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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

# I. Consent Items - None

# II. Minutes - December 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

#### III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Women's Suffrage Mural Rebecca Swanson Conrad
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor MacLeod** – reminded everyone that the indoor Farmer's Market is closed until the Spring.

**City Manager Crowell** – provided an update on the Farmer's Market "bucks" that were distributed. They are no longer valid, however new Farmer's Market "bucks" will be available in the Spring. He also wanted to let the Council know that a plant was sent to the family of Normand McKeone, former City Council, who recently passed and a thank you note was received from the family.

Mayor Levesque – provided an update on the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation's vacant seat noting that he has been appointed as an interim director of the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Corporation filling the remainder of Dick Trafton's term (April 2021).

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

#### V. Unfinished Business - None

#### VI. New Business

#### 1. Order 01-01042021

Approving the Packgen TIF District #26. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Lasagna to postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

#### 2. Order 02-01042021

Setting the date for the second council meeting in January to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 3. Order 03-01042021

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with FB Environmental Associates for the evaluation of ordinances applicable to the protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed.

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

Public comment – Forrest Bell, Adam Daignault, and Rich Brereton from the firm of FB Environmental Associates spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone to the next regular Council meeting (January 19, 2021).

Passage 7-0.

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

#### VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor Levesque** – announced that he will be providing the State of the City address on 1/19/2021, he also commented on the PAL Christmas efforts where gifts were collected for 175 kids and gave thanks to the volunteers and everyone that donated toys.

**Councilor Walker** – reported on the holiday take out meal that the Age Friendly Committee put on noting that it was a big success.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library, adding that the board of trustees will be meeting again January 19<sup>th</sup>. She reported on the Ag Committee meeting that was held last week, the next meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Last, she provided an update on the Comp Plan review team.

**City Manager Crowell** – echoed the comments made about the PAL Christmas effort and the holiday meal put on by the Age Friendly Committee. He noted that we are working through staffing challenges (quarantines, exposures, etc.) adding that all departments are still operating efficiently and still meeting the service needs of the community.

#### **IX.** Executive Session - Labor negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (D).

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

Passage 7-0, time 8:10 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 PM.

### X. Adjournment

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Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 PM.

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	Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present. A moment of silence was held in memory of Brian Sicknick who was a member of the Capital Hill Police Force. Officer Sicknick was killed during the Capital building riots on January 6, 2021.

#### **III.** Consent Items

#### 1. Order 04-01192021

Setting the time to open the polls for all 2021 election for 7:00 A.M.

#### 2. Order 05-01192021

Accepting the transfer of \$4,535.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-1787 David Cochran).

#### 3. Order 06-01192021

Accepting the transfer of \$2,480.00 forfeiture assets in Rem in U.S. Currency to the Auburn Police Department (Unified Criminal Court Docket No. CR-20-1787 Lloyd Lyttle).

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

Passage 7-0.

# IV. Minutes – January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

# VIII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Mayor Levesque delivered his State of the City Address which was pre-recorded
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna took a moment to reflect on the events that happened on January 6, 2021 at the Capital Building noting that while it is important look outwardly at the cracks in our democracy and our government, which led to the violence, we should also look inwardly at

the cracks that may exist in our own community and the potential cracks within ourselves and do what we can to ensure equity and commitment to each other.

# IX. Open Session

Larry Pelletier, New Auburn resident, commented on litter and dog waste in the City.

#### X. Unfinished Business

#### 4. Order 01-01042021

Approving the Packgen TIF District #26.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to postpone this item indefinitely.

Passage 7-0.

#### 5. Order 03-01042021

Authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with FB Environmental Associates for the evaluation of ordinances applicable to the protection of the Lake Auburn Watershed.

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

Public comment - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### XI. New Business

#### 1. Order 07-01192021

Approving the liquor license for El tequila Restaurant located at 245 Center Street. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing - no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 2. Order 08-01192021

Authorizing the reallocation \$150,000 originally allocated for the Auburn Lewiston Airport main terminal parking lot to be used for the Eastside Aircraft Apron Reconstruction Project.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

# XIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor Levesque** – announced that the Comp Plan ad hoc review committee has been meeting actively and the next meeting is scheduled for January 21st.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided a School Committee update.

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Councilor Walker – reminded everyone about the upcoming Valentine's Day (February 14, 2021) spaghetti dinner that the Age Friendly Committee will be putting on. The dinner is a takeout dinner, there is no charge, orders must be called in in advance. He also expressed some concerns about the Sopers Mill Road bid on underground piping and the pond in that area.

**Councilor Milks** – provided an update on the Sewer District meeting held earlier in the afternoon adding that the Water District Trustee meeting will be held tomorrow.

**Councilor MacLeod** – provided an update on the LATC meeting, and the Comp Plan ad hoc committee meeting.

**Councilor Lasagna** – asked for an update on the ad hoc committee on Boards & Committees and provided an update on the School Building Committee.

**Councilor Boss** – reported that she has been hearing from residents about their excitement about the newly opened Holy Donuts as well as some traffic concerns in that area.

**Manager Crowell** – provided the Council with some upcoming items slated for future Council meetings. He provided an update on COVID vaccinations.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – December 2020 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the December 2020 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0

#### IX. Executive Session

- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A). This executive session was taken up during the workshop.
- Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A).
   Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time 7:52 PM.

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

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned 8:15 PM.

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	Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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.

V. 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.

#### 6. Order 09-02012021\*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Logan Rossignol as a Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

#### 7. Order 10-02012021\*

Setting the date for the second council meeting in February to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

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

Passage 7-0.

# VI. Minutes – January 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

#### XIV. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Continuation of Council Workshop on Ordinance Review
- Council Communications (about and to the community) None at this time.
- **XV. Open Session** No one from the public spoke.

#### XVI. Unfinished Business - None

#### **XVII.** New Business

#### 1. Ordinance 01-02012021

Amending the zoning map adjusting the boundary to remove the parcel at 186 Main Street from the T.4.2 Form Based District and include the parcel in the T.5.1 Form Based Code District. First Reading.

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.

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#### 2. Ordinance 02-02012021

Expanding the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to replace current zoning in the Multi-family Urban District in the New Auburn neighborhood. First Reading.

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.

#### 3. Order 11-02012021

Appointing Glen Holmes to the Auburn Lewiston Airport Board as the City Manager Representative.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 4. Order 12-02012021

Appointing Eric Cousens to the Androscoggin Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) Policy Committee, replacing the City Manager.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

# **VIII.** Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

Mayor Levesque reported on the Comp Plan review process noting that more information can be found on our website and he encouraged public feedback. He also reported that meetings were held last week and again this week with Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital to try to determine potential COVID vaccine sites.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone about the upcoming Valentine's Day spaghetti take out dinner. He also wanted everyone know that due to the storm, the Age Friendly Committee meeting is postponed to the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

Councilor Gerry reported that the Grab and Go grocery program will be this Thursday instead of Wednesday due to the storm.

Councilor Macleod echoed the Mayor's comments on the Comprehensive Plan review and also encouraged public comments.

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Councilor Lasagna reported that the ELHS Building Committee meeting has been moved from February to March.

Councilor Boss provided an update on the Ag Committee.

City Manager Crowell reminded everyone of the parking ban due to storm, and also noted that Auburn Hall may close, also because of the storm. That will be determined tomorrow morning. He provided Council with an update on upcoming agenda items. He reported that he and the mayor participated in the Legislative Policy Committee meeting looking at various bills that are being brought forth, adding that he will keep the Council up to date on those. He provided follow up on the Sopers Mill road piping project that was mentioned at the previous Council meeting, and last, he thanked Brian Soucy from our IT department for the work he has done to improve the audio quality for these meetings.

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

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

Passage 7-0. Time: 7:37 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 7:44 PM.

### X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod 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 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was held in memory of Dr. Bernard Lown who recently passed away.

All Councilors were present.

VII. 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 13-02162021\*

Re-appointing Susan Clements-Dallaire as Registrar of Voters with a term expiration of December 31, 2022.

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

Passage 7-0.

# VIII. Minutes – February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

#### XIX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- CDBG Annual Report Presentation Zachary Lenhert
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Walker – provided an update on the Valentine's Day spaghetti dinner, and he thanked all involved.

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

#### XXI. Unfinished Business

# 5. Ordinance 01-02012021

Amending the zoning map adjusting the boundary to remove the parcel at 186 Main Street from the T.4.2 Form Based District and include the parcel in the T.5.1 Form Based Code District. Public hearing and second reading.

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

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Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

#### XXII. New Business

#### 3. Order 14-02162021

Adopting the Community Development Block Grant's (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 6. Ordinance 03-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Gerry to amend the language in the last sentence as noted below.

# Be it ordained, that the City Council hereby amends Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 as follows:

Sec. 2-381. - Established.

The city has such boards, commissions, committees, agencies, and other subunits of its governing authority as are established from time to time by the city Charter or the city council. The school committee is established in the city Charter, and information regarding other city boards, commissions, committees, agencies, and similar bodies is available in this article and on the city's official website. The council has created advisory boards to provide oversight and facilitate communication between the various boards, commissions, and committees as well as the elected officials.

Passage of the amendment 6-0 (Councilor Walker was not in the room for the vote).

Passage of Ordinance 03-02162021 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

#### 7. Ordinance 04-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-430 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke

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

# 8. Ordinance 05-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. 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 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

#### 9. Ordinance 06-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-432 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

#### 10. Ordinance 07-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-433 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

#### 11. Ordinance 08-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-434 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

#### 12. Ordinance 09-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-435 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

#### 13. Ordinance 10-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-440 of the Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

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

# 14. Order 15-02162021

Approving the formation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate and recommend changes to the city ordinance as it pertains to permitting and fees.

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

Public comment-no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

**XXIII.** Open Session – no one from the public spoke.

#### **XXIV.** Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he has been in communication with staff and has reached out to non-profit organizations that have goals offering different opportunities for youth in regards to recreation and how these programs can help people with disabilities and low to moderate incomes.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library services.

**Councilor MacLeod** – provided an update on The Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) meeting, Great Falls TV meeting, ELHS building committee, and the Comp Plan sub committee meeting.

**Councilor Milks** – reported on the Sewer District meeting held earlier today and noted that the Water District will be meeting tomorrow.

**Councilor Walker** – requested time during an upcoming workshop for the Age Friendly Committee to provide an update. He also provided information on the Walk in the Park event scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. The United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at Rolly's Diner where they will discuss the event.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided an update on the School Committee meeting.

**Manager Crowell** – provided an update on the Solar Energy project update, the temporary closing of the Tax Office due to several staff members testing positive to Covid-19, and the search for a vaccination site. He also provided the Council with some upcoming agenda items.

#### Jill Eastman, Finance Director – January 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to accept and place on file the January 2021 final monthly finance report.

Passage 7-0.

**XXV.** 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 Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:05 PM.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:09 PM.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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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.

**IX.** 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.

#### 8. Order 16-03012021\*

Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Steve Chouinard, Constable Process Server to serve documents on behalf of the Auburn Police Department without firearm/arrest powers (Private) within the City of Auburn for 2021.

#### 9. Order 17-03012021\*

Setting the date to hold the School Budget Validation Referendum Election for June 8, 2021.

#### 10. Order 18-03012021\*

Confirming the appointment of Robert Cavanagh as full member and Renee Cote as alternate member of the Registration Appeals Board as nominated by the Democratic party.

#### 11. Order 19-03012021\*

Confirming Mayor Levesque's re-appointment of Leonard Kimble to the Ethics Committee with a term expiration of 11-01-2023.

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker for passage of the 4 consent items.

Passage 7-0.

# X. Minutes - February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

#### XXVI. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Age Friendly Committee Update (Leroy Walker & Jan Biron)
- Economic Development City Owned Properties (Jay Brenchick)
- Council Communications (about and to the community) There were none.

### **XXVII. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

#### **XXVIII.** Unfinished Business

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#### 15. Ordinance 02-02012021

Expanding the T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood to replace current zoning in the Multi-family Urban District in the New Auburn 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.

#### 16. Ordinance 03-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 2-381 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Carrier for passage of the second reading for Ordinances 03-02162021 through 10-02162021.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

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

#### 17. Ordinance 04-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-430 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

#### 18. Ordinance 05-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

#### 19. Ordinance 06-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-432 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

#### 20. Ordinance 07-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-433 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

#### 21. Ordinance 08-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-434 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

#### 22. Ordinance 09-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-435 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

#### 23. Ordinance 10-02162021

Amending Article V. Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 2 – Generally, Sec. 2-440 of the Code of Ordinances. Second reading.

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#### **XXIX.** New Business

#### 4. Order 20-03012021

Approving the consolidation and polling place changes as recommended by staff. Public hearing.

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).

#### 5. Ordinance 11-03012021

Amending Chapter 60 to correct spelling, capitalization and word placement errors. First reading.

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. Ordinance 12-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII re-zoning a portion of Parcels PID 057-003, 057-003-001, 057-002, 057-001 on Trapp Road from Rural Residential to Agriculture/Resource Protection. First 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. A roll call vote was taken.

#### 7. Ordinance 13-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII expanding the form-based code zoning district T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood, In the Court/Lake Street and Lake Auburn Avenue, Union, Lake, and Whitney Streets areas. First reading.

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.

#### 8. Ordinance 14-03012021

Amending Chapter 52 – Traffic. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

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

### 9. Ordinance 15-03012021

Amending Chapter 24 - General Assistance. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 10. Ordinance 16-03012021

Amending Chapter 61, Section 61-1 – Moratorium on social clubs and retail medical marijuana caregiver storefronts. First 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.

#### 11. Ordinance 17-03012021

Amending the Code, Appendix A to include language for the Veteran Relocation and Development Incentive Program. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – No one From the public spoke.

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

#### 12. Order 21-03012021

Appointing Ian Campbell to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6-1-2022.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 13. Order 22-03012021

Appointing Riley Bergeron as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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#### 14. Order 23-03012021

Re-appointing Evan Cyr as full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of 1-1-2024.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 15. Order 24-03012021

Appointing Brian Dubois 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 7-0.

#### 16. Order 25-03012021

Re-appointing Raymond Fortier to the Auburn Sewer District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 17. Order 26-03012021

Appointing Kevin Arel to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 18. Order 27-03012021

Re-appointing Robert Cavanagh to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees with a term expiration of 3-1-2025.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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#### 19. Order 28-03012021

Re-appointing Courtney McDonough to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of 10-1-2023.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 20. Order 29-03012021

Appointing Joseph Morin to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member with a term expiration of 10-1-2023.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

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

# VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

- a. Mayor's Report
- **b.** City Councilors' Reports
- c. City Manager Report

**Councilor Carrier** – Reported that the Airport Board will be meeting on Thursday, and he provided an update on the School Committee meeting.

**Councilor Walker** – Reported that there will be an Age Friendly Committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm. They are joining with the United New Auburn Association on the Walk in the Park event scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. He reported on the 911 Committee meeting, and the Waste to Energy meeting.

**Councilor Milks** – Provided an update on the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees on the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) complaint.

**Councilor Gerry** – Noted that the Farmers Market will not be held on Sunday as mentioned earlier during the meeting.

**Councilor MacLeod** – Reported on the Comprehensive Plan work group meeting, the Audit Committee meeting, and the first Permitting Fee Structure meeting is scheduled for Friday.

**Councilor Lasagna** – Provided an update on the School Building Committee.

**Councilor Boss** – Reported on last week's Ag Committee meeting adding that they will be providing an update to the City Council at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.

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**Mayor Levesque** – Provided updates on the Legislative Policy Committee, the Railroad Corporation, and the Comprehensive Plan work group.

Manager Crowell – Thanked the public for their patience while the Tax Office was closed temporarily. He also gave thanks and appreciation to the Council for fitting in all of the committee meetings into their busy schedules. He also stated that we are moving forward with the online permitting process. In regards to the Legislative Policy Committee, he noted that he will be paying close attention to those bills and will be sure to keep the Council abreast of those items.

**XXXI.** Executive Session – Contract negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

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

Passage 7-0. Time 8:22 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:40 pm.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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# Leroy G. Walker, Sr., City Councilor Ward 5 Age-Friendly Report 2019-2020

Good evening, Mayor Levesque, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Councilors and City Staff,

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, things had to change drastically with our Age-Friendly programs, but I am proud of what we, as a team, were able to accomplish. We found different ways to feed people in need, and gave them something to look forward to in these lonely, separated times. It was quite a challenge.

Beginning in August of 2019, our group raised funds by hosting the beverage booth at the Balloon Festival and we raised over \$1000.00 for the Age-Friendly program.

We held a Box Car Movie Night for kids, where the kids decorated boxes (provided by International Paper) to look like cars, and showed a youth movie. It was enjoyed by all. Over 100 people participated. Some of the box cars were taken home. The remainder were donated to a daycare center. They were very happy to have them.

On November 2, 2019, the ribbon cutting was held, opening the newly renovated Auburn Senior Community Center in Pettengill Park.

On November 24, 2019, we held an in-person Thanksgiving dinner, free of charge, to anyone who wanted to attend. There were approximately 150 people in attendance, and about 20 meals were taken home to those who couldn't attend. ReEnergy, Inc. donated \$500.00 to this event. Mike Small, of Small's Greenhouse on Summer Street in Auburn, donated beautiful poinsettias, valued at about \$200.00, for people to take home for the holidays.

On December 13, 2019, we held an adult Christmas Movie, "White Christmas", and served cookies and popcorn to all who attended. It was very well received. Approximately 50 people attended.

On New Year's Day 2020, we held an in-person meal of finger rolls, chips, pickles, olives, dessert and beverage to approximately 200 people. We showed a video count-down from New York's Time Square of the last 30 seconds of 2019 and handed out noise makers and hats to everyone. We had a puzzle, games, Corn Hole, and music for everyone to enjoy.

On January 20, 2020, we held our first bus tour with the City Link Bus Company, with Italian sandwiches being served, and a class on how the bus system works. Many people attended and were grateful for the information. About 20 people were present. Everyone had the opportunity to ride the entire bus route.

On January 22, 2020, we had a light lunch and movie, with popcorn being served. 52 people attended.

On February 14, 2020 – Valentine's Day, we held an in-person spaghetti and meatball dinner. Larry Gowell sang love songs and participants sang and danced. We had a full house on that day – 150 people.

On February 20, 2020, we had our second City Link talk, ride and Italian sandwich luncheon, with 27 people. Everyone took the bus tour.

On February 27, 2020, we had a beef stew lunch, followed by a movie. 65 people attended.

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This is where things changed drastically.

On March 17, 2020, we would have held what would have become our last in-person dinner, a boiled dinner for St. Patrick's Day. We were not, however, able to hold this event due to the beginning of the Covid 19 virus. All of the food that was purchased for the dinner was given to the "Grab and Go" program, to be distributed by the recreation department.

On April 23, 2020, we were supposed to have a light lunch and movie, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On May 14, 2020, we had scheduled a Mother's Day lunch and movie with cake and popcorn, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On June 25, 2020, we planned a Father's Day light lunch and movie with cake and popcorn, but had to cancel due to Covid-19.

On July 23, 2020, we planned a Fun Day lunch with hamburgers and corn on the cob, with games like Corn Hole, board games, and more. This was cancelled due to Covid-19.

On August 27, 2020, we had planned a light lunch with games inside and outside. This was cancelled due to Covid-19.

On September 24, 2020, a light lunch and a movie with popcorn was scheduled, but cancelled due to Covid-19.

On October 22, 2020, we had planned a light lunch and a movie with popcorn. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

We also had a bean supper on October 17th, serving 41 people beans, hot dogs, bread, dessert and beverage. This was a "Stop and Go" meal, where people picked up their food and took it home.

On Halloween, the Hello-Ween program took place, serving over 500 children with candy and music at Little Andy Park, hosted by the United New Auburn Association and Age-Friendly Community Committee.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, we held a "Stop & Go" full Thanksgiving dinner for all who wanted or needed one. Over 250 people picked up a meal and took it home to enjoy. This FREE meal was sponsored by ReSource Waste Services and Cure, owned by John Morrison. Over \$600.00 in donations came in.

Finally, on December 30, 2020, we hosted a combined Christmas and New Year's "Stop & Go" luncheon of finger rolls, chips, dessert and beverage. We served approximately 265 people from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Matt Leonard co-sponsored this event.

For all of the meals, donations were accepted and gratefully appreciated. In spite of Covid-19, we have managed to continue to connect with our community members and keep them engaged.

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On February 14, 2021, Valentine's Day, we held another "Stop & Go" spaghetti and meatballs dinner. It wasn't the same as last year, because there was no entertainment, dancing or singing, but there was plenty of food and good will from all of our Age-Friendly board members and volunteers, who consider themselves privileged to serve their community. We served 285 people from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We received \$370.00 in donations and John Morrison (Cure) sponsored this event. It was a great success.

We are planning to offer movies again at the Senior Community Center in Pettengill Park on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We plan to hold the first one on the third Wednesday of March, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for the movies. No food will be allowed in the facility. People can bring their own beverages, according to the CDC regulations. Masks must be worn. Registration is required in advance, as we can only allow 30 people in the building at one time. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

The Age-Friendly Community Committee wants to thank the Auburn Recreation Department and its staff for the great support to every one of our events. They have helped to make each one a great success.

Considering the fact that we have only been in existence for 2 years, with a pandemic taking place half-way through, we have successfully united our community and provided many people who have food insecurity and socialization issues with what they needed. It has been quite a challenge and we stepped up to that challenge. We've received many wonderful comments and thanks from almost every participant. We hope to continue for a long time to come with your support.

Thank you,

Jan Biron

On behalf of Leroy G. Walker, Sr., City Councilor, Ward 5

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

#### **XI.** Consent Items - None

# XII. Minutes – March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Passage 7-0.

#### XXXII. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognition The Mayor John Jenkins Hands & Hearts Leadership Service Award was awarded to Deputy Fire Chief, Matt Fifield
- Presentation of the City Manager's Preliminary Budget
- Proclamation Greek Independence Day
- Recognition The Maine Recreation and Parks Association has awarded the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department with the Facility of Merit Award for the Auburn Senior Community Center
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Mayor Levesque** – reminded everyone that the Auburn Mall is the host of the Androscoggin County mass vaccination site.

**Councilor Gerry** – noted that the LA transit bus will be stopping at the Auburn Mall for anyone that needs transportation to get their vaccine.

**Councilor Lasagna** - added that there is also free transportation to vaccination sites throughout the State which can be found on the Maine CDC website. She also said that she has been getting a lot of questions regarding the new proposed zoning and asked if we could hold a question & answer forum on this item.

**Councilor Walker** – announced that the Age Friendly Committee is going to offer a movie at the Senior Center for up to 30 people. Anyone interested should call the Recreation Department to make sure there is room. This will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 pm. They will be offering another one next month. He also reminded everyone of the Walk in the Park event to be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**XXXIII. Open Session** – no one from the public spoke.

#### **XXXIV.** Unfinished Business

#### 21. Ordinance 11-03012021

Amending Chapter 60 to correct spelling, capitalization and word placement errors. Public hearing and second reading.

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

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Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 22. Ordinance 12-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII re-zoning a portion of Parcels PID 057-003, 057-003-001, 057-002, 057-001 on Trapp Road from Rural Residential to Agriculture/Resource Protection. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 23. Ordinance 13-03012021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVII expanding the form-based code zoning district T-4.2 Traditional Downtown Neighborhood, In the Court/Lake Street and Lake Auburn Avenue, Union, Lake, and Whitney Streets areas. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 24. Ordinance 14-03012021

Amending Chapter 52 – Traffic. Second 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.

#### 25. Ordinance 15-03012021

Amending Chapter 24 - General Assistance. 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.

#### 26. Ordinance 16-03012021

Amending Chapter 61, Section 61-1 – Moratorium on social clubs and retail medical marijuana caregiver storefronts. Public hearing and second reading.

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

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Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 27. Ordinance 17-03012021

Amending the Code, Appendix A to include language for the Veteran Relocation and Development Incentive Program. Second reading.

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.

#### XXXV. New Business

#### 1. Order 30-03152021

Re-appointing Bruce Bickford to the Railroad Company to serve from April 2021-April 2024.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 2. Order 31-03152021

Appointing Mayor Jason Levesque to the Railroad Company filling the remaining term of outgoing Director, Richard Trafton, serving from April 2021-April 2023.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 3. Order 32-03152021

Initiating a Planning Board Ordinance Change to Amend Chapter 60 – Secondary dwellings.

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.

#### 4. Order 33-03152021

Ratifying the contract for (FOP) Fraternal Order of Police Patrol Detectives.

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

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Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### **XXXVI. Open Session** – No one from the public spoke.

### **VIII.** Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on proposed legislation, reported that he was invited by MMA to give a presentation to Rep. Golden on Thursday to talk about Auburn and how we are moving forward during COVID, and how we are using the stimulus funds and more.

**Councilor Milks** – reported that the Sewer Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday at 4:00 pm and the Water Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

**Councilor Macleod** – reported on the last LATC meeting, and the Permits and Fees subcommittee.

**Councilor Lasagna** – commented on the new ELHS Building outline and added that they are working on plans for the ground-breaking.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported that if anyone has questions for the School Committee budget, let him know and he will try to get the questions answered.

**Manager Crowell** – thanked the Finance Director and Department Directors for their work on the budget. He pointed out that he included an Annual Report in the Councilors budget packet adding that it will be available on our website for the public to view. He pointed out that the CIP plan can also be found in their workbooks. He talked about the traffic plan around the ELHS construction. He also went over the budget schedule.

#### Jill Eastman, Finance Director – February 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Milks to accept and place on file the February 2021 Final Monthly Report.

Passage 7-0.

#### **XXXVII.** Executive Sessions:

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

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

Passage 7-0. Time 8:17 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:33 pm.

# Personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(A) IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 15, 2021 VOL. 36 PAGE 129

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

Passage 7-0. Time 8:33 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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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.

# Pledge of Allegiance

**XIII.** 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.

#### 12. Order 34-04052021\*

Setting the date for the second regular council meeting in April to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

#### 13. Order 35-04052021\*

Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY2020 local solicitation - Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government document to be submitted with the grant application.

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

Passage 7-0.

# **XIV.** Minutes – March 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

# III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Communication St. Mary's Nutrition Center Annual Report (Auburn Community Gardens)
- Agricultural Committee Update Katie Boss, Scott Blanchard, David Griswold (via phone)
- Permit Fees Update Tim MacLeod and Katie Boss
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

**Councilor Gerry** – asked if there would be a presentation from St. Mary's Nutrition Center at a later date.

**Councilor Walker** – commented on the Walk in the Park Event.

**Councilor Lasagna** – thanked Eric Cousens, Liz Allen, and the City Manager for putting together the Community Conversation that took place last week regarding zoning.

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**Mayor Levesque** – commented on the April fool's joke (Auburn's 2021 Lobster Festival) that went out last week. He also provided an update on legislative matters.

- **IV. Open Session** No one from the public spoke
- V. Unfinished Business None
- VI. New Business

#### 28. Order 36-04052021

Authorizing the sale of real property to Tambrands, Inc.

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

Public comment - No one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 29. Order 37-04052021

Disposition of building located at 16 Walnut Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

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

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 30. Order 38-04052021

Disposition of building located at 32 High Street under dangerous building statute. Hearing for parties with interest in property.

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

Public hearing - No one from the public spoke.

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

#### 31. Ordinance 18-04052021

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 60-34, Buildings per Lot (secondary dwellings). First reading.

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.

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

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### **VIII.** Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor** – he, along with Councilors Boss and MacLeod, have been working with the Mercatus Institute (George Mason University) regarding zoning. They've offered to do a pre walk around/on site evaluation and meet with the Council. One of the lead professors will be in Boston in May and the Mayor would like to invite them to Auburn. The cost would be approximately \$1,500 to cover expenses such as hotel, transportation, and food.

**Councilor Carrier** – provided an update on the School Committee meetings, and Airport Board.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that there will be a public Zoom meeting at 6:00 pm on April 7<sup>th</sup> for Citylink bus service.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported on the high-volume vaccine site in Auburn adding that Citylink has a route that is running every half hour to provide bus service to individuals in need of transportation to get their vaccine.

**City Manager** – provided an update on the American Relief Fund, renewable energy credits, and the Lake Auburn study.

#### IX. 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 Walker to enter into executive session.

Passage 7-0. Time in 8:43 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

• Property acquisition, 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 7-0. Time 9:10 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:30 pm.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

All Councilors were present.

# Pledge of Allegiance

**XV.** Consent Items – None

**XVI. Minutes** – April 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

#### IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

**CALEA Presentation** – Karen Shepard, Program Director of CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) presented Chief Moen with their re-accreditation certification. This is their 5<sup>th</sup> accreditation award.

Council Communications (about and to the community) -

**Councilor Boss** – reminded everyone that Saturday is Earth Day and there will be a community clean up organized by Conservation Commission. She encouraged everyone to get out and participate in the clean-up.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that there is an ELHS Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm there is a Medication Take Back event scheduled in Lewiston and Auburn, and the YWCA will be holding it's Stand Against Racism three-day, virtual event starting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilor Walker** – the United New Auburn Association will be meeting next Tuesday. Their guest speaker will be Glenn Holmes. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, there is a Waste to Energy meeting at 11:30 am.

**Manager Crowell & Mayor Levesque** offered a joint statement announcing that the State of Emergency order for the City is being lifted. This is the State of Emergency that was implemented on April 1, 2020 by the Mayor and former City Manager. They did state that we should still adhere to the Governor's State of Emergency orders.

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that there were two grand openings last week for Back in Motion Physical Therapy, and another for Holy Donut.

#### **X. Open Session** – no one from the public spoke

XI. Unfinished Business - None

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# XII. New Business

#### 1. Order 39-04202021

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

#### 2. Order 40-04202021

Waiving the \$150 business licensing fee for the Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball snack shack located at 4 Mount Apatite Road.

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

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### 3. Order 41-04202021

Directing the City Manager to implement a City Equity Policy.

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

Public comment – Fatuma Hussein spoke in support of the order.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend as follows:

**ORDERED,** that the City Council hereby directs the city manager to use the accepted equity statement provided by City Spirit and implement a city-wide policy on equity and inclusion utilizing the work done by the City Spirit and the equity inclusion tool kit made available for municipalities by the International Association of City/County Managers (ICMA).

The policy will define expectations for consideration of racial and social equity, and in particular, meaningful community involvement when planning, developing, and implementing policies, practices, programs and initiatives. It will provide a framework to advance equity in alignment with our strategic plan.

Passage 4-3 (Councilors MacLeod, Boss, and Lasagna opposed).

Passage of Order 41-04202021 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Lasagna opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

- **XIII. Open Session** no one from the public spoke.
- VIII. Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

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**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he sent to Councilors a consolidated list of bills in Augusta that are being taken up by the legislative committee. He asked they reach out to either him or the City Manager if they have questions and to let them know if there is any legislation they are passionate about that they feel would benefit the City.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported that the School Committee will be meeting on Wednesday and he will report back after the meeting.

**Councilor Walker** – reported that the Age Friendly Committee will be offering a movie day from 1-3 pm tomorrow at the Senior Center. They will also be offering a beef stew dinner on

Friday (to go). He also reported on a committee that has been formed by Susan Roy on the beach. A meeting is scheduled for April  $28^{th}$  from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

**Councilor Milks** – reported on the Sewer District meeting that was held earlier today and added that the Water District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 4pm.

**Councilor MacLeod** – reported that AVCOG is having a follow up survey to the presentation on the transit system which is on their website.

**Councilor Boss** – provided an update on the Auburn Public Library and noted that the Ag Committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

**Manager Crowell** – thanked Fatuma Hussein and members of the City Spirit Council for their work and their effort for the City Spirit. He also provided notification to the Council on a business license that was denied due to tax dollars owed to the City. The applicant has until May 5<sup>th</sup> to file an appeal.

Jill Eastman, Finance Director – March 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept and place on file the March 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 7-0.

#### IX. Executive Session - None

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:02pm.

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# Recent Trends in Residential Segregation in New England

# Nicholas Chiumenti

# Summary

Residential segregation in Boston has drawn considerable attention in recent years, but much less notice has been given to the issue with respect to the rest of New England. This regional brief focuses on residential segregation between all minority groups and non-Hispanic white residents in metro areas throughout the region. New England's population is predominately non-Hispanic white; however, the region has diversified considerably since 1990, as most of the population growth has occurred among minority groups. Residential segregation by race/ethnicity declined over that same period in nearly every medium-sized and large metro

# **Key Facts**

12%

Residential segregation in large New England metro areas declined 12 percent between 1990 and 2017.

64%

Hispanic population growth drove that decline; Hispanics accounted for 64 percent of New England's total population growth between 1990 and 2017.

80%

On average, white residents of New England metro areas live in neighborhoods that are 80 percent white.



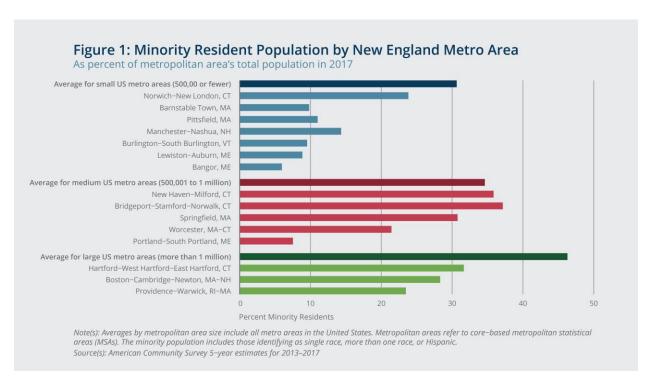
Between 1990 and 2017, residential segregation increased 10 percent in the region's small metro areas, most of which are located in northern New England.

area in New England, though the levels remain modestly higher than the national averages. Contrary to the broader trends, many of New England's small metro areas saw increases in residential segregation during the 1990–2017 period. While racial and ethnic minorities in the region tend to be clustered in fewer neighborhoods relative to the rest of the United States, they are less isolated from non-Hispanic whites; that is, on average, a minority resident of a New England metro area has a considerably higher share of white neighbors compared with minorities elsewhere in the country.

# An Increasingly Diverse New England

For this report, "minority residents" refers to people who identify as belonging to at least one racial or ethnic group other than non-Hispanic white (for example Hispanic, black, or Asian). These include individuals who identify as multiracial or as Hispanic of any race. This report makes some references to specific minority groups in order to give context to or compare different experiences.<sup>1</sup>

Compared with similarly sized metropolitan areas elsewhere in the United States, those in New England generally are home to fewer minority residents.<sup>2</sup> Figure 1 shows the share of New England metro area residents in 2017 who identified as belonging to any minority group. For every small (500,000 or fewer residents) and large (more than 1 million residents) metro area in the region, the share of minority residents was less than the average for all similarly sized US metro areas. In all but two of New England's medium-sized metro areas (500,001 to 1 million residents) the share of minority residents was smaller than the average share for similarly sized metro areas nationwide. The exceptions were New Haven-Milford (Connecticut) and Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk (Connecticut), where the share of minority residents was even greater than those of every large New England metro area. Metro areas in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont had the smallest shares of minority residents, ranging from just under 6 percent in Bangor (Maine) to 14.3 percent in Manchester-Nashua (New Hampshire).



New England metro areas have diversified considerably over the past three decades. Since 1990, the minority population in these areas has more than doubled. Within metro

areas, the minority-population growth between 1990 and 2017 ranged from 105.7 percent in Hartford (Connecticut) to 360 percent in Lewiston-Auburn (Maine). Smaller metro areas in northern New England saw some of the largest increases by percentage; however, the minority population in these areas remains small in comparison with those of southern New England metro areas.

Every New England state saw an increase in its non-white population between 1990 and 2017, and the region as a whole saw an increase of 144 percent. The number of minority residents more than doubled in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island; tripled in Maine; and quadrupled in New Hampshire and Vermont. The increase in the Hispanic population was responsible for 64 percent of the total population growth in New England between 1990 and 2017; non-Hispanic black residents accounted for 21 percent of the region's population gains during this period. As a result, the New England population went from being 89 percent white in 1990 to 76 percent white in 2017.

# Residential Segregation of Minorities

Rates of residential segregation have been on the decline nationally since at least the 1980s.<sup>3</sup> Medium-sized and large metropolitan areas in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut mirrored this decline between 1990 and 2017; however, their rates of decline were generally slower than the national average. This finding is based on a measure of residential segregation called the dissimilarity index.<sup>4</sup> The index represents the percentage of minority residents who would need to move to another neighborhood (in this case census tract) within a metro area in order for all neighborhoods to have an equal share of minorities.<sup>5</sup> A lower percentage indicates a more even distribution of minority residents across an area and thus less residential segregation; a higher percentage indicates a minority population that is highly concentrated in a certain neighborhood or neighborhoods. Table 1 shows each New England metro area's dissimilarity index for the entire minority population relative to its white population.

In 2017, six of the eight medium-sized and large New England metro areas had rates of residential segregation that were higher than the national average for similarly sized metro areas. Based on the dissimilarity index, Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk (Connecticut) had the highest rate in 2017. In that year, about 53 percent of minority residents would have had to move in order for all neighborhoods in the metro area to have an equal share of minority residents. Conversely, New England's small metro areas tended to have lower-than-average rates; residential segregation was greater than the national average in only two of its seven small metro areas: Manchester-Nashua (New Hampshire) and Norwich-New London (Connecticut).

Even though Connecticut metro areas had the highest rates of residential segregation, the state saw some of the steepest declines in New England between 1990 and 2017. Hartford's dissimilarity index fell 17 percent, and in New Haven-Milford, it decreased 18 percent, the most of any New England metro area during this period. In other New England states' metro areas where the rates declined, they tended to do so at a pace that

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was slower than the national average. The main exception here was the Boston-Cambridge-Newton (Massachusetts-New Hampshire) metro area, where the dissimilarity index also fell slightly faster than the national average.

During this period, the dissimilarity index of large US metro areas fell 13.1 percent on average, a drop slightly larger than the 12.6 percent decline in New England's large metro areas. Nationally, the index for medium-sized and small metro areas fell an average of about 16 percent and 11 percent, respectively, but in New England, the decline was only 9.8 percent in medium-sized metro areas, while in small metro areas the index increased 10.1 percent on average.

Table 1: Residential Segregation of All Minorities Relative to White Residents

By New England metropolitan area, 1990–2017

Metropolitan area (MSA)	1990	2000	2010	2017
Large metro areas (more than 1 million residents)				
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	60.8	56.5	52.1	50.5
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	53.8	53.2	50.2	50.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	55.7	53.6	49.7	48.2
Average for large US metro areas	55.7	52.7	48.9	48.4
Medium metro areas (500,001 to 1 million residents)				
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	59.6	58.4	55.3	53.2
Springfield, MA	59.3	56.5	55.5	53.1
New Haven-Milford, CT	58.9	55.4	51	48.4
Worcester, MA-CT	47	46.1	43.8	42.7
Portland-South Portland, ME	27.3	26.6	27.8	33.1
Average for medium US metro areas	48.4	45	41.6	41.1
Small metro areas (500,000 or fewer residents)				
Norwich-New London, CT	41.7	41	40.5	39.4
Manchester-Nashua, NH	28.2	35.8	34.9	38.1
Bangor, ME	33.8	29.4	22.8	34.1
Pittsfield, MA	30.6	27.8	29.3	31.8
Burlington-South Burlington, VT	22	22.5	24.3	30.2
Barnstable Town, MA	31.6	27.1	24.8	29.5
Lewiston-Auburn, ME	23.2	19.8	35.4	27.6
Average for small US metro areas	41.7	38.6	35.8	37.2

Note(s): Table displays the dissimilarity index for all minority groups relative to non-Hispanic whites in New England metro areas. Values represent the percent of minority residents who would need to move out of their neighborhood (census tract) and into another within the same metro area in order for every neighborhood within that metro area to have an equal share of minority residents. Metropolitan areas were excluded if less than 3 percent of their population identified as a minority group. Averages include all metro areas in the United States by population size.

Source(s): Decennial census 1990–2010; American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2013–2017

Northern New England and southern New England appear to have been on divergent paths between 1990 and 2017. Metro areas in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont all saw their rates of residential segregation rise (according to the dissimilarity index), while those in southern New England, with the exception of the Pittsfield metro area

(Massachusetts), saw theirs decline. One factor that may help to explain this divergence is the different demographic changes these areas experienced. In Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont metro areas, the number of non-Hispanic white residents remained the same or grew between 1990 and 2017; in every southern New England metro area where residential segregation declined, the number of white residents also fell. Thus, in southern New England, predominantly white neighborhoods may have desegregated in part because, with white residents departing, it was more likely that only minority buyers or renters competed for available housing. These demographically driven changes were not present in northern New England.

In metro areas with smaller shares of minority residents, it can be difficult to accurately estimate the dissimilarity index. In 2017, fewer than 10 percent of northern New England's metro area residents were minorities. Because the dissimilarity index conveys the share of minority residents who have to move within a metro area, large changes in residential segregation can occur in places with smaller minority populations when relatively few minority residents relocate from one neighborhood to another. Thus in many northern New England metro areas, the changes in residential segregation between 1990 and 2017 may have been the result of the relocation of a relatively small number of minority residents. In addition, the 2017 estimates are based on a sample of residents from the American Community Survey (ACS), as opposed to the estimates from earlier years, which use the decennial census (a full count of residents). The 2017 estimates for areas with smaller minority populations have larger margins of error, so the actual changes in residential segregation may vary from these estimates.

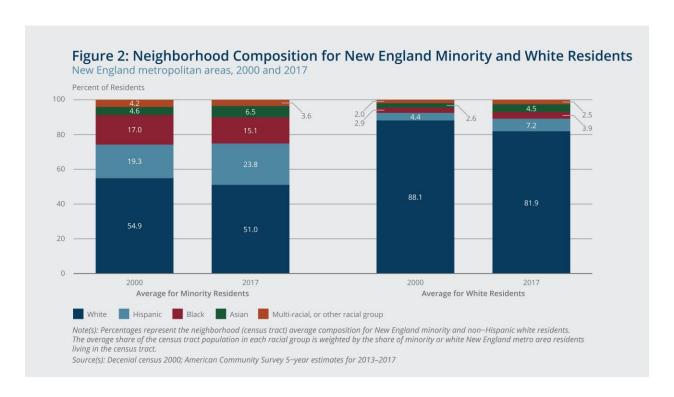
Despite data limitations for small metro areas, evidence indicates that residential segregation has been rising in northern New England, including during the 1990–2010 period, for which the more accurate full-count census data are used. With the exception of Bangor (Maine),<sup>9</sup> all northern New England metro areas that saw their minority and non-Hispanic white populations grow during this period also saw an increase in residential segregation. Lewiston-Auburn (Maine) was the only metro area that experienced a decline in the number of non-Hispanic white residents along with an increase in residential segregation between 1990 and 2010. All medium-sized and large metro areas where the dissimilarity index fell between 1990 and 2010 also had a decline in their non-Hispanic white population but an increase in their minority population.

# Neighborhood Diversity in New England

While minority residents of New England metropolitan areas experience somewhat greater residential segregation, being clustered into fewer neighborhoods compared with minority residents of other US metro areas, they are also more likely to live alongside a greater number of non-Hispanic white residents and are thus less "isolated" from them. In 2017, the neighborhood of a minority resident of a New England metro area, on average, was 51 percent white (Figure 2), compared with only 36 percent white in metro areas outside of the region. In part, this is because non-Hispanic whites make up a larger share of the population in New England than in the country as a whole. The neighborhood of a

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white resident of a New England metro area, however, usually looks quite different from a minority resident's neighborhood; on average, in 2017 only 18.1 percent of a white resident's neighbors were minorities. In the average metro area outside of New England, a white resident lives in a neighborhood where slightly more than one-fourth (27 percent) of the residents are minorities.



Since 2000, the average racial composition of New England metro area neighborhoods has changed. The share of non-Hispanic white neighbors has declined for minority residents, as well as for white residents, dropping, on average, 4 percentage points for a minority resident and 6 percentage points for a white resident. In both cases, the shift is primarily due to an increase in the number of Hispanic residents and, secondarily, to the rise in the number of Asian residents. Between 2000 and 2017, the Hispanic share of residents climbed 4.5 percentage points in the neighborhood of a minority resident and 2.8 percentage points in the neighborhood of a white resident, on average. In the neighborhoods of each, the Asian share of the population rose an average of 1.9 points.

For New England metro areas, the declining share of white residents living in the neighborhood of a minority resident is consistent with declining residential segregation, which may seem counterintuitive. However, as previously noted, the region is diversifying; the share of the overall population of New England's metro areas that is non-Hispanic white fell 10.3 percent between 2000 and 2017. But during that period, the share of white residents living in the neighborhood of a minority resident declined only 7.1 percent, on average. Thus in 2017, the average racial and ethnic makeup of a minority

resident's neighborhood more closely resembled the region as a whole than it did in 2000.

# Obstacles to Future Declines in Residential Segregation

Changing demographics helped facilitate declines in residential segregation, but these trends are not guaranteed to continue. From 2000 to 2010, the minority population in a white resident's neighborhood increased, on average, 5 percent annually. Meanwhile, in the neighborhood of a minority resident, the minority population increased only 3.7 percent annually, on average. While seemingly not large, this difference compounded over the decade and was also evident in the preceding 10-year period. However, the 2010–2017 period saw a reversal of this trend; the minority population of a minority resident's neighborhood grew faster than the minority population of a white resident's neighborhood, increasing, on average, at annual rates of 2.4 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively. These numbers suggest that the minority populations in predominantly white neighborhoods grew at a slower pace in recent years, and that new minority residents to New England metro areas are moving into predominantly minority neighborhoods.

The continuation of these patterns could disrupt the region's long-term trend toward declining residential segregation. The reasons for this shift in the most recent period are not clear, but rising home prices and an inadequate supply of housing may be at least partly to blame for the slower minority population growth seen in predominantly white neighborhoods. As problems of housing affordability continue, and potentially worsen, future progress toward residential integration will be at risk, because fewer minority households will be able to afford to live in neighborhoods where white households live. While lending practices no longer overtly discriminate against minority buyers as they once did, the cost of borrowing remains higher—and loan terms less favorable—for minority households.<sup>11</sup> Housing affordability looms large as an important barrier to residential integration. The effects of an insufficient supply of housing and the related restrictive zoning practices are increasingly acknowledged as exacerbating this issue.<sup>12</sup> New England's minority residents disproportionately experience the consequences of housing unaffordability, and an absence of affordable housing options will make it more difficult to further reduce residential segregation.

# **Concluding Remarks**

Residential segregation between minority and non-Hispanic white residents in New England's more populated southern metro areas is declining, and it has been since at least 1990, mirroring a national trend. In these communities at least, changing demographics are likely playing an important role, as the Hispanic population has increased dramatically over the past three decades, and new minority residents have been responsible for all of the net population growth in southern New England's metropolitan areas. Thus, in southern New England, declining residential segregation may be, in part, a natural outcome of a diversifying region, as new demand for available

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housing has been more likely to come from minority residents in recent years. In northern New England's metro areas, residential segregation increased between 1990 and 2017. The demographic trends present in southern New England that have facilitated residential integration were not present in northern New England during this period. Before 2010, trends involving where minority residents chose to live were favorable to declining residential segregation in the region's metro areas, but those trends seem to have shifted in recent years, with minorities more likely to settle in predominantly minority neighborhoods.

# About the Author



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# **Endnotes**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> References to racial groups in this report refer to persons who identify as a single race. For example "black residents" refers to persons who identify as black or African American *only* and *not* in combination with another race (multi-race). Hispanics are treated as a separate minority group, even though Hispanics are identified in combination with a race by the US Census Bureau.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Metropolitan areas refer to Core Based Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), as defined by the US Office of Management and Budget. Micropolitan Core Based Statistical Areas are excluded from this analysis.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Massey, Douglas S., and Nancy A. Denton. 1988. "Dimensions of Residential Segregation." *Social Forces* 67(2): 281–315.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Standardized census tracts were used in order to compare measures of residential segregation across years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Alternatively, 53.2 percent of non-Hispanic white residents could relocate to achieve this same distribution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The decrease in the white population in medium-sized and large southern New England metro areas between 1990 and 2017 ranged from 6.3 percent in Providence-Warwick (Rhode Island) to 17.8 percent in New Haven-Milford (Connecticut). Meanwhile the increase in the number of minority residents ranged from 105.7 percent in Hartford (Connecticut) to 204.2 percent in Worcester (Massachusetts-Connecticut). The Portland (Maine) metro area is the one medium-sized or large metro area where residential segregation increased during this period; its white population grew 12.7 percent, while the minority population increased 303.2 percent. There are three exceptions to this trend of a declining white population coupled with declining residential segregation. In Barnstable Town (Massachusetts), the number of white residents increased 8.4 percent between 1990 and 2017, but residential segregation declined 6.6 percent during this period. In Pittsfield (Massachusetts), the number of white residents declined 15.3 percent, but residential segregation increased 3.9 percent. Residential segregation also increased in Lewiston-Auburn (Maine), even while the white population decreased 5.2 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Allen, Rebecca, Simon Burgess, Russell Davidson, and Frank Windmeijer. 2015. "More Reliable Inference for the Dissimilarity Index of Segregation." *Econometrics Journal* 18(1): 40–66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Bangor (Maine) had a decline in residential segregation during this period coupled with increasing minority and white populations. However, this metro area may be most susceptible to small sample size issues.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> From 1990 to 2000, the number of minority residents increased an average of 6.4 percent annually in a white resident's neighborhood, but only 6 percent, on average, in a minority resident's neighborhood.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Bayer, Patrick, Fernando Ferreira, and Stephen L. Ross. 2017. "What Drives Racial and Ethnic Differences in High Cost Mortgages? The Role of High Risk Lenders." *The Review of Financial Studies* 31(1): 175–205.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:24 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 – None

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to temporarily suspend the rules to change the order of the agenda.

Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve orders 44-05032021 through 54-05032021 below (Board and Committee appointments under New Business).

Passage 7-0.

#### 1. Order 44-05032021

Appointing Amy Dieterich to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

# 2. Order 45-05032021

Appointing Mary LaFontaine to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

# 3. Order 46-05032021

Appointing Adam Lee to the Regulatory Advisory Board with a term expiration of June 1, 2023.

# 4. Order 47-05032021

Appointing Adam Platz to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

# 5. Order 48-05032021

Re-Appointing Rhyanna LaRose to the Conservation Commission with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

#### 6. Order 49-05032021

Appointing Donna Wallace to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

#### 7. Order 50-05032021

Re-appointing Cynthia Larrabee to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

#### 8. Order 51-05032021

Re-appointing Dana Morrell to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

#### 9. Order 52-05032021

Re-appointing Mamie Ney to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

#### 10. Order 53-05032021

Re-appointing Larry Pelletier to the Age Friendly Community Committee with a term expiration of 6/1/2024.

#### 11. Order 54-05032021

Appointing Joseph Morin to the Planning Board as an associate member with a term expiration of 1/1/2023.

# II. Minutes – April 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Milks and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Passage 7-0.

# III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

• Council Communications (about and to the community)

Councilor Lasagna reported on the Community Conversations meeting that took place noting that she has heard a lot of positive feedback. She thanked Eric Cousens and other City staff for putting this together.

- Permit and Fee discussion (continuation from the workshop).
- **IV. Open Session** Nikkita Sampson, 9 Academy St. spoke in opposition of the sale of property located at 261 Main Street.

# V. Unfinished Business

# 1. Ordinance 18-04052021

Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 60-34, Buildings per Lot (secondary dwellings). Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

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

#### VI. New Business

# 12. Order 42-05032021

Initiating a formal request to the Planning Board to Amend Section 60-201(a) to allow two-family dwellings in the Low-Density Country Residential.

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

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

# 13. Order 43-05032021

Initiating a formal request to the Planning Board to Amend Section 60-34 to allow an additional one-family detached dwelling in all residential zoning districts where a single-family dwelling currently exists on the lot.

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

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Passage 7-0.

# 14. Order 55-05032021

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,050,000.00 to finance the City's FY22 Capital Improvement Program. First reading.

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

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by adding 1.3 million to the Recreation playground line.

Passage 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Boss to increase the Recreation budget by \$15,000 for a dog park. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Passage of Order 55-05032021 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

# 15. Order 56-05032021

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. First reading.

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

Public comment – there were no members of the public present.

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

# 16. Resolve 01-05032021

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2022. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing - there were no members of the public present.

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

#### 17. Ordinance 19-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 7 and 8, Sections 60-307(1)(2) and 60-335(1)(2) Dimensional Regulations, Multifamily Suburban District and Multifamily Urban District of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to Change Lot Depth/Density Requirements. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

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

# 18. Ordinance 20-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, to remove the Downtown Enterprise Zone from the Auburn Code of Ordinances. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

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

# 19. Ordinance 21-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 12, General Business II, Section 60-225(b)(14) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to fix the improper reference from section 60-499(a) to Section 60-525(a). Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

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

#### 20. Ordinance 22-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Division 14, Section 60-553 of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to explain the purpose of the conversation/open space form-based code district. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Milks to strike "agriculture". After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor MacLeod to amend by striking "agriculture and forestry" as follows:

The Conservation/Open Space District is reserved for natural resource and compatible open space uses such as agriculture and forestry, low-intensity recreation, facilities that provide water access and similar low impact uses.

Passage 7-0.

Passage of Ordinance 22-05032021 as amended 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

# 21. Ordinance 23-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-668(b)(1) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to match the elevation requirement to current FEMA regulations. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

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

#### 22. Ordinance 24-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision – Remove Mylar Requirements, Reduce Required Number of Copies and Reference Staff Consistently. Public hearing and first reading.

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

Public hearing – there were no members of the public present.

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

**VII. Open Session** – no one from the public spoke.

# VIII. Reports

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee adding that he will keep them posted.

Manager Crowell – reported that the Lake Auburn Study update will be postponed until mid-June. The next Comp Plan engagement series meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 pm at the Community Senior Center, the CDBG revised annual report will come before them either at the next meeting or the first meeting in June, they will be seeing the Spirit of America nominations soon, and Congressman Golden submitted 10 projects to be funded and the Auburn Fire Department Training Center was one of his choices, it is a million-dollar project, however it is not guaranteed to happen at this point.

IX. Executive Session – Contract Negotiations, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(D).

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

Passage 7-0, time 8:55 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Milks to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

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

# Pledge of Allegiance

- **III.** Consent Items None
- IV. Minutes May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor Walker to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Passage 6-0.

# III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

**Proclamation** – Maine Arbor Week, David Griswold provided an update on the Forestry Board. This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> year Auburn is recognized as a Tree City USA.

**Council Communications** (about and to the community)

**Councilor Lasagna** – noted that there will be a ELHS ground-breaking to take place on Saturday. Dr. Connie Brown, superintendent provided details.

**Councilor Walker** – The United New Auburn Association will be meeting on Tuesday, the 25th at 6pm at Rolly's Diner.

**Mayor Levesque** – provided an update on the status of the American Recovery Program Act update, and he announced that there will be a workshop of the City Council held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Manager Crowell** – also discussed the City Council workshop that is scheduled for June 22, 2021. He noted that the Lake Auburn Study Presentation will be held during that workshop, as well as the infrastructure project discussion.

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

#### V. Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Boss to suspend the rules to take up the School Committee budget item.

Passage 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Carrier and seconded by Councilor MacLeod for passage of Order 58-05172021 approving the FY22 Auburn School Budget.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 6-0.

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Motion was made by Councilor MacLeod and seconded by Councilor Walker to request that the Planning Board at it's earliest convenience, provide the City Council with a recommendation on reduction or elimination of commercial parking requirements, including commercially defined residential developments. Planning Board should also include possible modifications to existing zoning ordinances that support their recommendations for City Council to discuss and vote on.

This becomes Order 63-05172021.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

# 23. Order 55-05032021

Authorizing the City's general obligation bonds in the amount of \$10,350,000.00 to finance the City's FY22 Capital Improvement Program. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to amend to add an additional 800,000 to the Comprehensive Plan account. The proposed addition would increase the Authorization for the Issuance of the General Obligation Bond from 10,350,000.00 to 11,150,000.00.

Passage of amendment 5-1 (Councilor Gerry was opposed).

Public hearing – no members of the public was present.

Passage of Order 55-05032021 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

# 24. Order 56-05032021

Reallocating Unspent Proceeds from the City's General Obligation Bonds. Public hearing and second reading.

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

Public hearing – no members of the public were present.

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

#### 25. Resolve 01-05032021

Adopting the Appropriations Resolve for Fiscal Year 2022. Second reading.

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

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

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

# 26. Ordinance 19-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 7 and 8, Sections 60-307(1)(2) and 60-335(1)(2) Dimensional Regulations, Multifamily Suburban District and Multifamily Urban District of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to Change Lot Depth/Density Requirements. **Second reading.** 

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

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Public comment - no members of the public were present.

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

#### 27. Ordinance 20-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 10, to remove the Downtown Enterprise Zone from the Auburn Code of Ordinances. **Second reading.** 

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

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

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

# 28. Ordinance 21-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 12, General Business II, Section 60-225(b)(14) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to fix the improper reference from section 60-499(a) to Section 60-525(a). **Second reading.** 

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

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

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

#### 29. Ordinance 23-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XII, Division 2, Section 60-668(b)(1) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances to match the elevation requirement to current FEMA regulations. **Second reading.** 

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

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

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

#### 30. Ordinance 24-05032021

Amending Chapter 60, Article XVI, Division 4, Subdivision – Remove Mylar Requirements, Reduce Required Number of Copies and Reference Staff Consistently. **Second reading.** 

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

Public comment – no one from the public was present.

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

# VI. New Business

**1. Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022.

Public hearing - no one from the public was present.

# 2. Order 57-05172021

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Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for The 1800 Club located at 34 Court Street. Public hearing.

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

Public hearing - no one from the public was present.

Motion was made by Councilor Lasagna and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the June 7, 2021 Council meeting.

Passage 5-1 (Councilor MacLeod opposed).

# 3. Order 58-05172021

Approving the FY22 Auburn School Budget.

This item was taken out of order and voted on earlier on in the meeting.

# 4. Order 59-05172021

Accepting Coe Street as a City Street.

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

Public comment - no members of the public were present.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gerry to postpone this item to the meeting of June 7, 2021. After discussion, the motion to postpone was withdrawn.

Passage of Order 59-05172021 5-1 (Councilor Gerry opposed).

#### 5. Order 60-05172021

Accepting Spencer Drive as a City Street.

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

Public comment - no one from the public was present.

Passage 4-3 (there was a tie vote 3-3 with Councilors Carrier, Walker, and Gerry opposed, and in accordance the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.3 the Mayor voted to break the tie vote and voted in the affirmative).

# 31. Order 61-05172021

Authorizing use of Other Funds to fund a portion of the FY 21-22 CIP.

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

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0.

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# 32. Order 62-05172021

Initiating a formal request for the Planning Board to explore the feasibility of and to provide a recommendation on expanding the Auburn residential strip zoning.

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

Public comment – no members of the public were present.

Passage 6-0.

# **VII. Open Session** – no members of the public were present.

# **VIII.** Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor Levesque** – reported that he has been busy this past week working with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager on proposed legislation.

**Councilor Lasagna** – reported that the next ELHS building committee is on Tuesday at 6:00pm. **Councilor Walker** – wanted to recognize the Public Works crews on their efforts during Spring Clean-up stating that they did a great job.

**Councilor Carrier** – reported on the School Finance meeting that was held last week.

Manager Crowell – reported on the renaming of a brook that originates in Auburn and leads into New Gloucester, which is being named the Talking Brook. New Gloucester has approved it, there wasn't a real need to go before the Council formally unless anyone has any concerns. He noted that Fire Chief Chase will be giving an update at the next meeting on what they've been doing for work with the vaccination sites. He provided an update on the legislative bills that are being proposed. They continue to monitor the status of these bills and providing testimony as needed.

# Jill Eastman, Finance Director – April 2021 Final Monthly Report

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to accept and place on file the April 2021 final monthly report.

Passage 6-0.

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

The executive session was not needed.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Boss and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Mayor Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

# Pledge of Allegiance

- V. 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.
- 6. Order 64-06072021\*

Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the June 8, 2021 Election.

# 7. Order 65-06072021\*

Initiating a formal request to forward the draft Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Chapter to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

# 8. Order 66-06072021\*

Initiating a formal request to forward a proposed draft ordinance change allowing auto sales in the General Business II district to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

#### 1. Order 67-06072021\*

Approving the Annual Reports to the Maine State Housing Authority for Tax Year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021, Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing Districts, #16 (Webster School), #20 (62 Spring Street), #21 (477 Minot Ave) and #22 (48 Hampshire Street).

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

Passage 7-0.

# VI. Minutes – May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Carrier to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. 7-0.

# IX. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Summer Activities Sabrina Best
- Covid Vaccinations Update Chief Robert Chase
- Council Communications (about and to the community)

Mayor Levesque provided an update on the current legislative session and asked that Councilors reach out to either him, the City Manager, or the Assistant City Manager if there is any legislation that is concerning to them.

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Brian Wood, Assistant City Manager provided an update on the cool down locations that are being set up in Auburn.

X. Open Session – Mamie Anthoine Ney, Auburn Public Library Director, gave kudos to the Auburn Adventures, she thanked the City Council for the upcoming budget, and she announced an upcoming fundraiser at the Auburn Public Library called "Book around Town".

#### XI. Unfinished Business

#### 9. Order 57-05172021

Approving the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License for The 1800 Club located at 34 Court Street.

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

Public comment – Lisa Cooper, owner of the 1800 Club spoke.

Passage 7-0.

#### XII. New Business

**2. Public hearing** – Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds Action Plans for 2021-2022.

No one from the public spoke.

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

# **VIII.** Reports (from sub-committees to Council)

**Mayor Levesque** congratulated the ELHS Class of 2021. Graduation was held Saturday evening at Walton Field. He reported on the regional summit that was held last week and hosted by himself and the City Manager.

**Councilor Boss** provided an update on the Auburn Public Library.

Councilor Lasagna encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow on the school budget.

**Councilor Carrier** noted that it was great graduation on Saturday, and the School Finance committee will meet on Thursday.

**Phil Crowell, City Manager** reminded residents of the election scheduled for tomorrow, polls are open from 7am to 8pm and he provided the voting locations by ward.

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XIV. 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 Walker to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6)(C) to discuss an economic development matter.

Passage 7-0. Time 7:38 pm.

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

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

Passage 7-0. Time 8:15 pm.

Council was declared out of executive session at 8:26 pm.

# X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Gerry and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. Unanimously approved, adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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