

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 18, 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
- Director of Planning, Jenny Haines

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. Weekly City Council Meeting Dates Changed due to Christmas and New Year's Day

- Due to the Christmas holiday notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled Auburn City Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday December 25, 2014 at 6:00PM has been changed to Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall 24 South St. Auburn, NY.

- Also, due to the New Year's Day holiday notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled Auburn City Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 6:00PM has been cancelled. The first City Council meeting of 2015 will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall 24 South St. Auburn, NY.

B. The STREAMLINE page of the City website has been updated for the month of December 2014. The month includes two holiday weeks due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The week of Monday, December 22nd is Christmas week and trash and recycling will be picked up one day early in the City of Auburn for residents that have a regular pick-up day between Tuesday and Thursday. The Christmas Week Schedule is as follows:

- If your pick up day is usually Tuesday (December 23rd),

you will be picked up on Monday, December 22nd

- If your pick up day is usually Wednesday (December 24th), you will be picked up on Tuesday, December 23rd
- If your pick up day is usually Thursday (December 25th), you will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24th
- There will be no pick up on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
- If your pick up day is usually Friday, you will be picked up on Friday, December 26th

The week of Monday, December 29th is New Year's Day week and trash and recycling will be picked up one day early in the City of Auburn for residents that have a regular pick-up day between Tuesday and Thursday. The New Year's Week Schedule is as follows:

- If your pick up day is usually Tuesday (December 30th), you will be picked up on Monday, December 29th
- If your pick up day is usually Wednesday (December 31st), you will be picked up on Tuesday, December 30th
- If your pick up day is usually Thursday (January 1st), you will be picked up on Wednesday, December 31st
- There will be no pick up on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st
- If your pick up day is usually Friday, you will be picked up on Friday, January 2nd

C. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission office has posted a new civil service exam announcement:

An open competitive examination (EXAMINATION # 66-294) for the position of Parking Meter Attendant for the City of Auburn will be held on March 14, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by February 4, 2014.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations- None

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. No members of the public spoke.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

December 10, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

December 11, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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:

- Earlier in the day he and Director of Planning, Jenny Haines participated in a conference call with the New York State Attorney General's office about pending

State legislation pertaining to vacant properties. He outlined various ways that the potential legislation could benefit the City.

- Update on a program called ‘Solarize Central New York’ which is a program administered by The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). NYSERDA is a public benefit corporation that offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and funding to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. The ‘Solarize Central New York’ initiative is for the 5 counties in the Central New York region. The program is looking at potential public sites that could be developed as solar project sites and the program will assist with technical expertise to help decide if the sites are worth developing as solar project sites. The Chairman of the Auburn Municipal Power Agency (AMPA), Dennis Zack has been participating in this project.

B. Reports from members of Council – none

G. Executive Session – Councilor McCormick made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Camardo. 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.)
2. A matter pertaining to the potential sale of City owned property. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.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).

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 6:14 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Quill reconvened the public session at 6:44 p.m.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQRA)

A1. SEQR Resolution #180 of 2014 - Accepting the Auburn Planning Board as Lead Agency for the SEQRA Review of an Unlisted Action at 60/62 Van Anden Street, Auburn, New York

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

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

B. Ordinances

B1. First Reading Ordinance #14 of 2014 Amending Chapter 153, Electricians

The City Clerk read the first reading of Ordinance #14 of 2014. The ordinance will be on the December 23, 2014 Council meeting agenda for a vote.

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

D1. Appointment Resolution #173 of 2014, confirming appointments to the Auburn Industrial Development Authority.

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

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

D2. Council Resolution #177 of 2014, Adopting Vision and Mission Statements for the City of Auburn

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

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

D3. Council Resolution #178 of 2014, Amending the Buildings Budget

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

Mayor Quill made a motion to table Resolution # 178 of 2014, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion to table carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

D4. Resolution #179 of 2014, Increasing Watershed Inspection Program Contribution

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

Councilor Ruzicka offered an amendment to the resolution, which was seconded by Councilor Camardo to add language that the rate would be reviewed as part of the annual fee scheduled adopted with the City budget. Following Council discussion Councilor Ruzicka withdrew his amendment.

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

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Cuddy discussed the City landfill tipping fee discussions that Council has had at recent Council meetings. He stated that he thought the Council should act on changing the landfill fees for private haulers at the next voting meeting of January 8, 2015. This was discussed by all members of the Council and each shared thoughts on the topic. The Mayor asked the City Manager to include the request for a resolution on the January 8, 2015 Council meeting agenda and stated that Council can decide then if they agree or disagree with changing the fees.

B. Councilor Cuddy commented on remarks that were made at the previous Council meeting pertaining to the most recent Moody's Investor Services report issued on the City.

C. Councilor Ruzicka commented on remarks that he made at the previous Council meeting pertaining to the most recent Moody's Investor Services report issued on the City.

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

1. A matter pertaining to 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; (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1)

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 7:43 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on December 19, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On December 23, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	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 18th day of December, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: December 24, 2014

Chuck Mason, City Clerk

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