

City Council Meeting
August 3, 2026
Auburn Hall, Council Chambers

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

None.

II. Minutes – July 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting & July 28, 2026 Special Meeting

Councilor Walker moved to accept the minutes from July 20, 2026, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilor Walker moved to accept the minutes from July 28, 2026, seconded by Councilor Randall. Motion passed 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Memo from City Clerk: Business License Denial – Websters Trading Co, 150 Minot Ave

IV. Open Session

Matt Hunter, Minot Ave; regarding property sales and purchasing and permitting process
David S, Massachusetts; regarding property sales and purchasing and permitting process
Quentin Chapman, Eastman Ln; regarding syringe service programs

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

1) ORDER 69-08032026– Initiating zoning text amendment for public hearing and recommendation by the Auburn Planning Board regarding possible amendment to Chapter 60, Article IV, Division 2, Section 145(b)(1) Agriculture and Resource Protection District Use Regulations regarding removing the employee limit for sawmill uses within the district. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Randall moved to postpone indefinitely, as the Planning Board has already initiated action on this item. Seconded by Councilor Gerry. Motion passed 6-1 (Walker).

2) ORDER 70-08032026 – Approving the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport Master Plan. Passage requires majority vote.

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

This item was opened for public comment. There was no comment.

Motion passed 7-0.

3) ORDINANCE 14-08032026 – Amending the City’s Code of Ordinances to adopt a Mobile Home Park Rent Stabilization Ordinance. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Randall moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Walker.

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

Julie Francoeur, Ja-Lynne Park

Motion passed 6-1 (Walker) on a roll call vote.

VII. Reports

a. **Mayor’s Report** – Public meeting held with DOT and City of Auburn Engineering staff regarding Dennison and Turner St pedestrian safety enhancements and traffic flow; Councilor Cowan and Mayor attended Crisis Center open house run by Spurwink and DHHS providing access to crisis stabilization for youth experiencing mental and behavioral health crisis. Provided an update on the Comp Plan Committee, the Council will receive an update on September 14 with the Planning Board with a public hearing occurring in October. National Night Out is tomorrow evening, August 4; all are welcome to attend, starting in Festival Plaza at 5:30pm.

b. **City Councilors’ Reports** – Councilor Randall noted the Library will be having a Block Party in September, details on the Library website. Councilor Cowan thanked engineering and DOT regarding adding a 4 way stop at the intersection at Dennison and Turner St. Councilor Butler reported that the LA 911 Committee met on Thursday last week and reviewed the FY26 budget and 911 center relocation and that the new Parking and Traffic Safety Committee met to review FOAA and elect a Chair and Vice Chair. Councilor Walker reminded the public on National Night Out and noted the success of the first movie in the park and encouraged everyone to attend. Councilor Platz noted a recent article in SunJournal regarding the removal at the Littlefield Dam.

c. **Student Representative Report** – Rep. Edwards noted sports events at ELHS.

d. **City Manager Report** – Park Rangers are on site at Lake Grove Park; successful first movie in the park at Festival Plaza; next will be taking place in Lake Grove Park and reminded the public about National Night Out.

VIII. Open Session

None.

IX. Executive Session

1) Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D) for discussion of labor union contract negotiations between MSEA and the City of Auburn and Public Works and the City of Auburn. No action to follow.

Councilor Walker moved to enter, seconded by Councilor Duvall. Passed 7-0. Entered Executive Session at 7:38pm.

Declared out of Executive Session at 8:25pm.

The other two Executive Sessions noted on the agenda were taken up during Workshop.

X. Adjournment

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0 (Gerry absent). Adjourned at 8:25pm.

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Emily F. Carrington, City Clerk