

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2011 4:30PM

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 4:30PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael D. Quill.

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

City Staff Present: Corporation Counsel, and Interim City Manager John Rossi, Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Jenny Haines Planning Director, William Lupien, Engineering Superintendent, Vicky Murphy, Municipal Utilities Director, Mike Talbot, Public Works and Anthony DeCaro, Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a Moment of Silence**

Public to be heard –

The following people spoke during the public to be heard:

Walt Aikman, 17 Liberty Street

Jim Dadabbo, 229 N. Hoopes Avenue

Connie Reilly, BID

Marilyn Mandillo - Aurora

Patty Beer, 81 Swift Street

Beth Cuddy, 130 North Street

Diane Miller, 33 Meadowbrood Drive

Dr. Walter Hang, 215 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca

Bruce Natale, Elizabeth Street

Dan Vergaman, Trumansburg

Mark, Cooney, Syracuse

Doug Ward, 110 N. Seward Avenue

Joe LeGrande, 161 E. Genesee Street

Andrew Miller, 217 Woodlawn Avenue

Terry Cuddy, 130 North Street

Fay Grogagas, Ithaca,

Sidney Beck, 133 Burtis Pt. Road

Tom Hayden, 6260 Glencove Road, Niles

Presentations

Public Announcements

City Managers Report

John Rossi Interim City Manager reminded City residents of the Summer Playground Program run by the YMCA. It is open to all residents of the community but targets children between the ages of 5 through 12. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays the program is conducted at Clifford Park. Wednesdays are at Casey Park. Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent.

Mr. Rossi also thanked the RSVP volunteers for their help in getting tax bills out in a timely fashion in light of such a late Budget passing.

Mayor Quill closed the Public Hearing.

Resolutions

Award Resolution #92 of 2011 authorizing the contract for grass cutting services at private properties. VOTE Council Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED**

Award Resolution #93 of 2011 for a contract with Expert Clutter removal Service for trash collection services on private properties. VOTE Council Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #94 of 2011 prohibiting the City of Auburn from accepting natural gas drilling water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. VOTE Council Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED.**

Councilor Smith questioned Vicky Murphy, DMU regarding this Resolution. A discussion ensued and Councilor Smith asked for this Resolution to be tabled until the full report had been presented to staff from the State. No second.

Financial Resolution #95 of 2011 authorizing a Budget amendment to Fiscal Year 2011-2012 operating budget for a transfer of funds.

Financial Resolution #96 of 2011 authorizing a Budget amendment to fiscal year 2010-2011 operating budget for a transfer of funds. VOTE Council Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED.**

Agreement Resolution #97 of 2011 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Auburn Real Estate Company. VOTE Council Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.

Other Business

Councilor Smith requested that the City consider selling some of the Downtown parking spaces to local businesses and requested that a Resolution be presented in two weeks for discussion and voted on in the week after that.

Councilor Brower requested focused meetings regarding the Co-Gen situation to see where we are at.

John Rossi suggested that he create a schedule of department meetings to focus on revenues and expenses for each department.

Councilor Smith commented on spending cuts that the County has initiated and advised that privatization was the way to cutting budget expenses.

Mr. Rossi suggested periodic updates regarding Budget matters.

Council moved into executive session.

Council adjourned at 6:05PM.