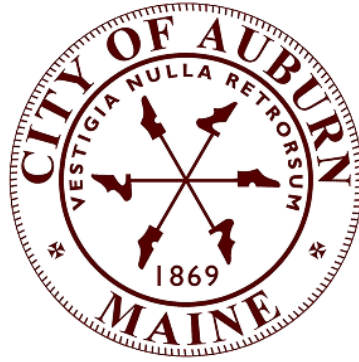


Meeting Agenda



City Council Workshop & Meeting Agenda

March 16, 2026

Auburn Hall, Council Chambers

5:30 PM Workshop

- **FY27 Budget Workshop**
 - Public Safety
 - FY27-FY31 Five Year CIP Review

 [CIP FY27-FY31](#)

7:00 PM Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call - *Roll call votes will begin with Councilor Walker*

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 Edwards was present. Student Representative Abdulahi was absent (excused).

I. Consent Items

All items with an asterisk () are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Passage of items on the Consent Agenda requires majority vote.*

- 1) ORDER 26-03162026* – Confirming appointment of Jane Costlow as the Conservation Working Group Representative to the Sustainability and Natural Resource Management Board (SNRB) for a term that expires 4/1/29.
- 2) ORDER 27-03162026*– Appointing Eric Gould to the Auburn Water District Board of Trustees for a term that expires 3/1/2029, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.

3) ORDER 28-03162026* – Appointing Stephen Ness to the Auburn Sewerage District Board of Trustees for a term that expires 3/1/2029, as recommended by the Appointment Committee.

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

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 ORDER 27 & ORDER 28

II. Minutes - March 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

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

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III. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

 Application for 2026 AARP Community Challenge grant funding, in partnership with Age-Friendly Community Committee, for accessible public perennial gardens providing free food to the community

IV. Open Session

Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business or any item that does not appear on the agenda.

Ben Lounsbury, W Auburn Rd Peter Rubens, Great Falls River Working Group

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

1. **RESOLVE 01-03162026** – Granting Auburn Water District approval for the issuance of a bond in the amount of \$2,700,000 to complete meter changeout, installation of meters, and any related work necessary to complete these scopes. *Passage requires majority vote.*
2. **ORDINANCE 05-03022026** - Amending Chapter 60, "Zoning", of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding protections for important farmland and natural resources. First reading. ROLL CALL VOTE.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Renewal of Funding for Automated License Plate Readers.

RESOLVE 01-03162026; Councilor Platz moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cowan. There was no comment. Councilor Platz asked the Council's role in this process. City Manager Crowell clarified the Charter of the Auburn Water District requires Council approval; the Council's role is to determine the need and if this fits the scope of the Water District and the potential costs to ratepayers. Councilor Platz asked Superintendent Broadbent about the need and scope of the project. Superintendent Broadbent responded that the meters have met their service life span and the new meters will allow for more accurate and real time usage. Councilor Randall asked the average increase to the customer; Superintendent Broadbent responded this would result in less than \$30/quarter increase for ratepayers. The Auburn Water District has not raised its rates in several years. Motion passed 7-0. ORDINANCE 05-03162026 - Councilor Cowan moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Platz. The following spoke on this item: Steven Beale, Johnson Rd Councilor Randall asked if this change is going to impact other

zones or just the AG zone; Mayor Harmon responded it does not expand the AG zone and only concerns the AG zone. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote. PUBLIC HEARING - Chief Moen gave an overview of the license plate reader cameras throughout the City, known as Flock Systems. City Councilors asked the Chief about the cameras capabilities and usage. Mayor Harmon opened this item for public comment. The following spoke: - Ben Lounsbury, W Auburn Rd - Rep. Quentin Chapman, Eastman Ln - Steven Beale, Johnson Rd - Fred Brodeur, Sixth St Mayor Harmon closed the public hearing.

 ORDINANCE 05

 RESOLVE 01

VII. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report**
- b. City Councilors' Reports**
- c. Student Representative Report**
- d. City Manager Report**

Mayor Harmon spoke on the budget schedule and Mayor Town Hall Budget meetings; there's a public forum on 3/17 regarding mobile home parks at 5:30pm at the Senior Center; the schedule for upcoming Comp Plan meetings was shared. Safe Voices adult book fair is upcoming. Next Monday 3/23 will be another budget workshop for FY27. Councilor Cowan gave an update on the Homelessness Committee meeting schedule. Councilor Platz reported that the Auburn School Department budget presentations have started. Rep. Edwards shared today was the first day of March Madness at ELHS; was recently on Absolutely Auburn podcast. City Manager Crowell shared an update on bills of interest in the Legislature regarding revenue sharing and taxes and school budget.

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IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn at 8:20pm, seconded by Councilor Butler. Motion passed 7-0.

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