

Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 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 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
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot

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 next meeting of the City of Auburn Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

B. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at West Minister Church, 17 Williams Street in Auburn.

C. The Downtown Auburn Business Improvement District (BID) has announced the details of the Saturday, November 29, 2014 Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Beginning at 6 p.m. the Holiday Parade begins at the corner of S. Fulton Street and East Genesee Streets and proceeds through Downtown. Following the parade a Tree-Lighting ceremony will be held in front of Memorial City Hall. For more information has been listed on the City website.

D. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission office has posted several civil service exam

announcements:

1. A promotional examination (EXAMINATION #74-881) for the position of Fire Chief will be held on January 24, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by December 10, 2014.
2. A promotional examination (EXAMINATION # 74-882) for the position of Assistant Fire Chief will be held on January 24, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by December 10, 2014.
3. An open competitive examination (EXAMINATION # 20-151) for the position of Account Clerk in the City of Auburn will be held on January 17, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by December 10, 2014.
4. An open competitive examination (EXAMINATION # 20-152) for the position of Clerk for the City of Auburn and the Auburn Enlarged City School District will be held on January 17, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by December 10, 2014.
5. An open competitive examination (EXAMINATION # 65-129) for the position of Records Retention Clerk for the City of Auburn will be held on February 7, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by December 17, 2014.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations-

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 spoke to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He reminded the community that the local chapter of the Salvation Army is accepting donations of turkeys that can be used for their community Thanksgiving meals. Please drop off turkey donations to the Salvation Army at 18 E. Genesee Street in Auburn.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

November 120, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

The motion to approve carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, 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:

- There is a company called Home Service that offers insurance protection for water service laterals. The City does not endorse the program but rather he is just providing information as a resource for residents to consider if the program would work for their individual needs.

B. Reports from members of Council

Councilor Camardo asked the City Manager about the recent news report that reported the City Manager and County Administrator would be touring the Bombardier Plant on Columbus Street to explore the possibility of the building becoming a combined City/County Public Works Garage. The Manager responded that the tour reported on in the article was actually postponed to a date and time to

be determined. He also stated that the staffs would be touring the building just to gather initial information on the possibility of the project.

Councilor McCormick provided an update on a recent Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council meeting that she attended.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

D1. Resolution #171 of 2014 Authorizing a Special Meeting will be held at Cayuga Community College between the Cayuga County Legislature and Auburn City Council

Mayor Quill announced that this resolution was pulled from the agenda because the County Legislature is unable to meet on this date. The City Manager and County Administrator will work to identify a new date to reschedule the meeting.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

F1. Budget Reports – The City Manager briefly discussed the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget reports that were provided to the Council.

F2. Landfill Presentation - by Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot and Comptroller Laura Wills. The presentation included revenue forecasts for the City Landfill based on various tipping rates the City could charge for municipal solid waste and construction and demolition material taken in at the City Landfill. The current tipping rate that the City charges was compared to new potential lower tipping rates. Each was used to present a forecast of the financial impact it would have on the long-term life of the Landfill. The Council discussed many different issues and scenarios associated with the Landfill. No decision was made by Council on the information presented. The City Manager was asked to prepare more information for future Council consideration of the matter.

F3. Recycling Presentation by Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot. The presentation provided an overview of the process the City uses to recycle materials that are collected as part of the curbside recycling collection program and at the recycling drop off point at the City Landfill.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo spoke to wish the Mayor, members of Council and the community a Happy Thanksgiving.

B. Councilor Ruzicka stated that he would like a report on the impact of noncompliance associated with The United States Securities And Exchange Commission's Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative discussed and voted on at the November 20, 2014 Council meeting, including the cost of time by the bond counsel firm, the estimated cost of City staff time spent on the matter to include the cost of salary and benefits at a rate per hour, plus an analysis of any potential impacts this would have on the City's ability to bond, especially since the firm Roosevelt and Cross was the firm that reported the City. He would like this information to be shared with the Council.

C. Executive Session – Councilor McCormick made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. 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 regarding a contract. (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.)

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on November 26, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On December 4, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 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 25th day of November, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: December 5, 2014