

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, May 29, 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 Camardo and Ruzicka were all present. Councilor McCormick was absent/excused. Councilor Cuddy arrived at 6:02 p.m.

**The following City Staff was present:**

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jenny Haines
- Director of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Capital Improvements and Grants, Christina Selvek

**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.

**Mayor Quill announced that the following item had been pulled from the agenda:** Financial Resolution #99 of 2014 Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the FY 2013/14 Budget for a Transfer to the Sewer Revolving Loan Fund.

**Public to be Heard** –

- **Lucy Cacciotti, Boyle Center**

Ms. Cacciotti spoke regarding the upcoming event with speaker Mathew Kelly that will be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at Auburn High School. She stated that this was a significant unique opportunity for the City of Auburn to have such an inspirational speaker choose Auburn to make his presentation. She is assisting with arranging rides for anyone that needs a ride to the High School that evening and she can be contacted by phone at 253-3315.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. May 22, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

**Presentations and Proclamations –**

**A. The Clerk read a Proclamation from the Office of Mayor Quill naming May 2014 as National Preservation Month.** The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Michael Deming, Chair of The City of Auburn’s Historic Resources Review Board. Mr. Deming spoke.

**B. National Historic Preservation Month and Local Historic Preservation Awards Program Presentation.** Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Programs and Grants, made a presentation to the Council. May is National Preservation Month and this year’s theme which is established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation is “New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire and Engage”. In support of National Preservation Month, the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) would like to recognize local citizens, property owners and developers for projects that were completed through the Certificate of Appropriateness review process or that have had a positive impact on the City of Auburn’s neighborhoods. This year’s nominations for the Local Historic Preservation Awards Program include:

1) Mr. Andrew T. Simkin, Award for Building Rehabilitation, 2 South Street (Phoenix Building) - Outstanding Rehabilitation of Commercial Property

2) Mr. Walt Aikman, Award for Landscape Preservation, City Urban Forestry – Outstanding Preservation of the City’s Urban Forest. (Mr. Aikman was not able to attend the presentation)

3) St. Alphonsus Church, Award for Project Excellence, 81-85 E. Genesee Street – Outstanding Rehabilitation of Religious Property. Father Louis Vasile accepted on behalf of St. Alphonsus Church.

4) Housing Visions Unlimited, Inc. Award for Neighborhood Revitalization S.E. Payne Cornerstone Project- Outstanding Rehabilitation of Residential Property(s)

Following Ms. Selvek’s presentation Mayor Quill and Mr. Michael Deming presented the awards to the recipients that were in attendance. The award recipients each spoke.

**C. Auburn Civic Band Presentation by Director Mr. James Best of 6 Florence St.**

Mr. Best presented Council with the upcoming schedule of concerts for the Auburn Civic Band. He discussed that the band had come up with a very effective working arrangement with the City which provided support for the band in total of \$3,000.00; \$1,500.00 in cash support for expenses and \$1,500.00 worth of in-kind support for the use of the City’s showmobile. On behalf of the band he requested the same arrangement continue for the next budget year. Each member of Council expressed their support for the request and for the great contribution that the Auburn Civic Band makes towards the quality of life of the Auburn community.

**Public Announcements –**

The Clerk made the following announcements:

A. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on the 5th day of June 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn New York concerning the City Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Information regarding the proposed budget may be found on the City's website at [www.AuburnNY.gov](http://www.AuburnNY.gov). Hard copies of the budget proposal may also be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, first floor, Memorial City Hall.

B. The City of Auburn Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Council Chambers in Memorial City Hall, 24 South St.

C. The City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 4 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at West Minister Church, 17 Williams St.

D. 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 of Auburn reassessment is complete. The final assessment roll may be viewed on the Assessor's page of the City's website.
- Following up on the progress made from the joint City and Cayuga County Legislature meeting, he asked for input from the Council on proceeding with the staff's recommendation for moving forward as he discussed at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. The members of Council present stated that they wanted to proceed with the plan.
- Discussion on the progress of the Pothole Patching Machine that the City Leased. The machine continues to make its way through the City completing streets designated by the Engineering Department. There is still about a week left on the 1 month lease. He will ask staff to give a complete analysis of the experience with the machine at a Council meeting in a few weeks.
- Reported on a sewage overflow that occurred last Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> on the west end of the City by York Street. He reported that the problem was fixed but that staff is recommending that particular sewer line be added to the Capital Improvement Plan for complete replacement in the future.
- He thanked the many City departments that were involved with preparing for and facilitating Memorial Day weekend events. The Memorial Day Parade was very well attended this year due to the nice summer weather and the parade and Veterans Memorial Ceremony following were well executed thanks to the support received from the various City departments and staff.
- He announced that the City of Auburn does not endorse any specific plumbers or plumbing companies. The City provides on its website the listing of licensed plumbers in the City but the list is not an endorsement. With the water meter replacement program activity there have been local plumbers that have been advertising through direct mailers

and newspaper ads in a way that suggests they may be endorsed by the City, however, the City does not endorse any specific plumbers.

**State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None**

**Ordinances – None**

**Resolutions –**

A. Council Resolution #96 of 2014 Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan and Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion to approve by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

B. Council Resolution #97 of 2014 - Authorizing the City of Auburn to Apply for Funding under the 2014 NYS DOT Transportation Alternatives Program

Motion to approve by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

C. Council Resolution #98 of 2014 - Authorizing the City of Auburn to Apply for Funding under the 2014 New York Main Street Program

Motion to approve by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

D. Financial Resolution #99 of 2014 Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the FY 2013/14 Budget for a Transfer to the Sewer Revolving Loan Fund. This item was pulled from the agenda.

E. Award Resolution #100 of 2014 Awarding the South Street Repaving Project to Rizzo Construction

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The motion carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

F. Award Resolution #101 of 2014 Awarding the Construction Inspection Services and Engineering Support Contract for the South Street Repaving Project

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

Councilor Camardo made a motion to table for one week so that a representative from C&S Engineers can attend the meeting to answer questions from Council, Councilor Ruzicka seconded the motion. The motion to table carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

**Local Law- None**

**Tabled Legislation**

**Other Business**

A. **The City Manager** discussed topics pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City Budget. He reported that the staff was working on responding to the proposals made by Councilors at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. He wants staff to be able to explain to Council how proposals would affect budget lines. He also reported that the staff has been able to make some alterations to the budget that will be prepared and shared with the Council in time for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing.

B. **Councilor Ruzicka** stated that he supports the position of Asst. Police Chief and wants to see the position included in the budget.

C. **Councilor Camardo** spoke regarding an article that appeared in the Citizen newspaper on May 29<sup>th</sup> pertaining to the City budget. He wanted to clarify his position on his proposal to eliminate the positions of Director of Planning, Director of Engineering, and Director of Municipal Utilities; and add a position of Assistant City Manager. He wants it to be known that with this proposal he does not suggest that the Assistant City Manager position would be solely responsible for the responsibilities of the three eliminated positions, but rather his recommendation is that the City Manager and the new Assistant City Manager would share the task of handling those responsibilities. He stated that he met with the City Manager earlier in the day to discuss comments in the article that were attributed to the manager in the newspaper report.

**Executive Session** – Councilor Cuddy made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:

1. Discussion pertaining to a City contract and communications privileged under attorney-client privilege
2. Contract negotiations (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-e. Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law)
3. Discussion pertaining to litigation (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor Camardo stated that he would not participate in the executive session for the discussion pertaining to litigation due to a conflict of interest. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. Councilor Camardo left the executive session at 7:50 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 30, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On June 5, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor , seconded by Councilor .

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	abstain	
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 29th day of May, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: June 6, 2014*