

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 7, 2003

JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE AUBURN CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Normand Guay, Auburn Mayor and the Honorable Laurier T. Raymond, Jr., Lewiston Mayor.

PRESENT LEWISTON: Councilors Philippon, Bernier, O'Brien, Jean, Mason, and Rousseau, City Administrator James Bennett, Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau, Finance Director Richard Metivier and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

PRESENT AUBURN: Councilors Shields, Livingston, Defilipp, Bilodeau, Gerry, Matzen, and Mennealy, City Manager Patricia Finnigan, Assistant City Manager Mark Adams and City Clerk Mary Lou Magno.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence were observed. Mayor Guay welcomed everyone to the Auburn City Hall.

COUNTY SERVICES RESOLUTION

The Councilors discussed services offered by Androscoggin County and the need to open a dialogue to communicate with the County Commissioners regarding any potential joint services, and potential cost savings as a result of consolidating services. The Councilors signed a joint Resolution regarding the exploration of a collaborative approach to regional services. The Resolution will be delivered by the Mayors and City Managers of each City during a future meeting with the County Commissioners.

Councilor Matzen introduced Andrew D'Eramo as the new director of the 911 program. Mr. D'Eramo is the former Deputy Chief of Police in Lewiston and he thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Councilors welcomed him to his new position.

JOINT BUDGET PROCESS

A date will be set in the near future to hold the Annual Joint Budget Meeting to receive input from the agencies that receive funding from both cities. Ms. Finnigan asked if Councilors would prefer to receive the budget requests earlier than in the past, to allow for additional time to review the requests from the agencies. Councilors agreed this would be a good idea.

TWIN CITIES' PROJECTS

This was an opportunity for Councilors to discuss various projects that are currently underway in the communities. Councilors briefly discussed the status of various community development and economic development projects in the two cities, such as the new Gateway Park in Lewiston and the new Auburn City Hall to be completed next spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine