

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 5, 1997

JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE AUBURN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE LEE YOUNG, MAYOR OF AUBURN AND JOHN JENKINS,
MAYOR OF LEWISTON PRESIDING.

PRESENT LEWISTON: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert,
Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J.
Mulready and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

ALSO PRESENT FROM LEWISTON: Assistant City Administrator
Peter Crichton and Finance Director Richard Metivier.

PRESENT AUBURN: Councilors Small, Guay, DeFilipp, Theriault,
Dennison, Douglass, Matzen, City Manager Patricia Finnegan,
City Clerk Mary Lou Magno and Assistant City Manager Mark
Adams.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

L-A TAX EXEMPT STUDY

Mr. Fern Rodrigue and Mr. James Cassidy, Co-chair of the L-A
Tax Exempt Study Committee, gave a brief report on the work
of the committee, its goals and recommendations. After a
brief discussion the following action was taken.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To accept and place on file the report of the Lewiston
Auburn Tax Exempt Study Committee. Passed - Vote 7-0

L-A TOGETHER PROGRESS REPORT

Auburn City Manager Patricia Finnegan and Lewiston City
Administrator Robert J. Mulready presented an L-A Together
Progress Report. They outlined the areas where the cities
have and are presently cooperating and plans for future
cooperation. No action was taken.

L-A TAX SHARING AGREEMENT

Mark Adams, Assistant City Manager in Auburn, explained the
amendment to this agreement for development of the Auburn-
Lewiston Industrial Airpark.

Members of both Councils felt the amendment was a good one whereas it provided both municipalities with the same return on their investment.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To approve the amendment to the agreement for development of the Auburn-Lewiston Industrial Airpark. Passed - Vote 7-0

AUBURN-LEWISTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Paul Karlowitz, Airport Manager, presented the proposed airport budget which called for an appropriation of \$66,553.00 from each municipality which is a small decrease over the current year budget.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport Budget at the requested amount of \$66,553.00, as recommended by the Airport Board of Directors.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Androscoggin Unified Emergency Management Agency Budget was briefly reviewed by Auburn City Manager Patricia Finnegan.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the Emergency Management Agency Budget at the requested amount of \$9,780.00. Passed - Vote 7-0

L-A ARTS

Richard Willing, Executive Director of L-A Arts, presented the request for funding at the same level as the current year.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the request from L-A Arts for funding in the amount of \$18,000.00 for fiscal year 1998.
Passed - Vote 7-0

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Norm Renaud, of the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Fourth of July Celebration, presented plans for the upcoming year.

Mr. Renaud advised the Councilors that the Chamber of Commerce is coordinating efforts to assure a Fourth of July Celebration in perpetuity. The event will be known as the "Liberty Festival" and will officially kick off a trilogy of summer festivals.

A 30 day T.V. and radio campaign will assure an influx of between 30 and 50 thousand people for the day-long event.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Liberty Festival Fourth of July Celebration. Passed Vote 7-0

LEWISTON-AUBURN ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL

Lucien Gosselin, President of the L-A Economic Growth Council, presented the 1998 fiscal year budget. He advised the Council that the rent payment is still unknown at this time and the funds would not be spent until such time as the two Councils have been notified. After a brief discussion the following action was taken.

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To approve the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council Budget as recommended by the LAEGC Board of Directors. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To adopt the Joint Resolve of the Auburn City Council and Lewiston City Council in support of Bath Iron Works Land Level Modernization Project. Passed - Vote 7-0

L-A TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mark Adams, Chairman of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee, presented the proposed 1998 fiscal year budget for the Transit Committee. The overall LATC Budget contains an increase of 8.6% and a 26% increase in the municipal subsidy requirement.

Council members from both municipalities expressed concern over the decrease in ridership and indicated the entire bus service will have to be considered if public information and education efforts fail to increase ridership.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the Lewiston share of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee Budget at the recommended amount of \$75,706.00.
Passed - Vote 7-0

L-A CONSOLIDATED 9-1-1

Michael Kelly, 9-1-1 Director, presented the 9-1-1 Budget for fiscal year 1998. Mr. Kelly explained the need for increased staffing. Members of both councils agreed to discuss staffing further at another joint meeting.

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the Lewiston-Auburn Consolidated 9-1-1 Budget of \$1,118,600.00 as recommended by the 9-1-1 Committee.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Auburn and the City of Lewiston for management of the 9-1-1 Communications Center. Passed - Vote 6-0
Councilor Kelly abstained.

The Council agreed to hold a joint meeting in Auburn on Monday, July 21, 1997.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 7:55 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine