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Mayor Harmon 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. Student Representatives Abdulahi and Edwards were absent.

I. Consent Items

- 1) ORDER 01-01052026* – Appointing Councilor Butler and resident Patricia Mador as the Auburn Representatives to the L/A 911 Committee, as recommended by Mayor Harmon.
- 2) ORDER 02-01052026* – Appointments to Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG), as recommended by Mayor Harmon.
- 3) ORDER 03-01052026* – Appointing Ed Bearor to the Planning Board, Member, for a term that expires 1/1/2029, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 4) ORDER 04-01052026* – Appointing Bilal Hussein to the Planning Board, Member, for a term that expires 1/1/2029, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 5) ORDER 05-01052026* – Appointing Andrea Westbye to the Planning Board, Member, for a term that expires 1/1/2029, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 6) ORDER 06-01052026* – Appointing Clare Murray to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, for an unexpired term that expires 9/30/2026, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 7) ORDER 07-01052026* – Appointing Merissa Beaulieu to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, for an unexpired term that expires 9/30/2027, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 8) ORDER 08-01052026* – Setting 7:00am as the opening time for the polls for all 2026 elections in Auburn.
- 9) ORDER 09-01052026* – Accepting an Asset Forfeiture from the State of Maine Criminal Courts to the Auburn Police Department from an incident dated August 23, 2021.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Butler. Motion passed 7-0.

II. Minutes – December 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz. Motion passed 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

None.

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IV. Open Session

Julia Seiman, Washington Park Rd
Stan Harmon, Court St
Quentin Chapman, Eastman Ln
Diane, Washington Park Rd
Evan Cyr, Granite St
Pat Bray, Turner Street
Sharon Ackerson, Turner St
Frank LeClair, Washington Park Rd

V. Unfinished Business

1) ORDINANCE 08-12152025 – Amending the City’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES” to update the designated winter relief parking areas. Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

VI. New Business

1) ORDER 10-01052026 – Granting Full Plate LLC, d/b/a 7 Jam Kitchen, 550 Center St Unit 1234, an on premise liquor license. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Duvall.

There was no comment from the public.

Kevin Guay, business owner, spoke on the application.

Motion passed 7-0.

2) ORDER 11-01052026 - Approving the temporary liquor license for an Incorporated Civic Organization for the City’s three 2026 signature events: Auburn Lobster Festival, Auburn Blues & Brews and New Year’s Auburn.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

There was no comment from the public.

Motion passed 7-0.

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3) ORDINANCE 01-01052026- Recommendation by the Auburn Planning Board pursuant to Chapter 60, Article XVII, Division 2, Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map to rezone Airport-owned land from Suburban Residential (Parcel ID: 156-015) to the Industrial zoning district. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.
There was no comment from the public.

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

4) ORDINANCE 02-01052026 - Recommendation by the Auburn Planning Board pursuant to Chapter 60, Article XVII, Division 2, Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map to rezone Airport-owned land from Low-Density Country Residential (Parcel ID: 107-011) to the Industrial zoning district. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Duvall.
There was no comment from the public.

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

5) ORDER 12-01052026 – Rescinding ORDER 61-07072025 regarding directing the Maine Waste to Energy Board Representative. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.
There was no comment from the public.
Councilor Walker asked for clarification on why this item was needed and what had changed to prompt this action. Mayor Harmon responded it was due to changes in processes concerning the Board's finances that made the order no longer necessary.

Motion passed 4-3 (Randall, Gerry, Walker).

VII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – Mayor Harmon shared appreciation to Public Works for snow removal efforts from last two snow storms. Thanked staff and everyone involved in planning the New Years Auburn event.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Randall thanked everyone for coming out and speaking on the issue of rent increases impacting mobile home owners. Councilor Butler noted the open house at the Airport to review the Airport's master plan next week.

Councilor Platz reminded the public the next School Board meeting is on January 7th and minutes have been posted from the last Middle School Advisory Committee. Councilor

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Gerry asked to be added to the notice list for school closings and delays.

c. Student Representative Report – None.

d. City Manager Report – The public will be receiving a mailing regarding the Community Development department's survey regarding HUD funds; please participate.

VIII. Open Session

Stephen Milks, Alderwood Rd

IX. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D) for labor negotiations regarding Police Department Patrol. No action to follow.

Councilor Cowan moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Butler. Motion passed 7-0. Entered executive session at 8:05pm.

Councilor Gerry left the meeting at 8:30pm.

Declared out of Executive Session at 8:36pm.

X. Adjournment

Councilor Platz moved to adjourn at 8:36pm, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk