

Auburn City Council Meeting
Minutes
June 15, 2026
Auburn Hall, Council Chambers

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Randall was absent.

Consent Items ORDER 56-06152026 and ORDER 57-06152026 were passed.
Councilor Walker moved for passage, Councilor Gerry seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

June 1, 2026, minutes were accepted.
Councilor Walker moved for passage, Councilor Cowan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mubarik Abdulahi, Senior Student Representative, was recognized by the Council and Mayor Harmon.

Project Support You (PSY) Update – Jennifer Edwards, Erica West, Chief Moen, Stephen Almquist Deputy Fire Chief and fellow representatives.

Certified School Budget Validation Referendum Election Results (June 9, 2026) – Mayor Harmon read the results: 4553 Voted, 3196 Yes, 1279 No, 78 Blank – Budget Approved

Open Session – Abigail Fouchea – 28 Winter St – concerns regarding parking issues since the opening of PALS Center

Candace Northrup – 36 Winter Street – concerns regarding vehicle and parking issues since the opening of PALS Center

ORDINANCE 11-06012026

Councilor Cowan moved for passage, Council Walker seconded.

Catherine Truitt – 105 Winter Street – Member Complete Streets Committee – concerns regarding replacing Complete Streets Committee with Traffic Safety Committee

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Duvall	Yes
Councilor Butler	Yes
Councilor Walker	Yes
Councilor Platz	Yes
Councilor Gerry	Yes

Councilor Cowan Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE 12-06152026

Councilor Walker moved for passage, Councilor Platz seconded.

Quentin Chapman – 51 Eastman Lane – opposed to the ordinance.

Steve Milks – 82 Alderwood Road – opposed to the ordinance.

Stephen Beal – 575 Johnson Road – in favor of the ordinance.

Noah Yarnovich – Old Danville Road – opposed to the ordinance.

Councilor Platz spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mayor Harmon spoke regarding the ordinance and issues that had been raised.

Councilor Duvall addressed that the ordinance addresses situations like the Church of Safe Injection and is in favor of the ordinance.

Councilor Gerry asked a question regarding renewing the licenses for providers deemed not in compliance with the ordinance. Mayor Harmon responded.

Councilor Cowan spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Councilor Walker spoke in opposition.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Butler Yes

Councilor Walker No

Councilor Platz Yes

Councilor Gerry No

Councilor Cowan Yes

Councilor Duvall Yes

Motion Passed 4-2.

RESOLVE 03-06152026 – Councilor Gerry moved for passage, Councilor Cowan seconded.

Councilor Platz asked if a previous study like this had been done. Mayor Harmon was not aware of one. The state report was not specific to the Auburn region, so the council commissioned the report.

Councilor Cowan asked if the targets are realistic or will there be challenges. Mayor Harmon addressed the methodology to set the targets and yes there will be challenges.

Motion Passed 6-0

ORDER 58-06152026 – Councilor Walker moved for passage, Councilor Walker seconded.

Motion Passed 5-0 (Councilor Gerry was absent)

Mayor Harmon gave his report.

Councilor Cowan- Homeless Committee Meeting on June 16th and Grand Opening of 121 Mill Street June 18th.

Councilor Duvall – June 22 Appointments Committee is meeting. Comp Plan is moving along nicely.

Councilor Platz said thank you to the Auburn School department for the passing of the school budget with nearly 70% approval rate.

Representative Mubarik thanked the Council.

City Manager gave his report.

Open Session – None

Executive Session – held during Workshop.

Adjournment at 8:38pm

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn, Councilor Cowan seconded.

Motion Passed 5-0.

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Jessicca Grover, Deputy City Clerk