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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 (excused). Student Representatives were absent.

I. Consent Items

- 1. ORDER 35-04222025*** - Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$60 Temporary Food Service licensing fee for the Auburn Exchange Club for the Lobster Festival Event scheduled to be held on May 17, 2025.
- 2. ORDER 36-04222025*** - Authorizing the City Clerk to waive the \$200 Food Service Establishment licensing fee for the Auburn Suburban Baseball & Softball (ASBS) concession stand operations during the 2025 season (April 2025-July 2025).
- 3. ORDER 37-04222025*** – Appointing David Lyon to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending March 1, 2026, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 4. ORDER 38-04222025*** – Appointing Craig Phillips to the Auburn Housing Authority for an unexpired term ending October 1, 2029, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.
- 5. ORDER 39-04222025*** – Appointing Evan Cyr to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring May 1, 2028, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.

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

II. Minutes – April 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Motion passed 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Mayor Harmon read the Proclamation recognizing Chief Robert L. Chase as 2024 Fire Chief of the Year and presented a plaque for his award.

Conservation Working Group's Earth Day Clean Up in Memory of Larry Pelletier – April 26, 10am-12pm – Anniversary Park, Festival Plaza & Pettengill Park

Mayor Harmon announced that Auburn has received notification from Maine Housing that our application for a Housing First project has been awarded to Auburn.

IV. Open Session

Cathy McDonald, speaking on behalf of the Lewiston-Auburn Liberty Festival

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

VII. Reports

a. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Harmon attended the Black Poster Project remembering the lives of those who died from substance abuse, and attended the grand opening of the Extra Space Storage.

b. **City Councilors' Reports** – Councilor Gerry attended Age Friendly's Easter Dinner. Councilor Whiting spoke in remembrance of Larry Pelletier. Councilor Walker remarked on the Age Friendly

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Easter Dinner, feeding 125 people in the community; it was a well attended event. There will be an upcoming meeting of the Neighborhood Watch committee and UNAA where a speaker from the City will be present; spoke in remembrance of Larry Pelletier. Councilor Platz gave an update from the School Committee budget process and made cuts without impacting positions and also secured a long-time architect and engineer. Councilor Milks gave an update on the Sewerage Board and asked for those who are interested in serving on the Board to apply.

c. **Student Representative Report** – None.

d. **City Manager Report** – Mentioned the City Clerk's office will be closed on May 9 for training.

e. **February 2025 Finance Report** – Kelsey Earle, Finance Director

Councilor Platz moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Walker. Motion passed 6-0.

VIII. Open Session

None.

The City Council recessed the meeting and resumed the CIP Budget workshop at 7:31PM.

IX. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (A) for City Manager's Quarterly Review.
No action to follow.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 8:16PM and then adjourned.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk