City of Auburn

City Council Meeting

October 19, 2026

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call votes will begin with Councilor Platz. Councilor Gerry was absent. Student Representatives Edwards and Robinson were absent.

I. Consent Items

II. Minutes – October 5, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Walker moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Motion passed 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

• Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Proclamation
Mayor Harmon read the proclamation.

IV. Open Session
Dan Moraneau, Presidential Way

V. Unfinished Business

1) ORDINANCE 17-10052026 – 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. Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz.

Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment. There was no comment.

Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

VI. New Business

1) ORDINANCE 18-10192026 – Amending Chapter 44, "Solid Waste" regarding solid waste collection. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Platz moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Walker.

Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment. There was no comment.

Councilor Platz asked if how many commercial businesses, churches, and other entities have been receiving waste collection services. Public Services Director Eric Cousens answered it was not known; less than 10 is the estimated number. Councilor Platz asked if this ordinance was similar to other municipalities; Director Cousens answered yes; the ordinance language is similar to what currently exists in Lewiston.

Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0.

2) ORDER 89-10192026 – Adopting 2026-2027 GA Maximums. Passage requires majority vote.

Motion for passage by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment. There was no comment.

Motion passed 6-0.

3) ORDER 90-10192026 – Authorizing the City Manager to acquire a parcel of property located at 0 Poland Spring Road (PID 079-014-000-000) on behalf of the City of Auburn. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Duvall.

Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment. There was no comment.

Motion passed 6-0.

VII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – Mayor Harmon attended the MMA Annual Convention; many great educational opportunities. Provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan process. On 11/5, the Comp Plan Committee will reconvene to review public comment from the public hearing on October 14. A special city council workshop will be held 11/9 to discuss and review the Comprehensive Plan prior to first reading. Successful Public Works open house held this past weekend. Farm and Forest Tour was also held this past weekend.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Cowan noted an upcoming meeting of the Homelessness Committee. The second meeting of the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee was held; seeking one member. Provided an update on recent traffic stop implementations on Beech Hill Road. The L-A Airport Committee met recently; provided an update. L-A 911 Committee recently met; provided an update. Dispatch has relocated to the third floor at Auburn Hall. Foss Mansion holding an Open House including tours. Absentee voting now at Auburn Hall until 10/29. Councilor Walker and Councilor Randall attended the Boys & Girls Club benefit for raising money. UNAA will be holding Halloween event on 10/31 in New Auburn. The Age Friendly Committee held a bean supper; 60 people

attended. On 11/15, Age Friendly will be organizing a clothing giveaway at 121 Mill St Resource Center. Councilor Platz noted an upcoming School Committee meeting.

c. Student Representative Report – None.

d. City Manager Report – Thanked Mayor Harmon for participating in a panel discussion at the MMA Convention to discuss open and transparent meeting processes. On 10/24, Police holding Drug Take Back event at Bedard Pharmacy. Curbside Leaf Collection will be starting soon on 10/29; please separate your bagged leaves from your trash and recycling bins on collection day. The City is hosting the annual Fright Festival on 10/29 at Festival Plaza.

e. Q1 Quarterly Finance Report was presented by Kelsey Earle, Chief Financial Officer. Councilor Walker moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0.

VIII. Open Session

None.

IX. Executive Session was held during Workshop.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Cowan.
Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk