City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
October 5, 2026

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1) ORDER 86-10052026 – Designating Assistant City Manager Denis D'Auteuil as the City's Voting Delegate for the Maine Municipal Association's Annual Business Meeting to be held October 7, 2026.

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

II. Minutes – September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Walker moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Councilor Duvall. Motion passed 6-0 (Platz abstained due to absence).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Absentee Voting now available at Auburn Hall until October 29
- Reminder: Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing, October 14
- Manufacturing Month – Proclamation
- Sen. Bruce Bickford, District 20 – Legislative Sentiment recognizing Tony Harrington

IV. Open Session

None.

V. Unfinished Business

1) ORDINANCE 16-09212026 – Amending Chapter 60, "Zoning", of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding eliminating the number of people employed in sawmills within the Agriculture and Resource Protection zoning district. Second reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

There was no comment.

Motion passed 7-0.

2) ORDER 77-09082026– Business License Appeal Hearing (Websters Trading Co, 150 Minot Ave). Postponed on September 8, 2026. Passage requires five affirmative votes.

Kris Beaudoin stated the property owner is making progress.

Councilor Walker moved to postpone item to November 16, 2026. Seconded by Councilor Gerry. Motion passed 7-0.

VI. New 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. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Mayor Harmon introduced this item.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz.

There was no comment on this item.

Councilor Gerry asked if this change limits the Council's authority. Mayor Harmon responded that it is a process change to allow Council adoption by order instead of two reading hearing via ordinance amendment; it does not limit the Council's authority to adopt the maximums.

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

2) ORDER 87-10052026 – 81 Minot Ave, Dangerous Building. Public hearing. Passage requires majority vote.

Mayor Harmon introduced this item.

The following parties were present:

Kris Beaudoin, Code Enforcement for the City of Auburn
Steven Percival, representing Miracle Enterprises
Michael Carey, attorney representing the Code Enforcement Office

Mr. Percival agreed the building on the property should be demolished.
He stated his client does have a plan for the property.
There were no exhibits entered on behalf of the property owner's representative.

Councilor Gerry asked about the timeline for the building to be demolished. Mr. Percival reported this is planning to take place after a site visit in November.

Councilor Platz asked about the authority of enforcing the process.
Attorney Carey addressed the Findings of Facts and proposed ORDER which outlines that the property owner has 30 days to demolish the building.

Mayor Harmon read the findings of fact and conclusion of law and the ORDER.

Councilor Gerry moved to adopt the findings of fact, conclusion of law and ORDER. Seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 7-0.

3) ORDER 88-10052026 – Establishing a municipal special election on March 2, 2027 for the purpose of conducting a referendum vote on citizen's initiated ordinance titled "Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Ordinance". Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Gerry.

Mayor Harmon opened this item for public comment. The following spoke:

Scott Barry, Davis Ave

Motion passed 7-0.

VII. Reports

a. Mayor's Report – Attended the Senior BBQ at the Hilton through the Age Friendly Committee and Auburn's senior programming. Attended Home For Good meeting. Relative to Casco Bay Trail, all but one community has adopted a management agreement and each have provided $12,000 toward $60,000 for the first phase DOT design effort. Thanked all who attended Rally for Recovery. Met with Dr. Susan Rogers, president at CMCC.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Gerry thanked all who attended the Senior dinner at the Hilton. Councilor Walker gave an update on Auburn's Age Friendly Committee upcoming bean supper. A lunch and learn will be held October 20 at the Auburn Senior Community Center. Councilor Platz reminded the public of an upcoming School Committee meeting where goals will be discussed.

c. Student Representative Report

d. City Manager Report – Thanked the City Clerk's office for processing absentees and thanked public works for working with Casella under the City's new waste pick up program; a date for leaf pick up will be posted soon. Thanked volunteers in community and staff who support and put on the City's Recreation program. Both student representatives had to

leave early in the morning. Mayor Harmon reminded the public of how to sign up for text or email updates on the City's website.

VIII. Open Session

Scott Barry, Davis Ave

John Cleveland, Davis Ave

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Motion passed 7-0. Council adjourned at 7:57pm.

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Emily F. Carrington
City Clerk