

IN COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2025 VOL 38 PAGE 57

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 Representative Edwards was absent.

I. Consent Items

1) ORDER 100-11032025 – Appointing Tara Paradie as a Member to the Ethics Panel for a term that expires 10/31/2028, as recommended by Mayor Harmon.

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

II. Minutes – October 20, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Cowan.
Motion passed 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Extra Mile Award & Proclamation

Mayor Harmon read the proclamation and awarded Larry Allen the Extra Mile Award.

- Reminder: November 4, 2025 State Referendum & General Municipal Election; all polling places open from 7:00am-8:00pm.

IV. Open Session

Richard Nadeau, Eastman Lane, regarding the sale and development of 145 Eastman Lane

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

1. **ORDER 101-11032025** – Granting Golden Crust Auburn LLC, D/B/A OTTO Pizza Auburn, 730 Center Street, an on-premise liquor license. *Public hearing*. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Whiting.
Mayor Harmon opened this item for public comment.
Brian, business owner, spoke in favor of the application
Public hearing was closed.
Motion passed 7-0.

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2. ORDER 102-11032025 – Approving the temporary needs and impacts analysis for 95 Main Street, 4th floor, to be utilized as a temporary and limited Public Safety Facility for the City of Auburn Police Department Criminal Investigations Office. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Weisner. There was no public comment. Motion passed 6-1 (Gerry).

Councilor Whiting moved to suspend the Council's rules to add RESOLVE 03-11032025 to the agenda, regarding the Androscoggin County Budget; seconded by Councilor Gerry. Motion passed 7-0.

3. RESOLVE 03-11032025 - Opposition to the Proposed 13.15% Increase in the Androscoggin County 2026 Budget. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Whiting moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Councilor Gerry requested the City Clerk place this item on the City's website. Motion passed 7-0.

VII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – Attending Homelessness Committee meetings; attended Turner & Dennison St traffic safety meeting resulting in Engineering communicating to Maine DOT to see what traffic control would be possible at the intersection; an update on the City's Comp Plan Committee meeting next on November 18 to discuss future land use designations; an update on Alter L/A offering a warming shelter starting the month of November.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Gerry asked if the City would be offering transportation to 121 Mill St on Wednesdays; this is planned to start mid-November and final plans will be announced when finalized. Councilor Whiting praised the paving of North Auburn Road. Councilor Cowan commented on paving in the Davis, Granite Street neighborhoods. Councilor Walker noted the Age Friendly Community Committee is hosting Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center; recognized the New Auburn Halloween event, over 500 people attended. Councilor Platz praised the installment of a new pollinator garden. Commented on the haunted attraction Nightmare on the Ridge at Wallingfords and encouraged residents to attend next year.

c. Student Representative Report – Provided an update on sports at ELHS.

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d. City Manager Report – Recognized the City Clerk for work on the election; commented on the successful Fright Fest event for Halloween held in Festival Plaza. Vendors and entries for the Holiday Fair and Christmas Parade are being requested; City Manager attend the ICMA conference.

VIII. Open Session

John Cleveland, Davis Ave; commented on the proposed Androscoggin County Budget

IX. Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (C) to discuss an economic development matter.

Motion to enter by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 7-0; 7:38pm. Declared out at 7:46pm.

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (A) for City Manager's quarterly evaluation made by Councilor Whiting, seconded by Councilor Milks. Motion passed 7-0; entered Executive Session at 7:46pm. Declared out at 7:57pm.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Platz, seconded by Councilor Walker. Motion passed 7-0; adjourned at 7:57pm.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk