

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
April 6, 2026
Council Chambers, 60 Court St

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

I. Consent Items

1. ORDER 29-04062026 – Appointing Election Clerks for a 2 year term from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2028.

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

II. Minutes - March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

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

III. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

None.

IV. Open Session

None.

V. Unfinished Business

ORDINANCE 05-03162026 - Amending Chapter 60, "Zoning", of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding protections for important farmland and natural resources. Second reading/public hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilor Gerry moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz.

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

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

VI. New Business

ORDER 30-04062026 – Approving On-Premise Beer & Wine license for CRL Seafood, D/B/A Always Fresh Larochelles Seafood, 22 Mill St. Public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Mayor Harmon opened this item for public comment. There was no comment.

Motion passed 7-0.

ORDER 31-04062026 – Approving On-Premise Beer license for Luchador Corp D/B/A Luchador Tacos, 945 Center St. Public hearing.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Randall.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

ORDER 32-04062026 – Adopting 5 Year CIP Plan (FY27-FY31). Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Cowan moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz.

Motion passed 6-1 (Gerry opposed).

ORDER 33-04062026 – Annual Reports to Maine State Housing Authority regarding Affordable Housing Districts and associated TIFs. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz. Mayor Harmon opened this item for public comment. There was no comment.

Motion passed 7-0.

ORDER 34-04062026 – Amending agreement with the Auburn Lewiston Municipal Airport to refinance the outstanding principal on the Hangar #5 loan for 20 years at 2.58% interest. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan.

Director LaBonte explained the proposed amendment that would match the agreement Lewiston passed.

Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 06-04062026 – Amending Chapter 60, “Zoning”, of the City’s Code of Ordinances regarding LD-427 “An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums”. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE.

Councilor Walker moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Duvall. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

1. VII. Reports

a. Mayor’s Report – Addressed the revised Council budget schedule; public meeting of Mobile Home Rent Stabilization was held, draft ordinance to come before the Council for discussion in Maine; addressed recent meeting with Home for Good; Auburn Water District Water Tabletop exercise; attended a tour of Good Shepherd Food Bank; PAL center held the Easter Egg hunt, Exchange Club provided food., great event. Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Open Houses are scheduled over upcoming weeks to present a draft of future land use maps and receive feedback from the public.

b. City Councilors’ Reports – Councilor Cowan and Councilor Duvall encouraged residents to come give feedback regarding the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings. Councilor Platz noted that the Harriman Plan has been posted on the Auburn School Department page.

c. Student Representative Report – ELHS is looking for volunteer opportunities; Spring Sports have started; 30 days until Seniors last day.

d. City Manager Report – Report will be forthcoming regarding NSBA recent events and the weekend impact of these events.

2. VIII. Open Session

John Cleveland, Davis Ave

3. IX. Executive Session

4. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D) for labor contract negotiations concerning Police Department Patrol Unit.
5. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D) for labor contract negotiations concerning Public Works Department.

Councilor Walker moved to enter executive session, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 7-0, 7:45pm. Council came out of executive session.

6. X. Adjournment

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.