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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. Councilor Gerry was absent. Student Representatives Brennan and Abdulahi were absent.

I. Consent Items

- 1) ORDER 103-11172025 - Confirming Chief Moen's appointment of Thomas Ellis as Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.
- 2) ORDER 104-11172025 – Appointing Ned Claxton to Ethics Panel, Alternate Member, for a term that expires 10/31/2028, as recommended by Mayor Harmon.

Motion for passage by Councilor Weisner, seconded by Councilor Walker.
Motion passed 6-0.

II. Minutes – November 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Motion to accept minutes by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Cowan.
Motion passed 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Recognizing Auburn Public Works 3rd APWA Re-Accreditation, award presented by APWA Regional Director Rich Benevento
- Public Safety Facility Update; presented the floor plan for the facility and continued presentation from the workshop session; a draft order was presented authorizing the city manager to proceed with construction of the public safety to the cost of up to \$43,000,000.
- November 4, 2025 Municipal Election Official Results
- Recognition of Volunteer of the Season – Recreation

IV. Open Session

Quentin Chapman, Eastman Lane; spoke on the vacant and abandoned buildings ordinance

V. Unfinished Business

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VI. New Business

1) ORDER 105-11032025 – Granting Keith Patrick Genest D/B/A KP's Place, 245 Center Street, an on premise liquor license. Public hearing. Passage requires majority vote.

Motion for passage by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Cowan. The Mayor opened this item for public hearing; there was no comment by the public. Councilor Platz questioned the distance of the nearest school on the application. Motion passed 6-0.

VII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – Updated the public on the homelessness committee; construction updates regarding Turner & Center St; hockey tournament event; presentation by Maine Immigration Resource Center; updates on housing.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Whiting congratulated all candidates and thanked City Clerk for work on the election; Councilor Cowan stated appreciation for work by the Age Friendly Committee; Councilor Walker addressed homeless population and trash accumulation. Announced the Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving day, free and open to all. Councilor Platz gave an update from the School Committee; the school department will be providing staffing updates; the excess fund balance is being addressed toward capitol expenditure projects.

c. Student Representative Report – None.

d. City Manager Report - Addressed construction delay on Turner Street and Center Street which is a Maine DOT project; congratulated Public Works on re-accreditation; entering into holiday season, getting ready for holiday events and snow removal season. Hilton Holiday Hangout at the Hilton Garden Inn, to support local and small businesses; December 7 is the tree lighting and parade, and preparing for New Years Eve event.

VIII. Open Session

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0; adjourned at 8:20pm.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk