

Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2015 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
- Corporation Counsel, Andy Fusco
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Grants and Capital Projects, Christina Selvek
- 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 Walnut Street Bridge located on the east end of Walnut Street at Hoopes Park will close to traffic beginning Monday, January 12, 2015 for construction. This closure is estimated to last 4-5 weeks. More information may be found on the City website at www.AuburnNY.gov/Roads

B. The Auburn Municipal Power Authority will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting location is the third floor conference room at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

C. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting location is the first floor Council Chambers conference room, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

D. The City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting location is the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

E. The City of Auburn, Historic and Cultural Sites Commission will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting location is at the Chamber of Commerce building, 2 State Street, first floor conference room.

F. 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, 2015.

A promotional examination (# 75-528 Police Chief, Type B) for the position of Police Chief for the City of Auburn will be held on March 14, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by February 4, 2015.

A promotional examination (#75-692 Deputy Police Chief, Type B) for the position of Deputy Police Chief for the City of Auburn will be held on March 14, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by February 4, 2015.

For more information pertaining to these exams announcements please contact the Auburn Civil Service Commission office located on the second floor of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, or, on the job opportunities page of the City website www.AuburnNY.gov

G. Mayor Quill announced that a representative of Governor Cuomo's staff will be here at Memorial City Hall on Thursday, January 23, 2015 to make a presentation on the Governor's State of the State address. The location will be Council Chambers, the time is yet to be determined.

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. The following members of the public spoke:

Norm Davis, 98 Dunning Avenue

Mr. Davis spoke to wish the Mayor and Council, as well as, the entire community a happy and blessed new year.

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 potential litigation against the City. (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 6:10 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Quill reconvened the public session at 6:49 p.m.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

December 23, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report –

- The manager is working with the County Administrator to schedule the next joint City/County meeting. They are currently looking at Wednesday, February 25, 2015
- Regarding the potential joint City/County Department of Public Works facilities and fleets the County has proposed forming a working committee of respective department superintendants from both the City and County, a council member, a county legislator, the City Manager, the County Administrator, and support staff from both the City and County. Councilors Ruzicka and McCormick both volunteered to participate.
- The City has received the project information request packet from the New York State Department of Transportation for the Multimodal Grant Program that will provide the funding to pave Orchard Street from James Street to Baker Avenue. New York State Senator DeFrancisco's office has been instrumental in assisting the City to secure this funding.
- The Treasurer's office has received the latest New York State Sales Tax Revenue projections and the revenue for this year is higher than the same point last year by 10%. While this is encouraging positive news, the City will be waiting for actual revenue to come in before any determinations are made about budgeting for any more than the modest 1% increase in those revenues we currently plan for. Councilor Ruzicka asked about the impact of the reduction in the price of gasoline, the City Manager responded that the topic has been written about nationally and that many economists predict that people will still spend the money they save on gasoline and that it is thought the impact on our sales tax revenue will be neutral. Mayor Quill stated that he has heard from local realtors that housing sales in the area have been very good, he asked if staff could arrange for a report to Council on the topic.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick reported that in her capacity as the Council's representative to the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Agency she has been tasked with serving on a committee that will specifically explore the issue of liquid manure application process in

the Owasco Lake Watershed. This special committee will meet over the next 3-4 months and make recommendations of their findings.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

A1. SEQR Resolution #1 of 2015, Determination that the Clifford Field Clubhouse is a Type II Action Pursuant to the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act

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

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions

D1. Council Resolution #2 of 2015, Adopting a Procurement Policy for the City

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.

D2. Financial Resolution #3 of 2015, Adopting a City financial plan for years 2016-2020

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

Councilor Camardo made a motion to table, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

The motion to table did not carry 2-3. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye, Councilors McCormick, Cuddy and Mayor Quill voting no.

Councilor Ruzicka made a motion to amend the resolution by adding language that would require demographic information and input from City Department Heads be added to the plan. The motion to amend was seconded by Councilor Camardo.

The motion to amend did not carry 2-3. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye, Councilors McCormick, Cuddy and Mayor Quill voting no.

The motion carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

D3. Appointment Resolution #4 of 2015, Appointing a Member and Chairperson of the Auburn Municipal Power Agency

Motion to approve by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Mayor Quill.

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

D4. Financial Resolution #5 of 2015, Authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Dormitory Authority of New York State for Renovations at Clifford Field Clubhouse

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

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

D5. Agreement Resolution #6 of 2015, Amending the City Manager's Employment Contract

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

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

D6. Council Resolution #7 of 2015, Adopting a budget calendar for the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City budget

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

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

D7. Financial Resolution #8 of 2015, Establishing new private hauler tipping fees at the City landfill

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

Councilor Camardo made a presentation to the Council regarding his own analysis of the landfill. The City Comptroller and Superintendent of Public works then made a presentation of their analysis of the landfill.

Councilor Ruzicka made a motion to amend to add language to the resolution that would require the Council to monitor the impact of the fees for the next two quarters and then make adjustments to the fees in 6 months. There was no second to the amendment.

The motion carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo had two topics: 1. Spoke to ask when the Manager would be scheduling reorganization and budget talks. The Manager responded that he would be bringing those matters to Council in future work sessions. 2. He asked for a resolution to be brought before the Council that would require all City Departments to prepare zero-based budgets.

B. Councilor McCormick discussed topics pertaining to her first full year as a City Councilor. She commented on the recent newspaper article that featured the redevelopment of property in Downtown Auburn at 10-14 East Genesee Street and she commented on how significant a resource the Auburn Public Theater has become to our City's Downtown.

C. Councilor Ruzicka asked about an upcoming Auburn Industrial Development Authority (AIDA) meeting not being included in the public announcements. The Clerk responded that the AIDA meetings are usually the third Wednesday of each month and that meetings are announced in public announcements the Thursday before they are scheduled to be held.

D. Councilor Cuddy had three topics: 1. He asked if the City could contact Time Warner Cable regarding the fact that local residents that are subscribers of the cable company have not been able to receive the local public access channel (also known as ARMA-Auburn Regional Media Access) on channel 12. Channel 12 has been blacked out to all Time Warner subscribers for several weeks. Corporation Counsel John Rossi reported that he had just drafted a letter to Time Warner seeking that they address the issue and that if the City does not see action from Time Warner the next course of action would be to file a complaint against them to the New York State Public Service Commission. 2. He stated that he received notification from a City resident that received a letter from a company selling insurance programs for residential water pipe services. He wanted to make it clear that he does not want the City to be providing such companies with any information about City water users. 3. As a next step in the City's vision and mission statement process he would like to see a goal setting session scheduled for the Council.

E. Mayor Quill announced that he made the following appointments to the following City boards:

Planning Board: Anne McCarthy, Frank Reginelli, and Thomas Baroody

Zoning Board of Appeals: Debra Calarco, Mario Capagnello

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on January 9, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Minutes of the City Council Meeting, City of Auburn, NY, January 8, 2015

On January 15, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor , seconded by Councilor .

	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 January, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: