

City of Auburn
City Council - Work Session
Thursday May 17, 2012 6:00PM
Minutes

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 Quill

Roll Call

The City Clerk Called the roll. Councilor Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Smith and Mayor Quill, **present**.

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Police Chief	Gary Giannotta
Fire Chief	Jeffery Dygert
CIP Manager	Christina Selvek
Jenny Haines	Planning Director

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

Public to be heard -

Jerry Morgan Standard Woods Apartments spoke to share his thoughts on the lack of a public to be heard segment at the recent AIDA meeting. He also mentioned the school district budget and described it as "hemorrhaging".

Council **Approved the Minutes** from the April 30th and May 3rd Council Meeting.

Presentations and Proclamations -

The Clerk read a proclamation recognizing National Preservation Month 2012.

Christina Selvek and Mike Deming members of the City's Historic Resource Review Board presented Local Historic Preservation Awards to area sites that were selected and spoke briefly about the board and its' work.

The City Clerk read a proclamation recognizing National Police Week and Police Chief Gary Giannotta accepted and spoke briefly.

Public Announcements - The Clerk announce upcoming meetings, and Councilor Smith announced an event scheduled at Hoopes Park on May 19th to raise funds and awareness of a local Center for Pregnancy Care. Councilor Camardo announced that the Cayuga

Community College Nursing Graduation would be held on May 18th and the College Commencement will be on May 20th.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Selby updated Council on the Auburn Municipal Power Agency timeline for the landfill. He also reported that new long term and handicap meters would be installed in the Bank of America Lot.

The Clerk read communications.

SEQR resolutions were moved up on the agenda as they are required to be approved prior to voting on the associated Bond Ordinance.

SEQR Resolution # 45 of 2012 for the 2012-13 City Sidewalk program. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

SEQR Resolution # 46 of 2012 for the 2012-13 City Road Improvement program. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Ordinances

Bond Ordinance #4 of 2012 approving the issuance of \$250,000 Serial Bonds to finance the cost of the 2012-13 City Sidewalk Program. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Bond Ordinance #5 of 2012 approving the issuance of \$2,250,000 Serial Bonds to finance the cost of the 2012-13 Road Improvement Program. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Resolutions -

Appointment Resolution # 47 of 2012 authorizing an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.**

Appointment Resolution # 48 of 2012 designating a time for City Council Meetings. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, and Ruzicka, No. Mayor Quill, Aye. DEFEATED.**

Appointment Resolution # 49 of 2012 authorizing the Mayor to submit a written request to the New York State Director of the Budget. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.**

Appointment Resolution # 50 of 2012 was **PULLED**.

Appointment Resolution # 51 of 2012 Financial Resolution # 2012 authorizing the Mayor to accept Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.**

Appointment Resolution # 52 of 2012 **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Local Law

The Clerk read for the record the first reading of Local Law #1 of 2012 providing an exemption from real property taxes as authorized by Section 485-a of New York Real Property Tax Law.

Councilor Smith commented as he has been the advocate for pursuing this exemption.

The SEQR resolutions voted on earlier in the meeting were tabled legislation.

Other Business -

The City Manager presented preliminary figures for the 2012-13 City Budget. Council discussed. He gave an overview of revenue and expense numbers. He also suggested an idea that could raise revenue by implementing an annual trash fee that would charge per dwelling unit. He explained the details - that heavy users would be paying their share while, those that only have one bag of trash would not be subject to the addition cost. Council discussed the idea and why they did not favor such a plan.

Council agreed to meet on the 5th Thursday of May to continue work on the Budget.

Council adjourned at 8:30PM