

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2014 6:00PM
City Council Chambers
Memorial City Hall
24 South St.
Auburn, NY 13021**

Minutes

The meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Councilor Camardo.

Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka were all present. Mayor Quill was absent/excused due to illness. Mayor Quill asked Councilor Camardo to fill the role of Presiding Officer.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Engineering, William Lupien
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy
- Chief Water Plant Operator, Anthony DeCaro

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Councilor Camardo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Councilor Camardo asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Public to be Heard –

- Norm Davis, Auburn, NY
Mr. Davis spoke to recognize the city staff in the Department of Public Works for their efforts this winter removing snow from city streets.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. February 27, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye.

Presentations and Proclamations – none

Public Announcements – none

City Manager's Report - The City Manager reported:

- On the issue of NYSEG reporting to the City that they will be flying helicopters at low levels above the City on Friday, March 7, 2014
- On the issue of the City's new Comptroller Laura Wills. The Manager reported that the new Comptroller is hard at work on many different topics. She has been working with City Department Heads and purchasing personnel on making necessary decisions to improve City purchasing procedures and properly define budget lines for the upcoming City budget preparation.
- On the issue of the new turbine being installed at the Mill St. Dam. The Manager invited Director of Engineering William Lupien to provide an update on the upcoming turbine installation.
- On the issue of two letters received for the Manager and Council. The Manager asked the Clerk to read two letters: 1. Letter from Constance D. Evelyn, Superintendent of Schools for the Auburn Enlarged City School District regarding the cost to the School District for use of the ice at the Casey Park Ice Rink. 2. Letter from Andrew Fish, Executive Director of the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce regarding the Chamber's support for Ordinance #2 of 2014 to add parking meters on West Garden St.

Councilor Camardo announced that the following agenda items had been pulled from the agenda:

- Council Resolution #41 of 2014 Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Business Improvement District; and,
- Financial Resolution #42 Amending the APD Budget.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – none

Ordinances –

A. Ordinance #2 of 2014 – Amending Parking Ordinance to add Parking Meters on West Garden Street. The Clerk read the first reading of Ordinance #2. Ordinance #2 will be voted on at a future Council meeting.

Resolutions –

A. Council Resolution #36 of 2014 Approving Special Meeting Dates for FY 2014-2015 Budget Work Sessions

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

B. Council Resolution #37 of 2014 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Finger Lakes Dog Protection Agency, Inc.

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

C. Council Resolution #38 of 2014 Awarding a Bid for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

D. Council Resolution #39 of 2014 Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the Traffic Signal Upgrade Project

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

E. Council Resolution #40 of 2014 Awarding the Purchase of a Street Sweeper

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

F. Council Resolution #41 of 2014 Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Business Improvement District

Council Resolution #41 was pulled from the agenda

G. Financial Resolution #42 of 2014 Amending the APD Budget

Financial Resolution #42 was pulled from the agenda

H. Financial Resolution #43 of 2014 Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the FY 2013-2014 Budget for a Transfer to the Water Revolving Loan Fund

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Council discussed.

Councilor Camardo made a Motion to Table Financial Resolution #43 of 2014, the Motion to Table was seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The Motion to Table was defeated 2-2. Councilors McCormick and Cuddy voting no. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye.

Council discussed.

Councilor Camardo made a Motion to Amend Financial Resolution #43 to reduce the amount to transfer to the Water Fund Revolving Loan Account #HF 99.503.002 from

\$375,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The amount of \$25,000.00 will provide enough funding for projects that come up over the next few weeks. Councilor Ruzicka seconded the Amendment. (See Attachment A) The Motion to Amend carried 3-1. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, and, Ruzicka voting aye. Councilor Cuddy voting no.

Council discussed.

The Council then voted on the Motion to approve Financial Resolution #43 as amended. (See Attachment B) The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

I. Council Resolution #44 of 2014 Authorizing a Special Loan Program from the Water Revolving Loan Fund At 0% Financing

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

J. Financial Resolution #45 of 2014 Transferring Monies from the General Fund to the Auburn Fire Department

Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and, Ruzicka all voting aye.

Local Law- None

Tabled Legislation- none

Other Business

- Councilor McCormick reported on the March 1, 2014 Owasco Lake Symposium.
- Councilor McCormick reported that she and Councilor Cuddy attended a Saturday, March 1, 2014 a meeting with Congressman Dan Maffei. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss infrastructure needs. She thanked the following City staff for also attending this meeting: City Manager Selby, Christina Selvek, Anthony DeCaro, and Bill Lupien.
- Councilor Cuddy has four requests: 1. That the City Manager prepare a report that can be presented to the Council at the March 13th Council meeting that gives an accurate accounting of our Water Fund and how the use of various amounts of fund balance would impact the fund over the next 3-5 years. 2. That another bond ordinance similar to Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014 be brought before council. 3. That the City still apply for the State EFC loan program for the Water Filtration system upgrades even though the application will arrive late. 4. That the Council pass a resolution urging our State Representatives and Governor Cuomo to end the Gap Elimination Adjustment in the State Budget which takes away a portion of state aid from school districts to fill the State's own budget shortfall.

- Councilor Ruzicka praised and congratulated the Auburn High School Ice Hockey Team on their recent success. He commented on their game on March 1, 2014 and that the game and our City's Casey Park Ice Rink brings many people to town from elsewhere and that this is good for the local economy. He wished the High School Ice Hockey team well as they travel to Utica, NY the weekend of March 7-9 to compete for the State Championship.
- Councilor Ruzicka suggested that there be an individual, perhaps the Comptroller, that would sign off on financial resolutions that come before the Council.
- Councilor Cuddy joined councilor Ruzicka in congratulating the Auburn High School Ice Hockey Team. He also asked that the City convene a meeting of all interested parties that use the Casey Park Ice Rink. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the costs associated with operating the Rink and how to pay for those costs.
- Councilor Camardo also congratulated the Auburn High School Ice Hockey Team.
- Councilor Camardo asked that the Council consider following the lead of Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner and lobby the State of NY for more infrastructure money to be provided to municipalities for infrastructure needs.
- Councilor Camardo would like a follow up on his request from a week ago to individually review the repairs needed at the Water Treatment Facility and make a plan to determine how those repairs could be funded with existing funds.
- Executive Session. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:

1. Contract negotiations (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-e. Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law);

2. Matters pertaining to the appointment of particular individual. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.f. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.)

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Council returned from executive session and by unanimous vote adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on March 7, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Attachment A

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #43 OF 2014

**AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FY 2013-14 BUDGET FOR A
TRANSFER TO THE WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

AMENDMENT

By Councilor Camardo, Seconded by Councilor: Ruzicka

March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, the Water Revolving Loan Fund is a City funded program to assist City property owners with the repair and/ or replacement of water laterals; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant increase in request for funding assistance towards the repair and replacement of water laterals within the City and the water revolving loan fund has become depleted and is no longer able to loan funds for new water later repair projects; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of ~~\$375,000.00~~ \$25,000.00 from the Water Fund Balance is necessary to address the current (\$6,657.49) fund deficit and to provide capital to loan for new projects ~~for the remainder of the FY 2013-14 budget year.~~ for the next few weeks.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK:**

1. That the Auburn City Council does authorize a transfer of ~~\$375,000.00~~ \$25,000.00 decreasing the Water Fund Unreserved Fund Balance Account (#F 909) in the amount of ~~\$375,000.00~~ \$25,000.00 and increasing the Water Fund Revolving Loan Account (#HF 99.503.002) in the amount of ~~\$375,000.00~~ \$25,000.00.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and adoption.

Vote for the Amendment:

	AYES	NOES
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy		x
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	absent	

CARRIED AND ADOPTED x

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the vote for an Amendment to Financial Resolution #43 of 2014 of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 6th day of March, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: March 6, 2014

Attachment B FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #43 OF 2014

AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FY 2013-14 BUDGET FOR A TRANSFER TO THE WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND

AS AMENDED

By Councilor Ruzicka, Seconded by Councilor: McCormick

March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, the Water Revolving Loan Fund is a City funded program to assist City property owners with the repair and/ or replacement of water laterals; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant increase in request for funding assistance towards the repair and replacement of water laterals within the City and the water revolving loan fund has become depleted and is no longer able to loan funds for new water later repair projects; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of \$25,000.00 from the Water Fund Balance is necessary to address the current (\$6,657.49) fund deficit and to provide capital to loan for new projects for the next few weeks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK:

- 3. That the Auburn City Council does authorize a transfer of \$25,000.00 decreasing the Water Fund Unreserved Fund Balance Account (#F 909) in the amount of \$25,000.00 and increasing the Water Fund Revolving Loan Account (#HF 99.503.002) in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and adoption.

Vote for Financial Resolution #43 As Amended:

	AYES	NOES
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	absent	

CARRIED AND ADOPTED x

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the vote for Financial Resolution #43 of 2014 (as amended) of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 6th day of March, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: March 6, 2014

On March 13, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	Absent	
Carried and Adopted	x	

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 6th day of March, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: March 14, 2014