

**City Council Meeting**  
**April 21, 2026**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Student Representatives Abdulahi and Edwards were absent.

**I. Consent Items**

1) ORDER 35-04212026 – Authorizing Mayor Harmon to vote the shares at the LARC 2026 Annual Meeting to be held April 27, 2026.

2) ORDER 36-04212026 – Accepting the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Auburn Police Department in the amount of \$17,418.00 for the purchase of Class B uniforms for all sworn staff.

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

**II. Minutes – April 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting**

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

**III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- Casella & Ordinance Changes – Talya Webster, Casella, and Adam Stevens, Deputy Public Works Director, presented on trash automation coming to the City of Auburn in Summer 2026. This change will involve upcoming amendments to the parking schedule and posted signs to allow for the bins to be placed curbside on trash collection days.

**IV. Open Session**

None.

**V. Unfinished Business**

1. ORDINANCE 06-04062026 – Amending Chapter 60, “Zoning”, of the City’s Code of Ordinances regarding LD-427 “An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums”. Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilor Platz moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Walker. Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment. There was no comment. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

## **VI. New Business**

1. ORDINANCE 07-04212026 -- Amending Chapter 2 "Administration" of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding Article VIII. "Citation System of Code Enforcement". First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Duvall. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

2. ORDINANCE 08-04212026 – Amending Chapter 14, "Business Licenses and Permits", of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding penalties and violations. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilor Platz moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Butler. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

3. ORDER 37-04212026 – Approving Mass Gathering/Special Event for City of Auburn's Lobster Festival on May 16, 2026. Passage requires majority vote.

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

## **VII. Reports**

a. Mayor's Report – Mayor Harmon shared an update regarding the Comprehensive Plan Committee; the B2B Tradeshow was held at Norway Savings Bank Arena.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Cowan shared an update on the Homelessness Committee and an assessment of the use of the Warming Center. Councilor Duvall shared an update on Dark Skies Week upcoming in May. Councilor Butler shared an update on the L/A 911 Committee. Councilor Walker shared an update on an upcoming meeting of the United New Auburn Association, Age Friendly Committee get-together on April 29, and a Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Platz thanked everyone for their work on the municipal budget and the school budget.

c. Student Representative Report – None.

d. City Manager Report – City Manager Crowell shared that the new Public Safety Building's designed have been received and reviewed.

## **VIII. Open Session**

None.

**IX. Executive Session** pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (C) for discussion of an economic development matter where premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency.

Councilor Walker moved to enter Executive Session at 8:00pm, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Declared out of Executive Session at 8:15pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Platz. Motion passed 7-0.

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST**

Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk