot spot. Those individuals (and their families) vulnerable to Covid-19 are responsible to protect themselves. It is not rational, nor necessary, to penalize the vast majority. I am tired of standing in line to buy groceries, and anything else for that matter (limiting the number inside needs to end). I want to go to the library, out to eat, walk on any beach, and invite my out of state

friends to visit me without fanfare. Our businesses need our support without repercussions or fear. In fact, that applies to those choosing to support them as well.

I whole-heartedly support making all Auburn businesses essential. Every one is necessary to maintain a community that is economically healthy, I only wish that I could be there in person to be counted as a very concerned citizen who has had enough.

From: Sara Jane Boss, 82 Jennifer Drive

Greetings to the members of the Auburn City Council:

As a resident and taxpayer in Auburn, Androscoggin County, and the State of Maine, I am totally opposed to the proposed resolution that countermands the leadership and guidance of Maine's Governor and Center for Disease Control. As citizens of this country, we must stand together to protect the safety and well-being of every one of us. We must accept that our only alternative is facing the fact that this global pandemic, has now changed how we will all survive for many years to come.

Resolving that "the goal of "flattening the curve" and keeping Maine Healthcare System from being overwhelmed has long ago been met," is INCORRECT. We are still at the beginning stages of the pandemic according to epidemiologists and we must prepare for continuing to meet severe illness and death until a vaccine is available.

https://www.bluezones.com/2020/06/covid-19-straight-answers-from-top-epidemiologist-who-predicted-the-pandemic/?fbclid=IwAR1e00aIaI_3QgyyzqWa6tUjzmzm99mZlw33w7lvV_xgxz-Soliw_cNQDQ

While all business owners and governments rightly depend on commerce for income and deem it essential to their success, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot turn away our primary responsibility to the health of our community as a whole. We must seek alternative ways to support local businesses deemed non-essential to the health of our area. Governor Mills in coordination with the Maine CDC, the federal CDC, and the White House Corona Task Force, have developed a four step Reopening Plan for the State of Maine. Our county's compliance with these directives will enable the opening of business in Androscoggin when it is deemed safe.

Thank you for your refusal to sign Item #2020-6-15 Resolution declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential and calling on the Governor of the State of Maine to open all businesses.

From: Peter Elias, MD, 564 Lake Street

As a trained physician with both expertise and experience in the field of infectious disease outbreaks, I object strenuously to the proposed resolution to declare all Auburn businesses to be essential and to open everything in defiance of State regulations.

First, it is absurd and dangerous to consider ALL Auburn businesses as essential to Auburn. It is absurd because Auburn businesses are extremely varied in size, nature, and impact on the lives of Auburn citizens. It is dangerous because, when the city designates ALL Auburn businesses as essential, it risks incurring the obligation to respond to requests for help from every Auburn business, regardless of its nature and size - including those struggling or failing because of poor management or a poor fit with the needs of Auburn citizens.

Second and more importantly, when and how to open businesses or social functions are a complicated set of decisions that should be based on data and a combination of public health and economic principles. If the City Council has data to support this resolution, they should release that data along with an assessment by qualified public health experts. Mandating a blanket opening in this manner, without providing supportive data and support from relevant experts, is irresponsible political grandstanding and undermines the credibility of the Auburn City Council as a deliberative body.

From: Grant Jewett, 22 Vivian St

I wanted to voice my opinion that this resolution should not pass and should not have been considered. I understand that businesses are hurting, but we can't pretend we are not still in the middle of a pandemic. Since June 12th Androscoggin County has had 32 new cases reported.

Opening up all business is just going to put us back at the beginning where everything had to be closed. This resolution seems very short-sighted.

From: Joan Macri, address not provided

I have watched with great concern as our city and county numbers have surged over the past 6 weeks. I even write to the Sun Journal in mid-May to ask them to research what was behind the spike. We have gone from fewer than a 100 to almost 500 county-wide.

I am in my 70's with asthma and very concerned. I trust the Maine CDC and do not support opening Auburn in defiance of scientific evidence.

I taught economics. I understand the impact of closures. But health is more important in the long term.

From: Richard Johnson, 34 Ryans Way

We have four adults living in our two family house. We all encourage the passage of the resolution to allow all small businesses in Auburn to open for business.

From: Jordan Tate, 14 Helen Street

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the resolution declaring all businesses in the City of Auburn essential (Item #2020-6-15). For large corporations to be allowed to stay open because they implemented social distancing measures but not providing the same opportunity for small businesses is illogical, manipulative, and destructive to our local economy. If a business follows safety guidelines they should be able to reopen.

Furthermore, I have witnessed people of Androscoggin county leaving to go to restaurants and businesses in other counties that have started to open, defeating the purpose of keeping just a few counties closed! Not only does this increase the potential for viral transmission to other counties, it also hurts our economy by keeping us closed while allowing others to open where people are going to spend their money instead of businesses in their own communities.

I urge City Council to pass this resolve and allow our fellow Auburn residents to get back to work so they can support their families. Thank you for considering my public input.

From: Toby Haber and Mike Giasson, 76 Fern Street

We oppose the proposed resolution #2020-6-15. Not only does it not represent our views, but it is not sound legislation.

- * It is predicated on misusing- even abusing- the term "essential."
- * It supports business but did not consult the LA Metro Chamber.
- * It supports religious worship, but it does not reflect the advice of the Maine Council of Churches.
- * It does not reflect current data.

We do not feel the Governor's guidelines are "capricious"; rather, this resolution arbitrarily concludes we've waited long enough. The majority of public sentiment favors caution. We want the right to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe, and keep the local curve flat.

COVID-19 is not an abstract threat to us. We personally know friends who battled this awful virus, and some who have died from it.

Yes, it is an inconvenient truth. But our leaders must offer more than name-calling in this complex matter.

From: Daniel Boss, 82 Jennifer Dr

I am writing to oppose this resolution. I am opposed because I believe it is important not to second-guess the science behind the strategies for dealing with the pandemic that have been carefully worked out at the state level. The state is a more appropriate level of government to understand and impose calibrated restraints on re-opening because they are supported by science and expertise (CDC, DHS, epidemiologists) that municipalities do not have. We are making progress toward re-opening under these Maine-wide strategies, which are adjusted for local conditions, and should continue to follow this carefully planned guidance.

From: Scott A. Nussinow, 42 Candleberry Drive

Good afternoon.

I strongly oppose the Resolution as it has been initially presented to the Auburn City Council. Without reasonable safeguards, and more importantly, without appropriate oversight, this presents a dangerous health risk, and would not serve the good of the greater community.

Given that we do not know what downstream effects this virus may have on children, on pregnant women and their unborn children, and on the general population, such a wholesale 'opening' is an invitation for a healthcare nightmare.

That said, I am most understanding of (and sympathetic to) the needs of our community businesses. In light of that, I offer the following thoughts.

I would suggest a limited and phased opening - IF the business owners subscribe to and enforce - a best-practices protocol. This would include properly masked and gloved employees, proper and appropriate sanitization, and refusal to serve, house or otherwise accommodate customers who refuse to comply with these guidelines. Owners should be willing to post a (modest) bond, acknowledging their acceptance of these common-sense guidelines, and further, agree to pay fines and risk closure if such guidelines are not followed, abused or ignored.

This is not a complete list by any stretch - and is offered as a more balanced approach to harmonizing the needs of the city's economic health AND it's medical health. Rather than a populist position, this provides consideration to many, with minor inconvenience to few.

This would seem to be a fair and reasonable compromise for fair and reasonable constituents. Thank you for your consideration.

From: Cynthia Grimm, 41 Elm Street

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

I am writing the council to oppose the proposed Resolve 0-06152020. This is a dangerous action to take for a number of reasons.

- * It is predicated on misusing- even abusing- the term "essential."
- * It supports business interests, but did not consult local business organizations like the LA Metro Chamber.
- * It appears to support religious worship, but it does not reflect the advice of the Maine Council of Churches.
- * It does not reflect current data.
- * The city does not have the resources the state government has in testing and tracking infection rates and would not be able to create those resources without a significant investment that is not budgeted.

Re-opening too soon will completely undo the work we have all done to flatten the curve and minimize the number of people suffering and dying from this disease. I have personally had this virus, and I've lost 2 friends to it already. I know several people whose relatives are currently sick with the virus. This pandemic is still very active and still being transmitted. Relaxing restrictions based on the arbitrary idea that it's now safe to do so when there is absolutely no data to back that up is irresponsible and endangers the health of our community.

I urge you to stay the course, listen to the infectious disease experts, and assist businesses in altering their offerings to meet the current restrictions. When you have the power to protect lives and choose not to do so, you are culpable in any deaths that occur.

From: S/Edward Stanhope, 18 Tourmaline Lane

All are essential to the:

Owners

Workers

Customers

Tax collectors at every level are loosing out as well. ALL should be open as soon as possible.

Choosing winners and losers among them shouldn't be up to government but to the primary stakeholders. Thank you for considering and passing the All Businesses are Essential Resolution.

From: Charlene McPhee, 72 Hillcrest Street

I fully endorse Toby and Michael Giasson's statement.

From: Susan Martin, 186 Davis Avenue

I would like to express concern about the resolve which I understand is on tonight's agenda. The link I was given to access the actual resolution did not work, but from what I understand it would open the city ahead of state recommendations.

I am a member of a high risk population. I am already concerned about the incidence of Covid in Androscoggin County. If Auburn becomes the only city or town open in the county, it will become a magnet for people from surrounding areas. While some may see that as a plus, it concerns me that it would be impossible to maintain social distancing in any way.

States such as Florida, Texas, and Arizona that opened early are now facing resurgence in the number of cases. Making decisions that go against CDC recommendations seems unnecessary and may open the city to litigation on several counts. If the council feels they must consider overriding state guidelines, they should use a process that allows for more input and is based on some type of data. Thank you.

From: Matt Jones, 32 Bradman St., Auburn

Dear Council,

The city council's resolution to declare all businesses in Auburn "essential" is misguided. I urge councilors not to support it. No one on the city council is an epidemiologist or has access to the most up-to-date information on testing in the city. The state is currently not yet testing enough people or tracing contacts adequately to contain spikes in cases. Further, a substantial number of Auburn citizens ignore recommendations to wear masks in public - perhaps the fundamental way to reduce transmission and allow the economy to re-open. Low compliance in this matter delays our ability to reopen the state. Finally, the case rates in Androscoggin county are steady or rising. Tambrands, owned by a well-funded, international company has an outbreak at their plant. If a company with this level of means cannot prevent the spread of cases, what should we expect of our small business?

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. The meeting was conducted both in Council Chambers and remotely using “Zoom” due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was also broadcast as usual on Great Falls TV (cable channel 1302) and on the City of Auburn [YouTube](#) channel.

Members of the public were allowed to comment during the public comment session of the meeting, by either “attending” the meeting via Zoom or by submitting remarks via email to: comments@auburnmaine.gov.

Mayor Levesque led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business

1. Order 75-06222020 - Public Hearing and vote

Consolidating to two polling places (Auburn Hall - Wards 4 & 5, and Norway Savings Bank Arena - Wards 1, 2, 3) for the July 14, 2020 Election.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 76-06222020

Confirming the appointment of Brian Wood as Auburn’s Assistant City Manager.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 77-06222020

Approving the Small Business and Microenterprise Loan Program Guidelines.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 78-06222020

Authorizing the cancellation of the July 6, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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II. Executive Session - Consultation with the City Attorney, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(E).

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

Passage 7-0, time 6:26 PM. The remote meeting adjourned.

III. Adjourn

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

June 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

June 22, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Oath of Office – Brian Wood, Assistant City Manager
- Police Department State Accreditation Presentation – Maine Chiefs of Police Association President Chief Jack Peck
- Proclamation – National Parks & Recreation Month
- Planning Board Communication regarding the Comprehensive Plan
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell and Matt Fifield
- Recovery Update – Phil Crowell and Marc Gosselin
- Council Communications

Councilor Boss – reported that she did a police ride along with the Auburn Police Department, adding that she enjoyed it and she encouraged other Councilors to do the same.

Councilor Macleod – reported that he also did a police ride along with the Auburn Police Department adding that the police department we have is phenomenal and we should be proud of what we do as a City.

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the School Committee had a retreat last week and another one is scheduled for tomorrow. They are working on plans to bring students back.

Councilor Walker – reported that the city is looking very good overall, Public Works is doing a great job, the Recreation Department has a nice new press box at the ball field, and the lower Pettengill baseball field area looks great. He added that he still wants to see the Parks Department back.

Councilor Gerry – reported that they are now allowing more access to the community gardens. She noted that she would like an update on how many people are actively working their plots in the Newbury Street garden and how many are still available.

Mayor Levesque – reported that there was a nationwide contest to honor the anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment asking girls between 8 and 18 to create artwork to celebrate the anniversary. The first lady chose one winner per State. Sophia Carson of Auburn won for the state of Maine and will have an opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. and he would like to invite her to be recognized by the City Council. He also noted that he had several meetings with the new school superintendent, Dr. Brown. They’ve talked about the re-entry program and how the city can help with that. He also commented on an article that appeared in the Sun Journal a few weeks ago where statements were omitted in error. Judith Myers, Editor apologized immediately after hearing about it. She owned the mistake and found a way to fix it going forward. He said he was thankful for the way they handled it.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke, however one public comment came in via email from Nora Jarvis from the Auburn School Department.

From: Nora Jarvis, Auburn School Department

Hello,

I am a teacher in the Auburn School Department, and I'm writing regarding the plans being made to reopen schools.

I wanted to bring to your attention (if you haven't seen it already), this article that shared some shocking statistics about Maine's coronavirus cases and its impact on Black Mainers. Although Maine's Black population is tiny, 23% of those who tested positive for coronavirus are Black. This is deeply upsetting. Of course the reasons for this are multifaceted, but the fact remains that our district's Black kids and staff would be at a much higher risk if we were to return in person.

In an ideal world, we could start school in person. And I know how hard it would be on kids, parents, and us to continue remote learning. But we're talking about the lives of kids, their families, and staff. Reopening would disproportionately affect our Black students. Although Maine's cases are going down overall, it is clear that it is extremely dangerous for Black folks.

We need to ACT like Black Lives Matter and make policy decisions based on the fact that Black Lives Matter. Even one death is unacceptable.

