

## **IN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2025 VOL 38 PAGE 51**

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 Weisner was absent.

### **I. Consent Items**

1. ORDER 92-10062025 – Confirming Chief Moen’s appointment of Andrew St. Pierre as Constable with firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

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

### **II. Minutes – September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting**

Councilor Cowan moved to adopt the minutes with the following correction: Councilor Gerry’s name was to be added to the minutes under Reports. Motion seconded by Councilor Walker. Motion passed 6-0 as amended.

### **III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions**

- John Jenkins Hearts & Hands Leadership & Service Award  
Mayor Harmon presented the 2025 Award to Rita Beaudry
- Manufacturing Month Proclamation  
Mayor Harmon presented the proclamation to representatives from Panolam Surface Systems
- Domestic Violence Month Proclamation  
Mayor Harmon presented the proclamation to Kara Barnies of Safe Voices
- Continuation of the Washington Street Traffic Study presentation from the Workshop
- Comp Plan Update provided by Lauren Caffé, Long Range Planner, and John Cleveland, Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Mayor Harmon reminded the public that absentee voting is now available now through October 30

### **IV. Open Session**

Michael Norton, Eastman Lane

### **V. Unfinished Business**

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**VI. New Business**

1) ORDINANCE 07-10062025 – Amending Chapter 24, “Human Relations and Services”, Article II, Sec. 24-23 of the City’s General Assistance Program regarding annual adjustment of maximum benefits effective October 1, 2025. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Whiting moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Gerry.

There was no comment on this item.

Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

2) ORDER 93-10062025 – Initiating action to Planning Board regarding rezoning of the municipal Airport. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Milks.

There was no public comment.

Motion passed 6-0.

3) ORDER 94-10062025 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Fraternal Order of Police Command Unit covering 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2028. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Milks.

There was no public comment.

Motion passed 6-0.

**VII. Reports**

a. Mayor’s Report - Recognized Jennifer Edwards for receiving Above and Beyond Award for services provided to homeless. Recognized Jonathan LaBonte for a successful groundbreaking ceremony for the hangar projects.

b. City Councilors’ Reports - Councilor Gerry asked Mayor Harmon about his agenda for serving the homeless population. Councilor Whiting attended the Androscoggin County budget meetings and noted that construction is starting on Stetson Road. Councilor Cowan spoke on the Lewiston Auburn Transit Community. Councilor Platz noted the School’s budget calendar was released; on November 19, the School will review its budget and January 5 will have preliminary budget discussion. An upcoming meeting will be held to discuss combining Grade 6 to the Auburn Middle School.

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c. Student Representative Report - Representative Abdulahi asked about the four-way intersection along Turner Street, and asked why a crosswalk does not exist at this location. The City Manager will look into this. Representative Edwards noted an upcoming ALICE training at the High School, gave an update on MSMT, and upcoming sports events.

d. City Manager Report – Commented on the new website; reminded the public that the project on Center Street and Union Street is not a city project and complaints should be directed to Maine DOT.

**VIII. Open Session**

None.

**IX. Executive Session**

**X. Adjournment**

Councilor Platz moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0, adjourned at 8:24pm.

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST**

Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk