

**CITY OF LEWISTON & CITY OF AUBURN**

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2002**

**MEETING HELD IN THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AT 5:30PM**

THE HONORABLE LEE YOUNG, MAYOR, CITY OF AUBURN AND  
THE HONORABLE LAURIER T. RAYMOND, JR., MAYOR, CITY OF LEWISTON  
PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Lewiston City Councilors Philippon, Bernier, O'Brien, Jean, Samson, Paradis, Rousseau, Lewiston Acting City Administrator Phil Nadeau, and Lewiston City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Auburn City Councilors Shields, Livingston, DeFilipp, Theriault, Gerry, Paradie, Matzen, Auburn City Manager Patricia Finnigan and City Clerk Mary Lou Magno.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Young welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked everyone to please introduce themselves for the benefit of the newly-elected Lewiston City Councilors. The Councilors also reviewed the current Joint Meeting Protocol.

**LEAD PROGRAM**

Lewiston Community Development Director Jim Andrews and Auburn Development Director Roland Miller made a brief presentation on the recent \$2 million federal grant the two cities received jointly for the lead abatement program. The grant application was a collaborative effort by both cities. Lewiston will be using their funds as 100% grants to downtown residential buildings that need to make their units lead safe, Auburn will be issuing funds as 75% grant, 25% loan.

**VOTE (1-2002)**

Motion by Councilor Livingston, seconded by Councilor Shields:

To waive the rules to allow the two Councils to vote as one for the motions for tonight's meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0 (Auburn Councilors)

**VOTE (2-2002)**

Motion by Councilor Bernier, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To waive the rules to allow the two Councils to vote as one for the motions for tonight's meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0 (Lewiston Councilors)

**VOTE (3-2002)**

Motion by Councilor Shields, seconded by Councilor Rousseau:

To approve the Guidelines for the Lead Hazard Control Program. Passed - Vote 14-0

**JOINT BUDGET PROCESS**

Lewiston Finance Director Richard Metivier explained the protocols established for the joint budget reviews. The two Councils meet each year in either April or May to hear presentations from approximately seven agencies that receive funding from both Cities. The Cities have a legal obligation to fund these organizations and worked to create these organizations in years past, such as the 911 communications center and the EMA office.

**AIRPORT OVERVIEW**

Airport Manager Peter Drinkwater made a presentation to the Joint Councils on recent and upcoming development issues at the airport. The airport board has great plans for expansion and increased and varied usage of the facility.

**EAST-WEST HIGHWAY**

Auburn Development Director Roland Miller made a presentation to the group on the proposed East-West Highway development, which will be a roadway system through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Canada. It is called the North Atlantic Trade Corridor. He noted the economic development benefits of such a highway system. He stated the Resolution calls for the federal government to study the feasibility of such a highway, and the study will not cost the cities any money.

**VOTE (4-2002)**

Motion by Councilor O'Brien, second by Councilor Theriault:

To approve the Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to Study the Sufficiency of the West-East Transportation Links. Passed - Vote 14-0

**WALK AMERICA**

Mayor Young reviewed the information from the March of Dimes Walk America campaign and noted that the revenues from this year's walk are projected to reach over \$1,000,000 collected in the past ten years from the Lewiston/Auburn walk. The Councilors from each city stated that it would be a great show of support if they all participated in this fundraising event and walked together.

**INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

Councilor Philippon shared information with the group on an upcoming series at L/A College honoring the Franco-American heritage in the area. He noted it is a film and lecture series on March 8 and 9.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the group will be April 22 and will be the joint budget meeting.

**VOTE (5-2002)**

Motion by Councilor Shields, second by Councilor Philippon:

To adjourn at 6:50 P.M. Passed - Vote 14-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine