

**Auburn City Council**  
**Work Session Meeting**  
**Thursday July 25, 2013 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**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 Quill.

**Roll Call**

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

**City Staff Present:**

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| City Manager                           | Doug Selby      |
| Corporation Counsel                    | John Rossi      |
| Asst. Corp. Counsel                    | Andy Fusco      |
| City Clerk                             | Debby McCormick |
| Superintendent of Engineering Services | William Lupien  |
| Water Filtration Supervisor            | Anthony De Caro |

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

**Public to be Heard**

Tim Lattimore, District 13 County Legislator introduced Susan Sinclair the County's new Administrator. He then commented on the meeting.

Susan Sinclair, new County Administrator, spoke briefly regarding her first few days in the community and invited anyone wishing to speak to her to stop by; she has an open door policy.

Bob Nethercott, 3194 Barrington Way and Board President of the Musical Theater Festival encouraged council to move forward on the SEQR process to expedite the construction of the theater.

Eric Aziza 7592 Healy Rd CCC Faculty Member, referred to letters that were written to the newspaper in opposition to the College supporting the theater project. He read from one.

Kevin Cox 127 Genesee St. discussed the SEQR process and listed obstacles to a successful SEQR review. He distributed to members of Council, photocopies of several documents, including transcripts, affidavits, memos, and diagrams.

Justin Huffman 127 Genesee St. Auburn commented on the SEQR process and listed obstacles to the SEQR process.

Ed Sayles, Managing Producer of the Musical Theater Festival 5661 State St. Rd. spoke in

support of moving forward with the SEQR as soon as possible. He gave several examples of evidence that illustrated the success and financial benefit of theater to the community.

Meg Vanek Cayuga County Visitor and Tourism Bureau 131 Genesee St. spoke of the theater's positive financial impact to the community.

Joe Leo Grande 161 E. Genesee St. spoke to express his frustration with the city for having received a notice for having signs in his yard when he counted 28 signs in yards on the way to City Hall. He felt singled out.

**Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes for July 2, 2013 - Approved unanimously.

### **Presentations**

Tony Gucciardi Town of Owasco Council member presented Council with an update on the I-81 project. He read a resolution that the Town of Owasco passed and asked the City to pass a similar one in support the town.

**Proclamations** – None

**Public Announcements** – The Clerk read.

**City Manager's Report** - Mr. Selby reported on the following:

- He will be visiting Madison County to look at solar panels, something that the city is looking into.
- The negotiations for the land transfer with Mac Studios have come to a stop due to wetland issues. The cost of mitigation and the federal approval process may prohibit moving forward.
- The City and Fire Fighter Union negotiations have come to an impasse.

**Presentation of Petition and Communications** – None

**Ordinances** - The Clerk read for a first reading Bond Ordinance # 7 of 2013 authorizing \$250,000 serial bonds to finance the City Sidewalk Program for 2013-14.

**There were no SEQR, Resolutions, Local Law, or Tabled Legislation.**

### **Other Business**

**Boards and Commissions** - The City Manager distributed a packet containing information on all city active and inactive boards and commissions, members, terms, and ordinances pertaining to each and departments that support them if any. It was agreed that Council would take time to review the information and this would be put back on the agenda in a few weeks to discuss and possibly make changes.

**Discussion of Reorganization of City Departments** - Council discussed options for reorganizing. Agreeing that focusing on the Finance Department was a good first step.

**Schwartz Theatre SEQR review discussion** - Andy Fusco, Assistant Corporation Counsel reviewed the 4 issues that were identified by the SEQR review. Wendy Marsh, Attorney with Hancock Estabrook representing Cayuga Community College's interest in the project spoke on behalf of the college. Karan Green JMZ Consultants and Julian Clark Engineering consultant spoke to the issues that needed to be addressed.

**Recap:** The City Clerk read.

Council adjourned for executive session at 8:35PM

**Adjournment** - They returned at 9:30PM and adjourned.