

**City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
June 1, 2026**

Mayor Harmon opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilors were present. Student Representative Abdulahi was absent.

I. Consent Items

- 1) ORDER 52-06012026 * – Appointing Charles King to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an unexpired term that expires 5/1/2029, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
- 2) ORDER 53-06012026* – Appointing Robert Cavanagh and Diane Vincent to the Age Friendly Community Committee for terms that expire 6/1/2029, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
- 3) ORDER 54-06012026* – Appointing Joseph Grochmal to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term that expires 9/30/2026, as nominated by the Appointment Committee.
- 4) ORDER 55-06012026* – Approving the license fee waiver request of \$200 for the Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball concession stand during the 2026 season.

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

II. Minutes – May 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

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

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Legislative Sentiments from Sen. Bruce Bickford – District 20 recognizing Charlie DeAngelis for 46 years of service as the City Electrician and recognizing Denis Matthews for the 2025 Maine Fraternal Order of Police Presidents Award.

A memo from the City Manager’s office was provided to the Council regarding Maine Community Resilience Partnership Membership Renewal that read: “Every two years, enrolled communities in Maine’s Community Resilience Partnership are required to complete reenrollment steps to remain active in the Partnership and eligible for grant awards. Following reenrollment criteria, city staff has updated our Community Resilience Self-Evaluation and List of Community Actions. All materials for reenrollment were submitted to the state on May 29, 2026.”

IV. Open Session

None.

V. Unfinished Business

1) ORDINANCE 09-05182026 – Amending Chapter 52, “Traffic and Vehicles”, of the City’s Code of Ordinances regarding parking changes respective to solid waste collection. *Amended and passed first reading May 18, 2026. Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE.*

Councilor Cowan moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Butler.

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

Motion passed 5-2 (Gerry, Walker).

2) ORDINANCE 10-05182026 – Amending Chapter 44, “Solid Waste”, of the City’s Code of Ordinances related to solid waste collection services. *Passed first reading May 18, 2026. Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE.*

Councilor Butler moved for passage with an amendment to Sec. 44-26 to remove the reference to the size of containers (“64 gallon”). Seconded by Councilor Randall. The reference to the number of gallons is removed so that the size is not limited during implementation of the program.

Motion passed 6-1 (Gerry).

VI. New Business

1) ORDINANCE 11-06012026– Replacing Complete Streets Committee with Parking and Traffic Safety Committee. *First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE.*

Councilor Cowan moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Randall. Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment. The following spoke:

Bilal Hussein, resident

Katherine Truitt, member of Complete Streets Committee

John Ruccolo, Shepley St

Mayor Harmon responded to resident questions regarding the specifics of the committee’s mission and continued work with the City of Lewiston.

Motion passed 7-0.

VII. Reports

a. Mayor’s Report – Attended the Androscoggin County Commissioners meeting with the Assistant City Manager regarding consolidating 9-1-1 communications. A workshop will be held June 3rd on this topic. Thanked everyone who attended the LA Chamber of Commerce

awards night. Thanked all who attended the Memorial Day presentations at Veterans Park and for recognition of the veterans. Reminder that June 9 is election day for Maine State Primary and the School Budget. All polling locations will be open from 7am-8pm on June 9.

b. City Councilors' Reports – Councilor Gerry noted the recent meeting of the Appointment Committee. Councilor Randall noted the Auburn Public Library will hold a trivia night on June 16 at Lost Valley; the Maine Mill Project is complete and the ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 27. Councilor Cowan noted the new Public Safety Facility groundbreaking last Thursday. June 11 will be the first solid waste automation informational meeting for the public. Councilor Butler noted the Auburn Lewiston Airport is holding its first Tailwinds and Tailpipes car and air show event on June 13. Councilor Walker noted the Neighborhood Watch meeting on June 25 at Sixth Street Congregational Church.

c. Student Representative Report – Rep. Edwards noted a large graduation on May 30th; step up date is next week and spring sports are finishing up; a reminder to students, if you're 17 and going to be 18 by election day (November 3) you can vote in this Primary on June 9.

d. City Manager Report – Information about solid waste automation will be posted to the website. Informational meetings will be held over the next few weeks. Please call Public Works with any questions. Roll out is scheduled for July 13.

VIII. Open Session

None.

IX. Executive Session; will not be held tonight.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Randall.

Motion passed 7-0; adjourned at 7:46pm.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk