

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 2.16.12

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
Thursday February 2, 2012 6:00PM

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

Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll. Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, **PRESENT.**

CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Manager	Douglas Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Police Chief	Gary Giannotta
Capital Projects Manager	Christina Selvek
Fire Chief	Jeffery Dygert
City Treasurer	Bob Gauthier
Planning Dept. Secretary	Alicia McKeen
Planning Program Mgr.	Steve Selvek

Mayor Quill lead the **Pledge of Allegiance** and asked for a moment of silent prayer or reflection

At 6:05PM Mayor Quill opened the Public Hearing for public comment on the 2012-13 Community Block Grant Action Plan. He asked any speakers to come forward.

Crystal Purcell Cosentino, Deputy Executive Director of Home Headquarters in Syracuse and a resident of Auburn at 121 South Herman Ave. - spoke in regard to the CDBG plan. She reviewed the work within city neighborhoods that her agency has done with assistance of the city's investment, the CDGB funds, the Allyn Foundations and other resources. She endorsed the 2012-13 plan and thanked Council.

With no other speakers coming forward Mayor Quill announced that the public hearing would remain open through the meeting for anyone that may want to speak on the CDBG plan.

Public to be Heard

Virginia Androsko 161 Seymour St. - spoke to let Council know about her opinion that there is

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 2.16.12

a shortage of handicap parking at the YMCA. She also commented on the lack of snow removal on Court St. which made it difficult and dangerous to walk. She stated that she favored year round alternate side parking. Mayor Quill asked Mrs. Androsko to give her name to the Police Chief for follow up.

Jerry Morgan, Auburn NY (no street address given) - spoke to thank Council for painting the cross walk lines at the intersection of Pulaski and State St. and for installing the 4 way stop sign. He reported that kids are now crossing the street and cars are stopping and letting them cross to go to school.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 19th - Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Presentations and Proclamations

Audit Report - Roger Beer of Green & Seifter, CPAs - Mr. Beer presented Council with a review of the Audit for the city finances through June 30, 2011. Among the items discussed were various city funds, revenues, and expenses, impact of funding power utility, management of open grants, internal controls, policies, and issues related to the position of Comptroller being vacant. A power point presentation and copies of the draft audit report were distributed.

Council discussed and asked questions.

2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan - Steve Selvek, Planning & Development Program Manager - Mr. Selvek presented a review of the City's Annual CDBG Action Plan. Council discussed.

Public Announcements - None

City Manager's Report

- In response to Councilor Camardo's request regarding alternate side parking, it was agreed to start with a work session that has been scheduled for 2/9 and move forward from the result of the outcome of that meeting.
- The City received a FEMA reimbursed for emergency response during floods earlier in the year. Checks were sent to Aurelius and Owasco totaling approximately \$11000.
- Council meetings are being scheduled with alternate weeks with work session agendas. The 1st and 3rd week of each month will be a business meeting and the 2nd and 4th week a work session.
- In response to Councilor Camardo's question last week regarding financial assistance to businesses, a memo was prepared and distributed to each Councilor outlining the sources of assistance that included city and other agency resources.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 2.16.12

- On February 2, 2012 the state law became effective that requires all documents be made available to the public that will be discussed at public meetings. This is being arranged through the City Clerk's office.

Presentation of Petition and Communications The City Clerk read.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions and Ordinances - None

Resolutions

Financial Resolution #20 of 2012 approving the Financial Disclosure Form. Motion to table by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Graney. VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. TABLED Prior to the vote to table Council discussed a desire to see more information required on the disclosure form and amendments to the Ethics Code. Mr. Rossi will be working on this.

There were no Local Laws and Tabled Legislation

At 7:55PM Mayor Quill closed the Public Hearing on the CDBG Action Plan.

Other Business

Agreement Resolution # 15 of 2012 authorizing an agreement with NYSERDA for the Mill St. Dam energy credits. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.** Prior to this vote Christina Selvek spoke and answered Council's questions regarding the Mill St. Dam hydro project.

Council further discussed the Financial Disclosure Form and the Code of Ethics Ordinance. Issues of concern included increasing the number of board members, determining appointment authority, subpoena power as an enforcement tool.

Council also discussed the co-gen facility and the options for the contract.

Recap

The Clerk read the recap.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:35PM to discuss "personnel and legal consultation".

Adjournment - Council returned from executive session at 9:10 and adjourned.