

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting – Work Session
Thursday June 5, 2013 6:00PM

Minutes

The Business 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, Smith, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill present.

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Planning Director	Jenny Haines

Public to be Heard

Walt Aikman, 17 Liberty St. Auburn, spoke to Council using an actual bench he had made from an Ash log as an example of the weight of this tree. He reported that the city has about 8000 trees and of them 1000 are Ash Trees and Emerald Ash Bore is attacking now. He warned if this is not addressed it will be a danger to citizens.

Dave Arnold, Logan St., President of the Cayuga Labor Council - spoke to Council about moving forward on the SEQR resolution.

Council approved the minutes from the May 16, 2013 meeting.

Proclamations -Presentations - None.

City Manager’s Report – The City Manager reported the following -

- York St. paving has begun.
- The city is now actively seeking a person to fill the position of Comptroller.
- The use of Pango Parking is growing every day. The BID reported that to date there are 250 users, average time used was 61 minutes, and it is expected that total subscribers will be at 500 by July.
- The City of Auburn is featured in the Legislative Gazette. A four page insert devoted to the city is included in each copy.

Council, the City Manager, and Mr. Rossi discussed the budget and the impact that not using the \$1.7 million pension smoothing program could have on city services.

SEQR

SEQR Resolution #59 of 2013 requiring the project sponsor of the Schwartz Family Performing Arts Center to provide City Council as lead agency with a full long form Environmental Assessment Form. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. *Including an amendment to require reimbursement to the city for expert service expense incurred - as noted on resolution. CARRIED**

Resolutions

Agreement Resolution #60 of 2013 authorizing the renewal of the City's ambulance service agreement with TLC Medical Services. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

Council Resolution #61 of 2013 setting date for a public hearing concerning the City Manager's recommended Budget of 2013-14. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

There were no Ordinances, Local Laws or Tabled Legislation

Other Business

Jenny Haines, Director of Planning, reviewed the proposed **Commercial and Residential Permits and fees** changes. She distributed a memo that included proposed fees for 2013-14 and reviewed different fee structures in several other municipalities for comparison. Council discussed.

The City Manager reviewed and updated Council on several budget items. Council discussed the budget and the issue of time. It was agreed to schedule two additional Council meetings dedicated specifically to the budget. June 18th and 25th were agreed on.

Council adjourned at 7:30PM to executive session to discuss collective negotiations.

Council returned from executive session at 8:30PM and adjourned at 8:30PM.