

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting – Work Session
Thursday July 11, 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:

Acting City Manager	Jenny Haines
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Municipal Utilities Dir.	Vicky Murphy
CIP Manager	Christine Selvek

Public to be Heard

Sabrina Hesford, Cayuga County Dept. of Health spoke to encourage Council to support the Owasco Trail project for the public health benefits of walking.

Dr. Paul Koenig, physician at Auburn Community Hospital and property owner. His property is on the proposed trail path and he spoke to support the project.

Linda (Last name inaudible) Auburn resident spoke in support of the trail and pointed out the many cycling events that Auburn is known for and how the trail would benefit these events.

Tim Lattimore, County Legislator, resident of Auburn, spoke regarding the city's energy project - 'co-gen', and the history of the project.

Connie Riley, Auburn BID Executive Director spoke in support of moving forward with the trail project.

Jason Cushman, 2 Orchard Ave spoke in favor of the Owasco Trail, mentioning the advantages it would have for his hobby of running.

Council approved the minutes from the June 20, 2013 meeting.

Proclamations -Presentations -

- Dick Stabinsky, representing the Fire and Irons MC Region 6 Events committee reviewed the details of the group's event that is coming up in Auburn. He reported on the volume of people that will be attending the 3 day event and the positive impact it will have on the local economy.

- Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities presented a report on a pilot program for Vermi-Composting on sludge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. John Hicks, Organix representative assisted with the presentation.
- Christina Selvek, Auburn's Capital Improvement Program Manager presented an overview of the Owasco River Greenway Trail project. She distributed updated information and maps. Council requested an additional public hearing be scheduled to offer citizens another opportunity to comment on the trail. Council discussed the plan and the financing of it. Ms. Selvek reported that grant funds are available. She asked for and received Council's support to apply for grant funding.

There were no SEQR, Resolutions, Ordinances, Local Laws or Tabled Legislation

Other Business

Council Resolution #70 of 2013 authorizing the adoption of the 2013 BID Tax Rate. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Camardo abstained. CARRIED.**

* A typo on the above resolution required a vote to amend and correct the resolution.

Mayor Quill reported on plans that are in process to connect the birth place of Harriet Tubman, Cambridge Maryland, and St. Catherine's Ontario Canada, where Ms. Tubman lived and brought many of the slaves she led to freedom, as 'sister cities' with Auburn, the locations that Harriet Tubman lived and died.

Council adjourned at 8:15PM to executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Council returned from executive session at 8:45PM and adjourned at 8:45PM.