

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2011 - Meeting # 7

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael D. Quill.

Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill, all Present.

Present: Corporation Counsel, and Acting City Manager John Rossi, Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Jenny Haines Planning Director, Steve Selevak, Senior Planner, William Lupien, Engineering Superintendent, Mike Hammon Fire Chief, Laurie Turo, Mayor's Office Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public to be Heard

Carl DePalma, Attorney representing Joseph Camardo, spoke to Council regarding his client's concerns with the demolition of the Kalet Building.

Mike Simon representing BME Associates, 10 Lift Bridge Lane Fairport NY – on behalf of Mr. Camardo spoke to Council about their opinion that the city did not properly follow the SEQR process. He cited several sections of the laws pertaining to SEQR.

Kevin Cox, 127 Genesee St. (only information given) – stated his disapproval of the previous speaker being cut off before he was finished; stating that he was under the impression that the court had determined that they would be able to speak to council freely as needed.

Peter Rusika 15 Walnut St. commented on the Kalet Building issue and expressed his disapproval of the project and the city expense associated with it.

Amy Testa, Beechtree Rd. read a statement from Jim Driscoll owner of Sherlock Holmes on Genesee St. In his statement he expressed favor for the Kalet's Demolition and that he was pleased with the way the city was handling the project.

Presentations and Proclamations

Laurie Didio, Executive Director, Cayuga Seneca Action Program accepted a proclamation from the Mayor for Community Action Awareness Day.

Lynda Di Orio and David Stathis City IT support staff, presented a report on the City's Software Update.

There were no Public Announcements

The City Clerk read Communications.

SEQR Resolutions

SEQR Resolution #21 of 2011 declaring the City of Auburn as Lead Agency, classifying the project and determining significance of environmental impacts pursuant the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act –. After the Resolution was brought to the floor, Stephen Selvek, Planning & Community Development Program Manager in the City’s Office of Planning & Economic Development gave Council an overview of the SEQR process for this project. After discussion there was a motion to table, by Councilor Graney- Seconded by Councilor Smith. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, aye; Councilor Brower, Mayor Quill, no. **TABLED**

There were no Ordinances.

Resolutions

Agreement Resolution #22 of 2011 authorizing the City Purchasing Agent to enter into a cooperative bidding agreement with Cayuga Onondaga BOCES. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. **CARRIED**

Agreement Resolution #23 of 2011 authorizing the City to enter a contract agreement with Crawford & Stearns for professional services. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #24 of 2011 extending the employment contract for the City Manager. Motion to table Smith/Graney VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, aye - Mayor Quill, no. **TABLED.**

Award Resolution #25 of 2011 authorizing the award of the bid for the Kalet Building Demolition Project. **PULLED**

Award Resolution #26 of 2011 authorizing the award of a contract for environmental air monitoring and testing services for the Kalet Building Demolition Project. **PULLED**

Award Resolution #27 of 2011 authorizing Change Order #1 to QPK Design. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye, Councilor Smith no. **CARRIED**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Legislation.

Other Business – Councilor Smith and Mayor Quill asked that City staff look at snow removal on North St. sidewalks from the Cemetery to the Arterial in response to complaints from citizens.

Council discussed the problem on many city streets with potholes. Mr. Lupien answered questions and the Mayor asked that the Public Works Director provide Council with a report on what is being done to address the problem at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 7:40 PM