



**City of Auburn
City Council Information Sheet**

Council Workshop or Meeting Date: May 17, 2021

Order: 62-05172021

Author: Councilors Walker and Carrier

Subject: Initiate a formal request to the Planning Board

Information: Councilors Walker and Carrier have requested this item be placed on the agenda to initiate a formal request for the Planning Board to explore the feasibility of and to provide a recommendation on expanding the Auburn residential strip zoning from 400 feet from the center line to the previous 750 feet or to the property line, whichever is less within the strip that have primary residential use.

City Budgetary Impacts: N/A

Staff Recommended Action: Passage of the order

Previous Meetings and History: N/A

City Manager Comments:

I concur with the recommendation. Signature:

Attachments: Order



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City Council Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby initiates a formal request for the Planning Board to explore the feasibility of and provide a recommendation on expanding the Auburn residential strip zoning from 400 feet from the center line to the previous 750 feet or to the property line, whichever is less within the strip that have a primary residential use.

Holly C. Lasagna, Ward One
Brian S. Carrier, Ward Four
Belinda A. Gerry, At Large

Timothy B. MacLeod, Ward Two
Leroy G. Walker, Ward Five
Jason J. Levesque, Mayor

Stephen G. Milks, Ward Three
Katherine E. Boss, At Large
Phillip L. Crowell, Jr., City Manager

City of Auburn, Maine

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Financial Services



TO: Phillip Crowell, City Manager

FROM: Jill Eastman, Finance Director

REF: April 2021 Financial Report

DATE: May 17, 2021

The following is a discussion regarding the significant variances found in the City's April financial report. Please note that although the monthly financial report contains amounts reported by the School Department, this discussion is limited to the City's financial results and does not attempt to explain any variances for the School Department.

The City has completed its tenth month of the current fiscal year. As a guideline for tracking purposes, revenues and expenditures should amount to approximately 83.3% of the annual budget. However, not all costs and revenues are distributed evenly throughout the year; individual line items can vary based upon cyclical activity.

Revenues

Revenues collected through April 30, including the school department were \$82,428,173, or 89.85%, of the budget. The municipal revenues including property taxes were \$60,20,647, or 94.44% of the budget which is more than the same period last year by 2.75% or \$2,740,160. The accounts listed below are noteworthy.

- A. March 15th the second installment for real estate taxes were due. The current year tax revenue is at 96.88% as compared to 97.56% last year. Courtesy letters were sent out in April for those taxpayers that had not paid their taxes. The lien process will begin in May.
- B. Excise tax for the month of April is at 98.67%. This is a \$864,609 increase from FY 20. Last fiscal year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, people were given a grace period to register their vehicles. A portion of the overage is from the prior fiscal year, but the majority is due to an increase in new registrations.