Thank you, Nora Jarvis

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 79-07202020

Adopting the Agriculture Advisory Committee charge.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

2. Order 80-07202020

Adopting the LFLP (Local Foods Local Places) Community Action Plan.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to postpone to a time not to exceed 6 months from today.

Motion failed 3-2-1 (Councilors Boss and MacLeod opposed, Councilor Milks abstained, an affirmative vote of 4 required for passage).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to a time certain not to exceed 3 months from today (October 19, 2020).

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Boss and MacLeod opposed).

3. Order 81-07202020

Approving the location for the public art piece.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 82-07202020

Accepting the fish sculpture as the second public art piece to be placed in Anniversary Park.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 83-07202020

Setting the date for the Special Municipal Election to fill the vacant Ward 1 School Committee seat for November 3, 2020.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

6. Order 84-07202020

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Re-appointing Jeremiah Bartlett to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

7. Order 85-07202020

Re-appointing David Das to the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1-1-2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

8. Order 86-07202020

Appointing Stanwood Gray to the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4-1-2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

9. Order 87-07202020

Appointing Katie Boss to the Agricultural Committee with a term expiration of 4-1-2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

10. Order 88-07202020

Re-appointing Chad Roberts to the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee with a term expiration of 7-1-2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

11. Order 89-07202020

Appointing Justin Purvis to the Citizen's Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 6-30-2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

12. Resolve 11-07202020

Appointing Phil Crowell and Brian Wood as representative and alternate representative, respectively, to the Maine Service Center Coalition.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – no report

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor Walker – the United New Auburn Association is scheduled to meet on July 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Please wear masks.

Councilor Carrier – the School Committee retreat is scheduled for tomorrow, the work at the Airport has had a setback that could delay some work being done there due to plane crash that damaged the pavement.

Councilor Milks – the Sewer District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and the Water District meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, both at 4:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Councilor Macleod – LATC will be hosting a state transit technology summit July 28-31st, Great Falls TV update on channels and HD signal, School Building Committee went before the Planning Board and will meet on August 3rd.

Councilor Boss – Auburn Public Library Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled, the Library is open to the public on a limited basis with a limited number of people allowed in the building, and some activities require appointments.

City Manager Crowell - Welcomed our new Assistant City Manager, Brian Wood. They are working on projects they need to tackle. He reported that they are spending time with Directors to discuss goals and expectations, and he has been working on quarterly workshop schedules – with priority items that align with Council goals. He said that he would also like to have another Council retreat in the near future.

VIII. Executive Session

- Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(C) – not needed
- Labor contract, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Macleod and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session. Passage 6-0. Time in 8:29 PM. Council was declared out at 8:55 PM.

III. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 Lasagna had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes - July 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition – Special recognition and celebration of Richard Whiting, Executive Director of the Auburn Housing Authority, on the occasion of his retirement following 40 years of dedicated service. The Mayor presented him with a Key to the City.
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell, Matt Fifield, and Fatuma Hussein
- Recovery Update – Phil Crowell and Marc Gosselin
- 2020 Byrne Jag Grant Application – Jason Moen
- TIF Future Guard - Michael Chammings and Brett Sawyer
- Council Communications

Councilor Gerry – commented on the Community Gardens

Councilor Carrier – nothing at this time

Councilor MacLeod – nothing at this time

Councilor Lasagna – commented on the last Regular Council meeting and the LFLP item

Councilor Milks – nothing at this time

Councilor Walker – nothing at this time

Councilor Boss – nothing at this time

Mayor – reported on the dedication of the Troy Barnies court at the Gulley that was held on Saturday. He also noted that the Chamber of Commerce is going to be having their monthly breakfast this month.

City Manager - nothing at this time

IV. Open Session – Ned Claxton provided an update on what is happening in Augusta and noted that it may not be until next year before legislature reconvenes.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Order 90-08032020 PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

Approving the consolidation of polling places for the November 3, 2020 election.

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

Public hearing – Ned Claxton, Danbury Drive supports having as many voting locations as possible and asked that we consider mailing ballots to each registered voter in the city.

Written communications were provided by Renee A. Cote, Ward 2 resident, Tracy Robbins, 779 Pownal Road, Joe Mailey, 82 Webster Street, Patricia M. Gautier, 136 Pride Rd., and Mary Roussel, Grandview Avenue. Comments will be attached to the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the order to consolidate to three polling places, locations to be determined. Locations will be determined at the August 17, 2020 Council meeting.

Passage of the amendment 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and Gerry opposed).

Passage on the order as amended 4-3 (Councilors Milks, Carrier, and Gerry opposed).

2. Order 91-08032020

Approving the Police Command Contract.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 92-08032020

Approving the Public Works Contract.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 93-08032020

Setting the date for the first Council meeting in September as Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that the Mayor’s ad hoc committee on boards and committees met last week and will try to meet every week on Thursday morning with recommendations coming forward in September or October.

Councilor Boss – provided an update on what is happening at the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Walker – reported on the United New Auburn Association meeting that was held last week. He is hoping to have the Age Friendly meetings start back up in September.

Councilor Milks – reported that a Task Force put forward for the Water District to look at the bylaws. Those meetings are open to the public.

Councilor Lasagna – reported that the School Building Committee met last Tuesday, and things are moving along.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the Great Falls meeting coming up on Thursday.

Councilor Carrier – reported that the Airport Board will be meeting this Thursday. He is not sure if it will be in person or via zoom. The School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday to talk about student reentry. The School Department received a 2.9 million dollar COVID funding from the federal government, part of the funds can be used are for increasing space, East Auburn School will be purchasing a portable building for additional space.

Councilor Gerry – reported that she has been tasked with an assignment for the committee on boards and committees.

City Manager – provided an update on the Community Gardens (attached to the minutes), discussed public meetings, and board and committee meetings, and provided an update on the elections communication plan.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Passage 7-0, time in 9:32 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 10:15 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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

I. Consent Items

1. Order 94-08172020*

Approving the change of roles on the County Budget Committee to Phil Crowell as municipal officer and Andy Titus as resident representative.

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

Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes - August 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0. At the request of the Mayor, a roll call vote was taken.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Planning Board Comprehensive Plan updates – Michael Chamblings
- Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program – Brian Woods
- Covid-19 and Recovery Update – Phil Crowell
- Council Communications
 - Mayor Levesque reviewed a memo to the City Council clarifying Council Communications vs. Council Reports
 - Councilor Gerry provided information regarding the Market Bucks (part of the Food Security Program)
 - Councilor Walker commented on using Market Bucks at the Farmers Market

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

2. Order 95-08172020

Authorizing the sale of the tax acquired property located at 5 Sprucewood Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

3. Order 96-08172020

Approving the location of the 3 polling places for the November 3, 2020 Election.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

4. Order 97-08172020

Receiving and acknowledging that the Leads of the Local Foods Local Places Community Action Plan have rescinded their request to seek council action on the Action Plan, therefore no action is needed on Order 80-07202020 which was postponed to the second meeting in October.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

5. Order 98-08172020

Nominating Phillip Crowell, Jr., Auburn City Manager as a write-in candidate on the official ballot for Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee for District 20 from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022 with Assistant City Manager Brian Wood as Auburn's alternate member, in the absence of either City Manager Phillip L. Crowell Jr. or Mayor Jason Levesque.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the progress of work being done on the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Boards and Committees, and reported that he, along with the City Manager, and Assistant City Manager are working with the Chamber of Commerce to work on a recovery plan.

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor MacLeod – no report

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Milks – reported that the Auburn Water and Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting this week in the Community Room of Auburn Hall (Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:00 PM).

Councilor Walker – reported that there is a 911 meeting scheduled for Thursday the 20th, and a Waste to Energy meeting on the 25th of this month.

Councilor Boss – reported that the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow morning and there will be Census workers there on Thursday the 27th to enroll people.

City Manager – reported that be providing the Council with information on the Grab and Go program on 9/8/2020, and he also updated the City Council with some staffing changes.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – July 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the Finance report for July 2020. Passage 6-0.

VIII. Executive Sessions

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

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

Passage 6-0. Time 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:15 PM.

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

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

Passage 6-0. Time 8:15 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:22 PM.

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

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

Passage 6-0. Time 8:23 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:28 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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ATTEST _____

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.

I. Consent Items – All items with an asterisk (*) are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

1. Order 99-09082020 *

Accepting the Assistance to Firefighter’s Grant Award.

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

Passage 6-0. Councilor Milks was not in the room for the vote.

II. Minutes - August 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 6-0. Councilor Milks was not in the room for the vote.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- **November 3, 2020 Election Communication Plan** – Liz Allen, Rosemary Mosher, and Sue Clements-Dallaire
- **Covid-19, Grab and Go Program, and Recovery Update** – Matt Fifield, Sabrina Best and Marc Gosselin
- **Council Communications (about and to the community)**

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the Chamber recovery committee he is on (Quality of Life), and the Mayor’s ad hoc committee on Boards and Committees. He also communicated that he has been working with other Mayor’s around the State to try to get the Legislature to come back into session.

Councilor Lasagna - provided an update on the Ward 1 Neighborhood Watch Group meeting held last Wednesday

Councilor Walker – noted that there was an Age Friendly meeting held earlier in the day at the Senior Center

Councilors Gerry, MacLeod, Milks, Carrier, and Boss had no communications at this time.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

2. Order 100-09082020 Public hearing and vote

Approving the Special Amusement and Liquor License for Martindale, LLC., DBA Martindale Country Club located at 527 Beech Hill Road (new ownership).

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 101-09082020

Approving the proposed amendments to the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) Compost Facility agreement.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 102-09082020 Public Hearing and First Reading

Approving the discontinuance of Butler Hill Road.

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

Public hearing:

David Haynes, Butler Hill Road (initiated the request for the discontinuance) spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Jim Peak 25 Hillsdale Street spoke in support of the discontinuance.

Motion failed the first reading 3-4 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 103-09082020

Appointing two Councilors to participate in the work group to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) study of Lake Auburn.

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

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to vote by secret ballot. Passage 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

Nominations were made as follows:

Councilor Gerry nominated Councilor Carrier

Councilor Boss nominated Councilor Lasagna

Councilor Walker nominated Councilor Gerry

Councilor Carrier received 6 votes, Councilor Gerry received 5 votes, and Councilor Lasagna received 3 votes.

Passage of Order 103-09082020 Appointing Councilors Carrier and Gerry to participate in the work group to create a Request for Proposal study of Lake Auburn, 7-0.

6. Order 104-09082020

Appointing two Councilors to participate on the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

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

Nominations were made as follows:

Councilor Lasagna nominated Councilor Boss

Councilor Boss nominated Councilor MacLeod

Councilor Walker nominated Councilor Milks

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to vote by secret ballot. Passage 7-0.

Councilor Boss and Councilor MacLeod each received 5 votes, and Councilor Milks received 4 votes.

Passage of Order 104-09082020 appointing Councilors Boss and MacLeod to participate on the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee 6-1 (Councilor Walker opposed).

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports

Mayor Levesque – reported that he will be leaving the State of Maine on Thursday on business for a few days. He will be following City protocols on going to a State with self-quarantine until he takes a COVID test.

Councilor Boss – reported on the Ag Committee meeting.

Councilor Walker – no report

Councilor Carrier – reported on the Airport Board and the School Committee meetings.

Councilor Milks – no report

Councilor MacLeod – reported that there was a Zoom meeting of the LATC tomorrow.

Councilor Gerry – no report

City Manager – reported that the County Budget Committee meetings will start tomorrow. Saturday, October 24th is the date he is looking at to hold the City Council retreat. The Auburn Rec Department applied for Child Care programming and they hope to hear something soon.

VIII. Executive Session on Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).
Was held during the workshop.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn, unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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ATTEST _____

Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 followed by a moment of silence in memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who recently passed.

All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Community Little Theater Communication (to be included in the minutes)
- Covid-19 and Recovery Update – Phil Crowell, and Matt Fifield
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
 - **Mayor Levesque** – wanted to communicate to the public that Holy Donut is coming to a location on Minot Avenue, Chipotle will be coming to a location on Center Street, and Wallingford’s is now open and doing a great job using precautions to keep everyone safe.
 - **Councilor Lasagna** – reported that she walked from Mill Street along the river to New Auburn, adding that it is looking beautiful and the river is a spectacular gem in the community.
 - **Councilor Walker** – reported that on Thursday night at 6:30 PM at the Sixth Street Congregational Church, the Neighborhood Watch group will be meeting
 - **Councilor Gerry** – reported that she attended the 9/11 event at the Auburn Fire Station
 - **Councilors Macleod, Milks, Carrier, and Boss** had no communications at this time
 - **City Manager Crowell** – wanted to communicate to the public that there will be a ribbon cutting for St. Louis Bells tower. It will be streamed so others can watch, they will also work with the Sun Journal and will be promoting that with an exact date and time

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 102-09082020 - Second Reading

Approving the discontinuance of Butler Hill Road.

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

Public comment:

David Haines, 384 Butler Hill Road resident and initiator of this request discussed his dreams for this land and his reasons for the request to discontinue this road.

Alice Haines, Butler Hill Road resident spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Aimee Dorval, Executor Director of the Androscoggin Land Trust spoke about the ecological aspect of the Butler Hill Road area and spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Dana Staples, Greenfield Drive wanted to point out that this supports the Sports Tourism being promoted in the City and he spoke in favor of the discontinuance.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to postpone to a date certain that would correspond with the presentation of the comprehensive plan.

Motion to postpone failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

Motion on Order 102-09022020 approving the discontinuance of Butler Hill Road failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

VI. New Business

1. Order 105-09212020

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Don's No Preference Towing, dba Morris Auto Parts located at 940 Washington St. N.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Order 106-09212020

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 MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

3. Order 107-09212020

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for M & P Auto located at 227 Merrow Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

4. Order 108-09212020

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Prolerized New England Company, LLC located at 522 Washington St. N.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

5. Order 109-09212020

Approving the renewal of the Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Randy's Auto Parts located at 899 Broad Street.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

6. Order 110-09212020

Appointing Dana Staples as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 01/01/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

7. Order 111-09212020

Appointing Amy Dieterich to serve on the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

8. Order 112-09212020

Appointing Jo Sharpe to serve on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Loan Committee with a term expiration of 10/01/2021.

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 113-09212020

Re-appointing Sally Gagne to serve on the Age Friendly Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

10. Order 114-09212020

Re-appointing Diane Vincent to serve on the Age Friendly Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

11. Order 115-09212020

Re-appointing Alfreda Fournier to serve on the Age Friendly Committee, with a term expiration of 6/1/2023.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

12. Order 116-09212020

Appointing Joshua Daigle to serve on the Complete Streets Committee with a term expiration of 1/1/2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

13. Order 117-09212020

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Appointing Buck Buchanan to serve on the Board of Assessment Review, as full member, with a term expiration of 10/01/2025.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

14. Order 118-09212020

Appointing Adam Lee to serve on the Board of Assessment Review, as full member, with a term expiration of 10/01/2024.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

15. Order 119-09212020

Re-appointing Misty Edgecomb to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

16. Order 120-09212020

Re-appointing Rick Martel to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

17. Order 121-09212020

Re-appointing Suzanne Roy to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

18. Order 122-09212020

Appointing Haley Warden to the Parks & Recreation Advisor Board with a term expiration of 10/1/2022.

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. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque-reported on the Ad hoc committee on Boards & Committees

Councilor Gerry-no report

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Macleod-reported on the LATC meeting

Councilor Milks-no report

Councilor Carrier-provided and Airport Board update, and a School Committee update

Councilor Walker – provided an update on the 911 meeting

Councilor Boss-reported on the Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

City Manager Crowell – no report

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

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

Passage 7-0.

Time in 7:54 PM.

Council was declared out at 8:13 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor McLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn.

Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 – None

II. Minutes – September 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Auburn Housing Authority – Marty Szydlowski
- Covid-19 and Recovery Update – Matt Fifield
- Business Owners Update Regarding Covid-19 – Enka Suli, owner of 84 Court Restaurant spoke to the Council about how the pandemic has impacted her business
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
 - Councilor Walker – the Age Friendly Committee will be holding a bean supper “to go” fundraiser on Saturday, October 17th.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 06-10052020

Adopting the General Assistance Maximums. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing- no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 123-10052020

Setting the special City Council meeting dates for the Charter review.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

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Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the status of the work being done by the Mayor’s ad-hoc committee on Boards and Committees, the dedication of the St. Louis Bell Tower, and the ground-breaking on the new Auburn Suburban baseball fields.

Councilor Lasagna – reported on what is happening with the School Building Committee.

Councilor Gerry – asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor John Jenkins who recently passed.

Councilor MacLeod – reported on the LATC Transit Study kick off meeting. He also noted that updates on the ELHS Building Committee can be found on elhs.org.

Councilor Walker – reported that Anniversary Park was in excellent shape for the dedication of the St. Louis Bells, he thanked Public Works and Eric Cousens and staff for all they’ve done to prepare for the event.

City Manager Report – City Manager Crowell echoed Councilor Walker’s remarks adding that Eric Cousens has gone above and beyond for the Bell Tower event. He reported that a voting grant opportunity came up. We applied and were awarded \$262,187.00 for the upcoming election. He also reported that the Legislative Policy Committee met to talk about the upcoming legislative session for 2021-2022. He announced that on Election Day, November 3rd, in order to provide additional safe distancing, the Tax Office will be closing for the day. Tax Office staff will attend training on that day as a group. He provided an update on the Lake Auburn RFP Study group, the 2020 US Census status, and reminded the City Council that October 24th is the scheduled date for the retreat.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director - August 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the August 2020 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – Real Estate Matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:57 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor McLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

Workshop discussion was continued during the meeting.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – October 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Maine Town and City Managers Association (MTCMA) Award Presentation
Raegan Young, former intern for the City of Auburn was presented with the Edward F. Dow Award and former City Manager of Auburn, Peter Crichton was presented with MTCMA's Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year Award.
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
Councilor Walker reminded everyone of the upcoming Hello-ween event to be held at the New Anniversary Park on 10/31/2020 starting at 1:00 PM, and the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on a Thanksgiving take out dinner scheduled for Thanksgiving Day.
Councilor Gerry commented on the Grab and Go Program.
Mayor Levesque announced that he will be presenting an order at the next meeting that will take revenues acquired by the city from tax acquired properties (after fees, administrative costs, etc.) to go into an enterprise account to help residents remove blight from their property. He also announced that at the second meeting in November, he will be awarding the first Mayoral Award in memory of former Mayor John Jenkins that will go to an individual or group in Auburn that has had a positive impact on the mental or physical health in the City.

IV. Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 06-10052020

Adopting the General Assistance Maximums. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 124-10192020

Temporarily suspending the temporary sign ordinance.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

2. Ordinance 07-10192020

Amending Appendix A (fee schedule) for delegated reviews of traffic stormwater and site location of development permits as proposed by staff. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that he has been working with others Mayor’s around the State and others on CARES money

Councilor Carrier – provided an update on the Airport Board meeting and the School Committee meeting

Councilor Gerry – no report

Councilor MacLeod – provided an update on the LATC meeting

Councilor Lasagna – no report

Councilor Milks – reported that the Sewer District Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at AVCOG, and the Water District Board of Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday in the Water District’s garage

Councilor Walker – reported that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 pm at Walton School to discuss the reconstruction of Walton school

Councilor Boss – reported that the Auburn Public Library Board will be meeting tomorrow morning. She also provided an update on the Ag Committee meeting, and she attended the Maine Agriculture Committee meeting

City Manager Crowell – thanked everyone for taking the time to present Peter Crichton and Raegan Young with their awards. He thanked Auburn businessman, Don Buteau, President and CEO of Furtureguard for taking the time to provide a nice tour of the business. He provided the following reminders: the County Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday the 21st, absentee voting is going well and we are offering extended hours, and the Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, 10/24/2020

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – September 2020 Monthly Finance Report

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Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the September 2020 monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session – Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D)

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

Passage. Time in 8:38 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:01 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business - Charter Review Process

Sec. 2.8. - Review of Charter and ordinances.

The city council shall provide for the review of the city's Charter and ordinances in their entirety at least once every 15 years.

The purpose of this Special City Council meeting is for Council to review the Charter section by section and make proposed changes. There should be no substantial changes made during this process. Any proposed changes voted on during this process will be reviewed by the City Attorney. If proposed changes are to be made, Council will follow the process of making a motion, a second, and a vote on the proposed change. Proposed changes will only move the suggested change to the City Attorney for legal review. Once the legal review is complete, the slate of proposed changes will be voted on in its entirety in form of an Order. If approved, any proposed changes will have to go before voters at an upcoming election.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to add under Article I., section 1.4 Naming.

The only allowable names of the City are Auburn and the City of Auburn. As of adoption, there will be no official use of a moniker though from time to time a moniker may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives. As of adoption, the only approved slogan is "No Steps Backward" in either Latin or English though from time to time, a slogan may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to add under Article II., section 2.4 Meetings, the following:

In the event of a declared City emergency, meetings may be held remotely.

Passage 7-0.

Article V., Nominations and Elections

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to direct staff to conduct research on other Maine municipalities that have staggered terms for their City Council.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Milks, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend by adding that all elected positions are capped at 6 consecutive years in the same elected position.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Lasagna, and Carrier opposed).

Article VIII., Financial Management, Sec. 8.2 Submission of budget and budget message.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Carrier to request that staff research a biennial budget to also include a supplemental annual budget.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod that the first draft of the budget be printed and distributed to the City Council by March 1st of each year.

Failed 1-5-1 (Councilors Boss, Milks, Lasagna, MacLeod, and Carrier opposed, and Councilor Walker abstained).

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to include under Article VIII., section 8.3 that the School Committee Chair and Superintendent be part of the Manager's Budget Message.

Motion failed 0-7.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to direct staff to review Article VIII., Financial Management with the School Superintendent to make recommendations back before the City Council as expectations of the School Committee would fall in compliance with the City.

Passage 7-0.

Article VIII., Financial Management, Sec. 8.12 Emergency reserve fund (b)

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to direct staff to look further into considering that the emergency reserve fund shall be *maintained* annually in an amount equal to at least one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total amount to be appropriated for all purposes of the current fiscal year and in addition to being in alignment with Gap, that we assess the impact of any changes we make with Standards, Poor, & Moody.

Passage 7-0.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:12 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.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes – October 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor MacLeod wanted to make a correction under the Executive Session on Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405(6)(D). The minutes did not reflect the Councilors that made the motion and second (Councilor Walker made the motion and Councilor Carrier seconded the motion).

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular Council meeting with corrections. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication – Letter to the City Council
- Covid-19 Update – Phil Crowell
- Council Communications (about and to the community)
 - Mayor Levesque – congratulations on the successful Hello-ween event and Auburn drive-in movies that took place. He encouraged all to vote tomorrow, Election Day.
 - Councilor MacLeod – LATC is offering fare free bus rides tomorrow
 - Councilor Boss – encouraged all to vote

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 07-10192020

Amending Appendix A (fee schedule) for delegated reviews of traffic stormwater and site location of development permits as proposed by staff. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 08-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 14, Article XVIII – Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses, Section 14-656, Section 14-658 and Section 14-659 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

2. **Ordinance 09-11022020**

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 60, Article IX – Home Occupation Regulations, Section 60-738 of the Ordinances of the City.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

3. **Ordinance 10-11022020**

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Article IV – Housing Code, Division 1 – Generally, Section 12-146, Section and 12-226 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

4. **Order 125-11022020**

Adopting the Lake Auburn Impact Study RFP (Request for Proposal).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by adding to 8. Scope of Work and Deliverables, D. Final Report Outcomes, sub-section (1) to read as follows:

Compare identified options in all three categories and make holistic recommendations to the City Council on bundled improvements.

Passage 6-0.

Passage on the order as amended 6-0.

5. **Order 126-11022020**

Appointing members to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

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

The Mayor opened it up for nominations. There were four applicants and 3 open positions.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to nominate Jonathan LaBontè.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to nominate Jeremiah Bartlett.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to nominate Dan Bilodeau.

There were no other nominations.

Passage on the appointment of Jonathan LaBontè 5-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed).

Passage on the appointment of Jeremiah Bartlett 6-0.

Passage on the appointment of Dan Bilodeau 6-0.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque - encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow

Councilor Boss - no report

Councilor Milks - no report

Councilor Lasagna - reported on the School Building Committee

Councilor MacLeod - no report

Councilor Gerry - the city is offering free rides to the polls tomorrow, one vehicle is handicap accessible

Councilor Carrier – the Airport Board will be meeting Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Airport, and the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday evening.

City Manager Crowell – thanked staff and the volunteers that have been preparing for the election. Volunteers have been coming in daily to assist. He added that staff is well prepared for election day. He encouraged residents to check out our Elections Hub on our website. He added that anyone needing transportation to the polls should contact Public Works.

IX. Executive Session – None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Walker joined the meeting remotely. All other Councilors were in attendance in Council Chambers.

I. Executive Session – Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to enter into executive session. Passage 7-0. Time 5:05 PM.

Council was declared out of Executive Session at 5:31 PM.

II. New Business - Charter Review Process

Sec. 2.8. - Review of Charter and ordinances.

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Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to explore adding language in Section 9.1 (b) as follows:

A referendum which fails or passes by a majority vote in a citywide election may not be the subject of another referendum for at least 6 months after the election and no language will dictate a minimum or maximum effective timeframe for such referendum question.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to direct staff to research the addition of residency language on the circulation of petitions to get on the ballot and in conformity with Section 9.3 (C).

Passage 6-1 (Councilor MacLeod opposed).

The Mayor called for a five-minute recess at 6:28 PM. The meeting resumed at 6:33 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Boss to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Motion failed 3-4 (Councilors Gerry, Walker, Milks, and Carrier opposed).

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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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. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items – None

II. Minutes

- October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

- November 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Macleod reported on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee noting that the Minot Avenue and downtown bus routes would not be running Tuesday and Wednesday due to driver shortages.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone of the Thanksgiving take out dinner being offered by the Age Friendly Committee. Orders will have to be called in ahead of time and the dinner is free. The deadline to order is November 20th.

Manager Crowell provided clarification on Councilor MacLeod's update on the bus routes that would not be running on Tuesday and Wednesday noting that although the bus will not be traveling that route, anyone in that area needing transportation can contact LATC to arrange for alternate means of transportation. He also notified the Council that two marijuana business licenses were denied and there is a 30-day window for the applicants to file an appeal.

Mayor Levesque reported on the press conference that was held earlier in the day and the marketing campaign.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

1. Ordinance 10-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Article IV – Housing Code, Division 1 – Generally, Section 12-146, Section and 12-226 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 127-11162020

Requiring masks and physical distancing during all City Council meetings.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to amend by completely striking out the original language and replacing it as follows:

Whereas most Governmental buildings whether Federal, State or Municipally owned are deemed public places and provide public spaces for people to meet in and various departments to offer services for which residents and individuals are in need of – not all spaces in these entities’ are open to the general public.

Whereas it is ordered that when a State of Emergency is declared by our Governor, Governmental agencies Auburn’s Mayor and, etc. – Auburn’s council chambers will be deemed a non-public setting for the city’s departments, agencies, and the City Council to conduct their meetings in a non-comprised environment in order to carry out their duties.

Whereas, The Auburn City Councilors, Mayor, Manager and his or her staff during a pandemic will follow the CDC rules, social distancing and Governor’s mandates as best as practical.

Whereas, Councilors, Mayor, Manager and his or her staff shall wear a mask UNLESS they have a medical condition that make it difficult to wear one when milling around inside the Council Chamber and coming in and out of the room as they get ready for the meeting or when they get up from sitting but once seated if they so choose a mask doesn’t have to be worn.

Whereas, During the opening exercises and the meeting – the Mayor, City Councilors, Manager and his or her staff will be allowed to interact and speak unencumbered by a mask if they so choose in order to communicate in a manner that all participants in the room and at home can clearly hear and understand what the discussion is about and what is going on in the meeting.

Whereas the City councilors have an obligation to be able to hear what their Council mates, Mayor, Manager and staff are saying as clearly as possible to be informed and understand what they are voting on.

Whereas, as long as the City Council chamber is deemed a non-public setting/room during State of Emergency and the Council, Mayor, Manager and City Staff are fulfilling their duties and as acting as a body they will not be penalized for not wearing a mask while sitting at their place similar to those who eat at a restaurant.

Amendment failed 3-4 (Councilors Carrier, Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Passage of Order 127-11162020 4-3 (Councilors Walker, Gerry, and Milks opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to suspend the rules.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to present and add to the agenda the following Resolve:

RESOLVE 12-11162020

Whereas the people of Auburn are struggling with economic hardship and social breakdowns associated with the seemingly never-ending restrictions imposed during the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas many small businesses of Auburn continue to struggle and face impending failure due to ever changing guidelines, rules, and regulations as a result of the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas the dreams and goals of families, children and parents of Auburn who have worked hard and endured many sacrifices are seeing their dreams and the dreams of their children being destroyed forever by the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas the citizens of Auburn with the least resources bear the heaviest burden of the economic and emotional crisis created by the Governor's ongoing State of Emergency; and

Whereas we, the Auburn City council, take the Covid-19 virus very seriously and know the potential effects it may cause, and understand our own loss of free will, our forced compliance, our forced isolation, our loss of livelihood, our social breakdowns and the separation from loved ones has caused even more far reaching consequences than illness associated with Covid-19; and

Whereas the Legislature and Governor have failed in their responsibility to reconvene in a reasonable time frame to do the work of the People; and

Hereby let it further be resolved,

- 1. That the Auburn City Council calls for the Maine Legislature to convene as soon as possible to conduct the people's business; and*
- 2. That the Auburn City Council requests that the Governor reconsider her Executive Orders for the disproportionate adverse impact they have had on Maine's most vulnerable populations, businesses, schoolchildren, and families.*

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

2. Order 128-11162020

Placing remaining proceeds from the sale of city-owned property #217-028-000-000 located at 5 Sprucewood Road in a special purpose fund for repair or remediation of blighted or abandoned properties within the downtown Auburn area.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque – reported that ELHS was closed on Friday due to COVID. He is hearing from a lot of concerned residents and parents. He also reported that the first Comp Plan ad hoc Committee meeting will be held on Thursday of this week, and he provided an update on the status of the Mayor’s Ad hoc Committee on boards and committees.

Councilor Milks- reported that the next Sewer and Water District meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday (Sewer) and Wednesday (Water) at 4:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Councilor Carrier – reported on the COVID cases at ELHS which is now operating in red status (totally remote).

Councilor Gerry – asked when the annual award honoring the former Mayor Jenkins would take place. Tentatively in December.

Councilor Lasagna – reminded everyone that the Farmer’s Market will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday’s in Auburn at the Senior Center.

Manager Crowell – reported that a Special Council meeting will be held on November 30th at 5:00 pm to continue the Charter Review. The School Committee will have representatives here for that meeting. The City Attorney will also be attending. He also provided an update on the COVID incidents in Auburn adding that Matt Fifield has been working closely with the School Department and Auburn businesses.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October 2020 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to place on file. Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded from Councilor Gerry to postpone until the next regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session - None

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. New Business - Charter Review Process

Sec. 2.8. - Review of Charter and ordinances.

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Dr. Connie Brown (School Superintendent), Karen Mathieu (School Committee Chair), and Adam Hanson (Business Manager for the School Department) were present and provided Council with the following proposed Charter amendments:

Sec. 4.2. - Composition and compensation.

The school committee shall consist of the mayor, or a city councilor selected by the mayor, and seven other members. Five members shall be elected, one from each ward by and from its registered voters. Two members shall be elected at-large by and from the city's registered voters. members shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified except that any candidate whose name does not appear on the printed ballot must receive at least 25 valid write-in votes in order to qualify for election to that position. The school committee may appoint by rule non-voting student representatives to serve with the school committee. *Student members will be secondary students and will serve a 1-year term*”.

Sec. 4.4. - Meetings.

The school committee shall, at the call of the city clerk or deputy city clerk, first meet at Auburn Hall or such other public location within the city within 45 days after the regular municipal election to be sworn by the city clerk or deputy city clerk to the faithful discharge of their duties, and to elect a chairperson who shall be a voting member. The school committee shall meet for subsequent meetings at such time and place as it determines by rule. *The school committee will have a minimum two meetings per month.* Meetings of the school committee other than executive sessions shall be open to the public as required by state statute, and the school committee shall promote public participation in and public notice of its meetings in the contemporary means of information sharing. Agendas and supporting information for meetings shall be available to the public at the superintendent of schools' office at least two business days prior to the meeting as well as electronically through the city's website, if available.

Sec. 4.5. - Quorum.

A majority of the voting members of the school committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn or compel attendance of absent members.

The School Committee recommends this language be tightened up.

Sec. 4.7. - Voting.

A roll call vote shall be taken on the passage of any order or resolve when requested by any member. Any action by the school committee shall require at least four affirmative votes; however, in the event of a tie the measure fails. Five affirmative votes shall be required to hire or fire the superintendent of schools.

The School Committee requests that the City Solicitor review this language to ensure it is in compliance with Title 20-A Sub Chapter 2, Sub Section 1051 (Selection of Superintendents, Appointment) and 1052 (Discharge Requirements).

Sec. 4.9. – Superintendent of schools.

The school committee shall choose a superintendent of schools solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. The superintendent of schools need not be a resident of the city at the time of appointment, but shall be a resident of the city during tenure of office unless otherwise approved by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends that the hiring/termination language of the Superintendent be placed in this paragraph. The School Committee requests that City Solicitor review this language to ensure it is in compliance with Title 20-A Sub Chapter 2, Sub Section 1051 (Selection of Superintendents, Appointment) and 1052 (Discharge Requirements).

Sec. 8.7. - Amendments after adoption.

A. *Supplemental appropriations.* If during or before the fiscal year the city manager certifies that there are available for appropriation municipal revenues, including those of the ~~department of education~~ Auburn School Department, in excess of those estimated in the budget, the city council by resolve may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of such excess.

Sec. 8.16. - Procurement.

[A.] The city council shall by rule adopt, within one year from the adoption of this Charter, a procurement policy for the city's purchase of materials and services for all the city's departments, including the ~~department of education~~ Auburn School Department. This procurement process shall assure an understandable, comprehensive, fair process for such purchases based on state statute, state rules and regulations, and the city's experience and expertise in this area.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod seconded by Councilor Carrier to move forward with the recommendations of the school department and to draft language to present back at a future date (section 4).

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to direct staff to continue looking at options for staggered terms.

Motion failed 1-6 (Councilors Lasagna, MacLeod, Milks, Carrier, Walker, and Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to direct staff to research residency requirements regarding petitions and proposed language to be considered by the Council. Passage 7-0.

II. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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 for a moment of remembrance to recognize the 79th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Councilor Walker then requested a moment of silence in remembrance of former City Councilor, Normand McKeone. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent – None

II. Minutes

November 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

November 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna reminded everyone about the Farmers Market that is held on Sundays from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Auburn Senior Community Center.

Councilor MacLeod reminded everyone that the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) has a survey out, you do not have to use public transportation to complete the survey.

Mayor Levesque reported that the Festival Plaza Christmas Tree is now up and lit. He thanked the residents that donated the tree, and everyone that participated in putting up and decorating it.

IV. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 11-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to the Downtown Enterprise District. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 12-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand T-4.1 Traditional Main Street Neighborhood. First reading.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 128-12072020

Approving the proposed rate adjustments to the Policy on Emergency Medical Services Billing and Collection.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 129-12072020

Authorizing funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the FY20 CIP for Fitness Equipment be reallocated to Mt. Apatite upgrades.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

5. Order 130-12072020

Approving an order preventing the unauthorized use of the City name, brand, likeness, and character.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend as follows:

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby authorizes that the only allowable names of the City are ‘Auburn’ and the ‘City of Auburn, Maine’. As of adoption, there will be no official use of a moniker, though from time to time a moniker may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives. As of adoption, the only approved slogan is “No Steps Backward” in either Latin or English though from time to time, a slogan may be approved by the City Council for use in advertising or marketing initiatives. Any City created commission, board, and committee and any outside group receiving funds or City staff support must submit for approval by the city council ***before use of*** any logo, slogan, or variation of name **prior to use**. Any outside group soliciting funds from local, state, or federal sources must seek permission from the City Council before using city council approved names, slogans, logos or monikers in their solicitation efforts that imply Municipal support.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of order 130-12072020 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to suspend the rules.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to propose a Resolve (13-12072020) as follows:

RESOLVE: The Auburn City Council hereby accepts and supports the “Auburn, your next _____ is closer than you think” as our approved slogan for use by the City and it’s departments/committees/boards/and commissions until further action by this council.

Any other use of this slogan or campaign material in whole or in part by any other entity is strictly prohibited unless permission received from the City Council and or authorization signed by the Auburn City Manager or his designee.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend as follows:

Any other use of this slogan or campaign material in whole or in part by any other entity is strictly prohibited unless permission received from the City Manager ~~Council and or~~ authorization signed by the Auburn City Manager or his designee.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Resolve 13-12072020 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Open Session – No one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to suspend the rules. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Gerry to propose a Resolve (14-12072020) as follows:

*Auburn City Council Resolve, December 7th, 2020
Let it be known, based on the needs and wants of the residents of Auburn and the physical and psychological needs of our youth, this Council resolves for the School Committee to implement a plan for our youth to return to school at least 4 days per week starting January 4th.*

Passage 4-3. There was a tie vote 3-3-1 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod opposed, Councilor Carrier abstained) and in accordance to the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote voting in favor of the resolve. A roll call vote was taken.

VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the Mayor's Ad hoc Committee on Boards & Committees. He will be sending out a survey to Board and Committee Chairs to find out what would be a good time to meet via zoom to talk about the proposal on Boards & Committees. The Comp Plan review has started and the committee will meet at least once a month.

Councilor Carrier provided an update on the School Committee upcoming budget.

Councilor Milks reported that budget hearings will be held for the Water and Sewer Districts coming up this week.

Councilor Gerry provided information on former City Councilor, Normand McKeone who recently passed.

Councilor Boss provided an update on the Auburn Public Library who is now doing curbside pickup only due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. Computer use is by appointment only and is limited. Mayor Levesque inquired about the Ag Committee and the status of the priorities of work and requested a report back at the next meeting.

City Manager Crowell provided an update on the joint use of fields with the School Department. He also provided an update on Covid-19.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – October 2020 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the October 2020 Final Monthly Report. Passage 7-0.

IX. Executive Session

Economic Development, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C). This executive session was held during the workshop.

Legal consultation, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(E).

Passage 7-0, time 8:23 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 131-12212020*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Civilian Process Servers for the Auburn Police Department and Constable Process Servers without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn with term expirations of December 31, 2021.

2. Order 132-12212020*

Appointing Bryan Batchelder as the Local Sealer of Weights and Measures with a term expiration of December 31, 2021.

3. Order 133-12212020*

Confirming the appointment of Dana Staples as the Comprehensive Plan Ad hoc Committee Chair.

4. Order 134-12212020*

Approving the waiver of foreclosure for ABDC (Auburn Business Development Corporation).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the four consent items.

Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

November 30, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2020 Special Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

December 7, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Safe Voices – Elise Johanson presented
- City staff and community volunteers for the Grab and Go Feeding Program were recognized and presented with the Spirit of America Award
- Proclamation – The Mayor proclaimed December 21, 2020 as Extra Mile Day in Auburn
- Presentation of City Logos and slogans – Liz Allen and Phil Crowell
- Mayor Levesque provided a communication from Dr. Salim Furth, Mercatus Center
- Mayor Levesque provided a communication from Richard Trafton
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque – wanted to give the Council a heads up that there will be an order presented at the January 4th Council meeting to schedule the 2nd regular meeting of the month for Tuesday, January 19th.

Councilor Lasagna – encouraged everyone to take a ride around the City to check out the holiday lights.

Councilor Gerry – wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday adding that we've all been through a lot.

Councilor Walker – wanted to let everyone know that Mike Small (Small's Greenhouse located on Summer Street in Auburn) donated some beautiful poinsettias for Councilors and staff to take home. He also reminded everyone about the special holiday meal being put on by the Age Friendly Community noting that there is only one more day to call it in orders.

IV. Open Session - Larry Pelletier, Second Street, addressed the sidewalks in New Auburn.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 08-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 14, Article XVIII – Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Businesses, Section 14-656, Section 14-658 and Section 14-659 of the Ordinances of the City of Auburn. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 09-11022020

Adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 60, Article IX – Home Occupation Regulations, Section 60-738 of the Ordinances of the City. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote taken.

3. Ordinance 11-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to the Downtown Enterprise District. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Ordinance 12-12072020

Adopting a zoning map change to expand T-4.1 Traditional Main Street Neighborhood. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business

1. Order 135-12212020

Approving the Liquor License for Chipotle located on Center Street in Auburn. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room during the vote).

2. Order 136-12212020

Approving the CDBG-CV amendment to the PY2019 Annual Action Plan.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

3. Order 137-12212020

Approving the Tax Increment Financing District 25 (Futureguard, 101 Merrow Road).

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

The public hearing began at 8:08 PM. No one from the public spoke and the public hearing ended at 8:09 PM.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

4. Order 138-12212020

Authorizing the waiver of all building permit fees for the new Edward Little High School.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 5-2 (Councilors Walker and Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

5. **Order 139-12212020**

Conducting all City Council meetings remotely until further notice.

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

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Carrier to table this item indefinitely.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors Boss, Lasagna, and MacLeod were opposed). A roll call vote taken.

VII. **Open Session** – Larry Pelletier, Second Street commented on sidewalk issues in New Auburn.

VIII. **Reports (from sub-committees to Council)**

Mayor Levesque – Provided an update on the work of the Comp Plan review committee.

Councilor Boss – Provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, the Ag Committee, and asked for an update on the Ad hoc Committee on Boards & Committees.

Councilor Lasagna – Requested an update from the Citizen’s Advisory Committee during committee reports, and also questioned the Point of Order question that was brought up earlier in the meeting.

Councilor MacLeod – Provided an update on the LATC survey and the School Building Committee meeting that was held last Tuesday.

Councilor Gerry – Provided information on the Age Friendly Committee’s upcoming take-out lunch.

Councilor Milks – Reported that the budgets were approved for both the Water and Sewer Districts. He also provided an update on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

Councilor Walker – Reported on the recent 911 meeting, and he noted that the Waste to Energy meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Councilor Carrier – Provided updates on the School Committee meeting and Airport Board.

Manager Crowell – Provided an update on a marijuana business license that was originally denied. It was scheduled to come before the Council for an appeal, however due to an error on a criminal background report that was provided, we are no longer denying the license for that reason. He thanked Mamie Ney, Library Director and the Library Board for continuing with the Auburn Adventures Program.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – November Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the November 2020 final monthly report. Passage 7-0.

9. **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 8:58 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:25 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod.
Passage 7-0, time 9:25 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:45 PM.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn.
Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk