

**Auburn City Council**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Thursday September 6, 2012 6:00 P.M.**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn N.Y. by Mayor Michael D. 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
Engineering Director	Bill Lupien
CIP Manager	Christina Selvek
Public Works Director	Mike Talbot
Assessor	Mike Burns
Water Treatment Super.	Tony DeCaro
Municipal Utilities Dir.	Vicky Murphy

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

**Public to be Heard -**

Norm Davis, 98 N Division St. Auburn NY spoke regarding dogs running loose and asked for stronger enforcement to control dogs and neglectful owners.

Sabrina Hesford, Coordinator of the Health Department's Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play - spoke regarding the York Street sidewalk debate. She encouraged sidewalk construction to make it easier for people to get out and walk. She stated accessibility is a safety, health and quality of life issue and pointed out that it is in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Tom Cummings, Auburn Chain Saw, Thanked Council for working for the businesses on York St.

Bill Atkinson, Oakcreek Apt. discussed the Holiday Parade and stated he was interested in singing at it.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the August 16, 2012 Council Meeting - Approved unanimously.

### **Presentations and Proclamations -**

The City Clerk read a proclamation for National Preparedness Month.

Eileen McHugh, Executive Director Randy Cohen, VP of Research and Policy Americans for the Arts presented the results of the Art and Economic Prosperity Study done in the City of Auburn. Auburn was one of 182 communities throughout the country involved in the study.

Matthew Evans, Firefighter, Auburn Fire Department spoke on behalf of the CNY Burn Foundation regarding the 11th annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run in NYC that Auburn Firefighters will participate in to raise funds to help those effected by injuries and sacrifices in the line of duty.

**Public Announcements -** The Clerk read.

### **City Manager's Report -**

Mr. Selby reported:

- The State Comptroller announced that pension costs to municipalities will increase 11.9% to 16.3% in the next year with Police and Fire to increase from 18.2 to 21.6%.
- The City's Health Insurance Committee met and the city is doing better than most. The rate is only up 5.8% over 5 years. The committee is looking at proactive ways to contain costs by using preventative care.

At 6:40PM there was a motion to enter into Executive Session by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka to discuss "contract negotiations". All were in favor.

At 7:05PM Council returned from Executive Session and the Mayor called the meeting to order.

**Presentation of Petition and Communications -** The Clerk read.

### **State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions**

SEQRA Resolution #104 of 2012 by the Auburn City Council authorizing the Issuance of serial bonds of \$7,900,000 for the York Street revitalization. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

### **Ordinances**

Bond Ordinance #8 of 2012 authorizing the issuance of serial bonds not to exceed \$4,000,000 refunding bonds of the City of Auburn, New York, to refund certain outstanding serial bonds of the City and providing for other matters in connection therewith. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Bond Ordinance #9 of 2012 authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of \$7,900,000 for the York Street revitalization. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

### **Resolutions**

Award Resolution #105 of 2012 authorizing award of the York Street Reconstruction Project to CCI Companies. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Award Resolution #106 of 2012 authorizing award of construction inspection services for the York Street Reconstruction project to McFarland-Johnson, Inc. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Council Resolution #107 of 2012 authorizing the approval of CSEA Memorandum of Understanding. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Award Resolution #108 of 2012 authorizing an award for the 2012 Gas Collection System Improvement Projects to Marcy Excavation Services, LL **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Agreement Resolution #109 of 2012 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement between the City of Auburn, Brogan Manor Housing Development Fund, Inc. and Brogan Manor Limited Partnership. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Award Resolution #110 of 2012 authorizing award of FERC and NYSDEC-required services for the Mill Street and N. Division Street dams. . **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Agreement Resolution #111 of 2012 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of Interior. . **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

### **Local Law & Tabled Legislation**

Land Sale Resolution #98 of 2012 conveying City premises to Galbato, LLC. As Amended **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, (Abstained) Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Council Resolution #99 of 2012 transferring personnel and functions from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Municipal Utilities. **TABLED**

Prior to deciding to table this resolution, Council discussed Resolution #99 with the City Manager and the two department heads involved, Vicky Murphy Municipal Utilities Director and Mike Talbot, Public Works Director.

**Other Business -**

Councilors discussed several issues that were placed on the recap for follow up by staff.

**Council adjourned at 8:40PM.**