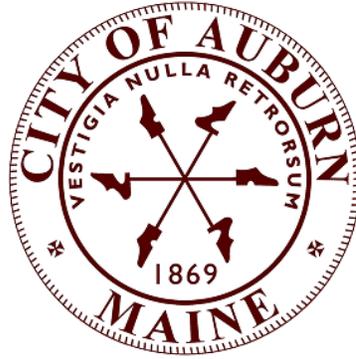


Meeting Agenda



City Council Workshop & Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2026

Auburn Hall, Council Chambers

5:30 PM Workshop

↓ 1. Revaluation Update - Assessor's Office

↓ 2. Maine Waste to Energy (Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation) Funding Requirement

↓ 3. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D) for labor negotiations with Police Department Patrol.

↓ 4. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (A) for the City Manager's quarterly evaluation.

7:00 PM Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call - *Roll call votes will begin with Councilor Walker*

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Duvall was absent (excused). Student Representative Abdulahi was absent.

I. 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. Passage of items on the Consent Agenda requires majority vote.*

1. **ORDER 17-02172026** – Appointing Peggy Walton to the Homelessness Committee for an unexpired term that ends 08/30/26, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.

2. **ORDER 18-02172026** – Appointing Kathy Shaw to the Planning Board, Associate Member, for a term that ends 01/01/28, as nominated by the Appointment Committee
3. **ORDER 19-02172026** - Appointing Chelsea Eaton to the Planning Board, Associate Member, for a term that ends 01/01/29, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
4. **ORDER 20-02172026** – Appointing Ryan Walker to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term that ends 09/30/26, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
5. **ORDER 21-02172026** – Appointing Patrick DeFillipp to the Auburn Sewerage District Board of Trustees for a term that ends 3/1/29, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
6. **ORDER 22-02172026** – Accepting an Asset Forfeiture from the State of Maine Criminal Courts to the Auburn Police Department from an incident dated October 18, 2024.

Councilor Gerry moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0.

[↓ ORDER 17-21 - Appointments](#)

[↓ ORDER 22 - Asset Forfeiture](#)

II. Minutes

Councilor Randall moved to amend the draft minutes to include comments made regarding mobile home rent increase moratorium. Councilor Walker moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0.

[↓ February 2, 2026 DRAFT Meeting Minutes](#)

III. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

- Recognizing Shanna Cox, Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce President & CEO
- Board/Committee Vacancies & Term Expirations – Emily Carrington, City Clerk

Mayor Harmon presented a key to the City to Shanna Cox. City Clerk Carrington presented an overview on how residents can view and apply to vacant board & committee seats.

IV. Open Session

Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business or any item that does not appear on the agenda.

None.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

Councilor Walker moved for passage of ORDER 23-02172026, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Councilor Platz asked if all the fees are a 5% increase. Fire Chief Robert Chase addressed that fees are based on a market rate study; some were raised and others were not. Motion passed 6-0. Councilor Cowan moved

for passage of ORDER 24-02172026, seconded by Councilor Gerry. There were no comments from the public. Motion passed 4-2 (Gerry, Walker). Councilor Platz moved for passage of ORDER 25-02172026, seconded by Councilor Cowan. There were no comments from the public. Motion passed 6-0. A public hearing was held regarding CDBG & HOME Consortium Action Plan for Program Year 2026. There were no comments from the public.

↓ ORDER 23-02172026 - Amending Master Fee Schedule to include 2026 EMS Billing Rates.

↓ ORDER 24-02172026 – Granting FSE Class A Restaurant liquor license to El Tequila Mexican Restaurant of Auburn, 245 Center St. Public hearing.

↓ ORDER 25-02172026 - Authorizing Maine Waste to Energy (Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation) Funding Requirement.

↓ PUBLIC HEARING - Prior to drafting CDBG & HOME Consortium Action Plan for Program Year 2026.

VII. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report
- b. City Councilors' Reports
- c. Student Representative Report
- d. City Manager Report

Mayor Harmon shared that he was interviewed by Cameron Bradbury at ELHS for the Edward Little Echo and was impressed with the production; students did a great job. Gave an update on the Casco Bay Trail plan progress; an interlocal agreement is being planned for all towns/cities the trail is proposed to come through. The Auburn Water District meeting will be held at 4pm on February 18; a rate increase hearing will be held. The next Comp Plan meeting will be held this week. Councilor Gerry shared that the Appointment Committee recently met and that nominations are made by fairly reviewing all applications received. Councilor Cowan shared that 122 people per day on average visited the Drop In Center, increased from last year and the kitchen will be finalized any day. Councilor Butler shared that the L-A Airport Committee met for a workshop this week regarding budget; appreciated good collaboration with Lewiston on this project. Councilor Walker noted that the Age Friendly Committee served 120 meals on Valentines Day for Seniors; had a great turnout, thanked all volunteers who helped. Student Rep. Edwards noted that winter sports are finishing up at ELHS and gave an update on various sports. City Manager Crowell noted that the longest running hockey tournament in the Country was held at Norway Savings Bank Arena this past weekend. Budget has been the focus of meetings and discussions this week; the next council meeting will see the first workshop on the FY27 budget.

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None.

IX. Executive Session

Councilor Walker moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(A) for discussion of the City Manager's quarterly evaluation (from Workshop). Seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0, entered Executive Session at 7:30pm. Declared out at 7:50pm.

X. Adjournment

Councilor Platz moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Walker. Motion passed 6-0, adjourned at 7:50pm.

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