

IN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2025 VOL 38 PAGE 54

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. All Councilors were present. Student Representatives Edwards and Abdulahi were absent.

I. Consent Items

1) ORDER 95-10202025* - Appointing Jennifer Kimble to the Auburn Housing Authority for a term that expires October 1, 2030, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

2) ORDER 96-10202025* - Appointing Julia Bergeron-Smith to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term that ends September 30, 2027, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

3) ORDER 97-10202025* - Appointing Philip Savignano to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term that ends September 30, 2027, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

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

II. Minutes – October 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Motion passed 6-0-1 (Weisner abstained due to absence at the last meeting).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

IV. Open Session

Ron Deschene, Witham St, spoke about a stormwater drain that needs to be cleaned

V. Unfinished Business

1) ORDINANCE 07-10062025 - Amending Chapter 24, "Human Relations and Services", Article II, Sec. 24-23 of the City's General Assistance Program regarding annual adjustment of maximum benefits. Public hearing/second reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Gerry moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Walker.

There was no comment from the public. Public hearing was closed.

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

VI. New Business

1) ORDER 98-10202025 – Regarding location of Lewiston-Auburn 911 Center. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Cowan moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Weisner. There was no comment from the public. Motion passed 7-0.

2) ORDER 99-10202025 – Adopting the updated Fund Balance Policy. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz.

There was no comment from the public.

Motion passed 7-0.

VII. Reports

a. **Mayor's Report** - Mayor Harmon and staff attended MMA Annual Meeting in Bangor; recently met with Maine Waste to Energy Executive Committee; recognized manufacturing month and a recent tour of the Thos Moser facility; attended residential housing alliance organization meeting regarding landlords in the City; attended the Boys & Girls Club fall event; and recognized the SNRB and the Agriculture committee for hosting the local farm tours that occurred on Saturday.

b. **City Councilors' Reports** - Councilor Gerry addressed the federal government financial shutdown and the lack of food assistance benefits to residents as a result of the shutdown; encouraged the City to promote food boxes that could be donated to for those in need. Councilor Whiting stated that Maine Mill has a new exhibit that opens today. Councilor Cowan attended a preview from NPR Ken Burns American Revolution series at ELHS Auditorium and recognized the Boys & Girls Club fall event; homelessness committee will be meeting this week at the Resource Center. Councilor Milks noted a sewer meeting tomorrow and noted vacancies for anyone who would like to serve. Councilor Walker reminded the public of the Halloween event held in New Auburn on Sunday. The Age Friendly Community Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at noon on Thanksgiving Day, registration is required. Councilor Platz gave an update on the School Department's use of excess Fund Balance; some of the fund balance excess was transferred to facility projects. Noted an upcoming ELHS football game against Bangor.

c. **Student Representative Report** - None.

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d. **City Manager Report** - Commented on the federal budget shutdown; the City is monitoring this. Several events have occurred; Household Hazardous Waste event occurred on Saturday; Fire Open House was held on Saturday for Fire Prevention Week, and Sandbuckets for Seniors; parade entries for the Auburn Christmas parade are being requested.

e. **Quarterly Finance Report** – Kelsey Earle, Finance Director - Presented the Quarterly Finance Report. This format will allow the City to track trends over time. There are no areas of concern.

Councilor Walker moved to accept the Finance Report, seconded by Councilor Weisner. Motion passed 7-0.

VIII. Open Session

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

Councilor Weisner moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Platz. Motion passed 7-0. Council adjourned at 7:35pm.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk