

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 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 Mayor Quill.

Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka were all present.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Landfill Supervisor, Scott Emerson
- Director of Planning, Jenny Haines

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

The Mayor announced that the **Public Hearing Public Hearing on the Proposed Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program** was open. Mr. Walt Aikman spoke regarding transparency and the opportunity people have to participate in the process. No others spoke.

Public to be Heard –

- **Kathy Barnard 44 Logan St.**

Ms. Barnard stopped by City Hall just prior to the meeting and submitted her comments in writing regarding the proposed trash program. Her letter was distributed to members of Council and will be submitted as part of the final copy of these minutes as part of the record of the meeting.

- **Walt Aikman 17 Liberty St.**

Mr. Aikman spoke to thank those that assisted with the May 2nd and 3rd Arbor Day tree plantings. He thanked the City's Department of Public works for their

assistance with that project. He also stated that he has studied issues pertaining to solid waste and thinks the City needs to discuss methods to reduce garbage.

- **Thomas (Tim) Baroody Franklin St.**

Spoke regarding the proposed trash fee. Stated that it was not a fee but a tax. Does not support the fee as proposed.

- **Rick Calavito 9 N. Marvine Ave.**

Spoke regarding the trash fee. Stated he was on the citizen's commission which studied the very same issue several years ago. Does not support the trash fee as proposed.

- **Joe Leogrande 161 E. Genesee St.**

Spoke regarding the trash fee. Stated there were a lot of unknowns about the proposal. Does not support the trash fee as proposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. May 1, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

Presentations and Proclamations –

Public Announcements –

The Clerk read the following:

A. U.S. Representative Dan Maffei will host a “Strengthening the Middle Class” public town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 13th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Bisgrove Theatre at Cayuga Community College; 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY 13021. The event is free and open to the public. For security reasons, no signs or banners will be permitted in the auditorium. Accessible seating is available for those who need assistance. For more information please call (315) 253-4176.

B. An upcoming Electronic Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Campus. This event is being sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative extension of Cayuga County, the Cayuga County Department of Planning, and the Cayuga County Soil and Water Management Program. Residents may recycle computer equipment, fluorescent light bulbs, typewriters, video game systems, small Freon appliances, hearing aid batteries, button cell batteries, propane tanks, universal power supplies, cell phones, used toner cartridges, used ink cartridges, and televisions for free.

City Manager's Report – The Manager reported on the following:

- The City Manager asked Director of Public Works Mike Talbot to report on the Pot Hole machine. Mr. Talbot reported that the City began using the machine at the end of April. The first two days were training from the company and the 4 week lease began on May 1. So far the machine seems to be working effectively. There has been a learning curve for DPW staff that are operating the machine. Mr. Talbot is going to look into seeing if the crushed stone required as one of the three ingredients of the process can be obtained from a local source in an effort to reduce the cost of materials.

- The Mayor and Manager attended the NYCOM conference on Sunday, May 4th and received the award on behalf of the City for the Pango parking System. The Manager wanted to recognize Connie Riley from the Auburn BID for their assistance with the project.
- A reminder to the public that there is a no-smoking policy in effect for City parks and playgrounds.
- The IT department has identified a tablet for the City to use for the Council for the Novus paperless agenda project. The tablet was passed around for Council to look at. The Paperless agenda project will be implemented with the Council over the next couple months.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None

Ordinances – None

Resolutions –

Council Resolution #86 of 2014 Approving a Joint Meeting With the Cayuga County Legislature

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

Local Law- none

Tabled Legislation- none

Other Business

A. The Mayor made one final announcement regarding the Public Hearing on the Proposed Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. There were no speakers. The Mayor then announced the Public Hearing was closed.

B. Report On Landfill Tipping Fees. Director of Public Works Mike Talbot reviewed the results of the first month that the new landfill tipping fees were in effect. He compared April of 2014 to the previous April of 2013. He showed there was a 55% reduction in garbage brought to the landfill but only a 36% reduction in revenue. It was decided that Mr. Talbot will report back to Council in July with results of the first three months of the new program.

C. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City Budget. The Manager invited the Comptroller Laura Wills to present some information on the proposed trash program. She presented information which was intended to answer questions that have been raised about the proposal. The Council then discussed the trash proposal, as well as, various other budget topics. In accordance with the

budget calendar, individual Councilors mentioned they would be proposing amendments to the proposed budget at the May 15th meeting.

D. Mayor Quill asked the Corporation Council for his opinion on a procedure that the Council used at the May 1st Council meeting pertaining to tabling two resolutions. Mr. Rossi stated that the procedure the Council used was improper according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Mayor said it was his responsibility and noted the Council would be aware for future meetings. He also announced that on May 15, 2014 at 5 p.m. the Democratic enrolled members of the Council would hold a Caucus prior to the regular Council meeting.

E. The topic of the Water Meter Replacement program was brought up by Councilor McCormick. The entire Council then discussed the matter and the City Manager was asked to explain how an individual local plumbing business was provided with the list of property owners that potentially needed to have their water mains replaced prior to all other plumbers in the City. The Manager explained that it was a mistake that this happened and that he was handling the matter as a personnel matter. He stated the City has issued another letter explaining the situation to effected residents. He also explained that the City has embarked on a new round of public service announcements about the program in an attempt to reach the final 1,000 property owners that have not yet signed up to have their meters replaced. The public service announcements include radio ads, newspaper ads, and a video that will be on the City web site and aired many times in the upcoming weeks on the local public access channel.

F. Councilor Camardo asked what the agenda items would be for the May 14th joint meeting between the Council and the Cayuga County Legislature. The Manager stated that potential cooperative/consolidation projects would be discussed such as merging the power commissions of the City and County, conducting a feasibility study for a joint public works facility, and other topics in the theme of consolidation given the requirements of the recent State tax cap program.

F. Executive Session. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:

1. Potential sale of City owned land (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-h. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.);
2. Matters pertaining to the employment history of a 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.); and,

3. Discussion pertaining to litigation (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 8:01 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 9, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On May 15, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	x	
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 8th day of May, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 15, 2014