

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 1999

JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LEWISTON CITY HALL AT 5:15 P.M.

THE HONORABLE LEE YOUNG, MAYOR OF AUBURN AND KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR OF LEWISTON PRESIDING.

PRESENT LEWISTON: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Carignan, Albert, Samson, Putnam, and City Administrator Robert J. Mulready.

ALSO PRESENT FROM LEWISTON: Finance Director Richard Metivier and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

PRESENT AUBURN: Councilors Levine, Livingston, DeFilipp, Carbonneau, Dennison, Guay, City Manager Patricia Finnegan, City Clerk Mary Lou Magno and Assistant City Manager Mark Adams.

ABSENT: Lewiston Councilor Bilodeau and Auburn Councilor Matzen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

L/A EXCELS PRESENTATION

Becky Conrad, coordinator of the L/A Excels project, discussed the efforts and goals of the initiative. Ms. Conrad encouraged all city officials to attend and participate in the upcoming Community Convention to be held May 1 at Bates College. The Convention is designed as a day to bring together people from both communities to develop a vision for the future of the Lewiston-Auburn area.

FFA PRESENTATION

Elizabeth Dodge, executive director of the national FFA office, located in Lewiston, updated the Councilors on the association's progress. She noted the recent trip to France resulted in many business to business matches. She discussed International Trade Day and the upcoming FFA International Convention to be held in New Brunswick, Canada. Ms. Dodge stated there are presently 56 members of the FFA and the association has been in operation for a little over 1 year.

FFA is requesting \$10,000 from each City in this upcoming budget.

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Auburn Assistant Manager Mark Adams introduced Mr. Adolf Holmes, the consultant to the committee who will be providing staff support to the group. Mr. Holmes outlined his goals for the coming year. He stated a bulletin board screen system will be running by September and they are hoping to have a full studio system in operation in the near future. Mr. Holmes mentioned the following topics as future items the cable system could be showing: informational video tapes, Council and School Board meetings, school system training, local news magazine show, sports events, human interest stories, health, music, area college events and speakers, movie reviews, educational items, literary discussions, "meet the author" interviews, foreign language training, Bates Mill, police/fire/EMS information, and many other topics.

SUNSET PROVISION OF ECONOMIC PROTOCOL

Auburn Manager Pat Finnegan reviewed the Joint Economic Development Protocol that was developed and approved last year by both Councils. The Protocol contained a sunset provision, requiring it to be reviewed again by both Councils after one year, to determine the effectiveness of the policy. It was noted by both Councils that the policy has been beneficial to both communities and should continue. Lucien Gosselin, President of the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council, stated he believes the procedures outlined in the policy are working well and should continue.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To delete the last paragraph of the policy which requires an annual review by both Councils. Passed - Vote 5-0

L/A TOGETHER REPORT

Lewiston City Administrator Bob Mulready reviewed the reports from various city departments. All departments reported they are working with their counterparts from each city. Mr. Mulready and Ms. Finnegan will work together in the next few weeks to further explore ideas for future L/A Together projects.

Councilor Carignan complimented the leadership of both community for working on this project. Councilor Kelly thanked Councilor Carignan for spearheading the initial effort

to get this project started.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine