

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 30, 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.

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

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills

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

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

4. Public Announcements –

The Clerk read the following:

A. The City of Auburn Planning Board will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

B. The City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 5 at 5:00 PM at West Minister Church 17 Williams St. in Auburn.

C. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). The meeting will be held at Council Chambers in Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn, NY 13021.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

A. City of Auburn Historic and Cultural Sites Commission Presentation- Maxine Alberici, Chairperson of the Historic and Cultural Sites Commission and Barb Murdoch from the Cayuga County Office of Tourism presented the Council with an annual update of the Commission's activities from the City's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and upcoming plan for the City's Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Commission member Connie Riley from the Auburn Business Improvement District

was also in attendance.

B. United Way of Cayuga County 2015 Campaign Presentation- Dan Lovell, IGNITE Campaign Chair & Carrie Collins-Fadell, United Way Executive Director presented to the Council on the United Way of Cayuga County's 2014 fundraising campaign.

6. Public to be Heard – The Mayor opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. The following members of the public spoke:

Norm Davis, Dunning Avenue

Mr. Davis stated that the Salvation Army will be looking for donations of turkeys to provide those in need with Thanksgiving meals. He stated that a Thanksgiving meal will be prepared from scratch for those in need on Thanksgiving Day at the local Salvation Army. He also stated that from his role as Chairman of the City's Neighborhood and Housing Commission he hoped that everyone has a happy and safe Halloween.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. October 23, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report – City Manager Doug Selby reported on the following:

- For the second year in a row, the City of Auburn was successful in securing bicycle and pedestrian enhancement funds for improvements to Auburn's transportation right-of-way. This year, the funding is for right-of-way improvements along South Street from Metcalf Drive to the City line. This is being done in anticipation of the Harriet Tubman property receiving National Historical Park status as well as the City's commitment to improvements along our major transportation corridors. The work scope will include bicycle lanes, sidewalks and improvements to the stormwater system. The City received this notice this week from the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo that \$899,000.00 had been awarded for these South Street improvements.
- A date of December 1, 2014 is being proposed for the next joint meeting of the Auburn City Council and Cayuga County Legislature. Working with the County Administrator the following 4 topics are being proposed for the agenda: 1. Owasco Lake Watershed issues; 2. The Energize NY program; 3. The potential project of merging City and County Departments of Public Works; 4. The proposal of a Regional Public Safety Building project.
- The Empire Center for Public Policy (www.EmpireCenter.org) has issued a report entitled "SeeThroughNY Local Government Website Report Card." The report graded city, town, village, county, and school district websites throughout the state of NY on the transparency and usefulness of their sites. The report ranked the City of Auburn's website with the 4th highest score out of the 62 cities that it scored. The report thoroughly disclosed the criteria of which they graded the websites. The City can use this criteria as a guide for future improvements and additions to our site. The City's score

was 107 points out of a possible 146 points. The highest score among the 62 cities was New York City with a score of 124 points out of a possible 146 points.

- Our Risk Manager for our worker comp insurance company has alerted us to the fact that the NY Department of Labor PESH has started citing governmental entities for failure to have every employee, including elected officials, participate in mandatory annual training. The fine is \$7000 per person. Mandatory training includes the following subject areas:
 - Workplace Violence
 - Sexual Harassment
 - Right-to-Know (potential exposure to toxic compounds)
 - Blood Borne Pathogens

We have been conducting this mandatory training for many years, but at this point we cannot certify that every employee has received the training every year, so we will be taking actions to ensure that all our employees, including seasonals, receive appropriate training. For City Council the mandatory training can probably be covered in a total of less than two hours. The Mayor and Council discussed that it would be best to set up an evening or Saturday special Council meeting to hold the training for the Council members.

- **B. Reports from members of Council**

Councilor Cuddy stated he attended the Owasco Lake forum that was held at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES Campus on Wednesday, October 29th. He reported the meeting was attended by over 200 people and many people spoke. He stated he was glad to hear from the Manager that Owasco Lake would be the first topic on the agenda of the upcoming joint meeting between the City and County.

Mayor Quill stated that he had attended two ribbon cutting events this week. On October 29th at the Village at Auburn Grove the new residential complex that was built for people over the age of 55. The second earlier in the day (October 30th) at the Mill Street Hydroelectric Station. He thanked the City staff responsible for making those projects happen. He also noted that Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka attended one or both of those events.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None

B. Ordinances - None

First Reading for Ordinance #10 Amending Chapter 285 of the Auburn City Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" The City Clerk read the first reading.

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions – None

Resolution #161 of 2014 to accept the 2014 Audit

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy

The City Manager introduced the City Comptroller. The Comptroller introduced Mr. Patrick Jordan, C.P.A. from the auditing firm of Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little & Mickelson, LLP. Mr. Jordan presented the Council with a presentation on the audit report. Members of Council asked questions and discussed the report with Mr. Jordan throughout his presentation.

Following the presentation Councilor Camardo made a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

The motion to table did not carry 2-2. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye. Councilor Cuddy and Mayor Quill voting no.

The Council then voted on the original motion to approve the resolution.

The motion did not carry 2-2. Councilor Cuddy and Mayor Quill voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo discussed resolution 161 of 2014 which the Council had previously not passed. He also asked if the Council could receive a report from staff on the process the City goes through to recycle the recyclables that residents leave curbside for weekly collection.

B. Councilor Cuddy stated that he would like the Manger to continue the discussion of a City Vision and Mission statement with the Council at an upcoming Council meeting.

C. Councilor Ruzicka discussed resolution 161 of 2014 which the Council had previously not passed.

D. Mayor Quill discussed resolution 161 of 2014 which the Council had previously not passed.

E. Councilor Cuddy discussed resolution 161 of 2014 which the Council had previously not passed.

F. Executive Session – Mayor Quill made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

1. A matter of discussion that would be considered confidential under attorney client privilege. (Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules which establishes that a confidential communication between attorney and client shall be privileged. Pursuant to this section, Council will be receiving legal advice from its attorney which fulfills the requirement provided in Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law allowing this exemption.)
2. Two matters pertaining to potential litigation. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

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The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on October 31, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On November 6, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| 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 30th day of October, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: November 7, 2014