

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
April 1, 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. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill were all present.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- Deputy City Clerk, Coleen LaMay
- Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Water Filtration Plant Operator, Anthony DeCaro
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek

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 City Clerk read the following announcements:

A. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hoopes Park will be held Saturday, April 4, 2015 beginning promptly at 10 a.m. This 66th annual community tradition is sponsored by the Owasco-Fleming Kiwanis Club.

B. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting location is the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

A. Richard Potter Award

Mayor Quill presented an award to Richard Potter as student from Herman Avenue Elementary that was at the scene of an emergency at the 2015 Winterfest in Downtown Auburn. Mr. Potter handled the emergency in a collected manner and immediately took action to notify emergency authorities.

B. Rotary Club Proclamation

The Deputy Clerk read the Proclamation from Mayor Quill naming April 12, 2015 as Rotary Club day in the City of Auburn in honor of the club's 100th anniversary. Representatives of the club spoke.

C. Earth Month Proclamation

The Deputy Clerk read the Proclamation from Mayor Quill naming April 2015 as Earth Month in the Auburn.

6. Public to be Heard – Mayor Quill opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Deputy Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules.

David Tarallo, Seminary Avenue

Mr. Tarallo spoke regarding an issue he had with a frozen water pipe and the amount he was billed for the incident. He also discussed parking concerns in the Seminary Avenue and East Genesee Street area being caused by an increase in apartment units in buildings in the area and more apartment units being planned.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street, County Legislator, District 13

Mr. Lattimore spoke to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

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. Discussion on one matter made confidential by Federal or State law. (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. Discussion pertaining to potential litigation. (Article 7 entitled “The Open Meeting Law”, specifically Section 105.d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;

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 6:15 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Quill called the public session of the meeting back to order at 6:41 p.m.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

March 26, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The Manager reported that Mill Street Dam has been operating at full capacity in recent weeks due to the heavy snowmelt and spring rains.
- The City has been approached by a firm that would be able to complete the NY Prize program application and the issue will be brought to a future Council meeting.

- Earth Month activities include the Wyland Foundation's Water Pledge. Citizens of Auburn are encouraged to go to the mywaterpledge.com website and take the pledge for Earth Month.
- Also for Earth Month the City Wastewater Treatment Plant will be holding public tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am. Residents interested in tours can call the City Manager's office to schedule.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick reported the work of the subcommittee for manure issues of the Owasco Watershed Management Council is completing its work. The process has been quite a learning experience.
- Councilor McCormick reported that she attended the Firefighter memorial service and thanked all those from the Auburn Fire Department that organized the event.
- Councilor Cuddy discussed that the Public Safety Building Project Committee met with representatives from the County and the meeting was very productive. Councilor Camardo also attended this meeting.

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. Agreement Resolution #33 of 2015 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement With the Downtown Business Improvement District

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

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

D2. Financial Resolution #34 of 2015 Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs)

Motion to approve by Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

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

D3. Agreement Resolution #35 of 2015 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement With Habitat for Humanity

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

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

D4. Council Resolution #36 of 2015 Ratifying the Appointments of Commissioners of Deeds

Motion to approve by Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

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

D5. Award Resolution #37 of 2015 For the Purchase of Chemicals

Motion to approve by Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

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

D6. Agreement Resolution #38 of 2015 Authorizing a Master Agreement with NYS DOT for the South Street Corridor Enhancement Project

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

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

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

10. Other Business

A. Mayor Quill asked the City Manager to discuss the microgrid topic that he mentioned earlier in the meeting. The City Manager discussed the concept of a microgrid. He explained that the State money that is available in the NY Prize program would provide funding for a feasibility study to take a look at development of a microgrid. He stated that a firm has approached the City and offered to compile the NY Prize application for the City at no cost. He also stated that this would take some of the burden off of our staff in preparing the application and would allow the City to move forward in the NY Prize competition.

B. Councilor Ruzicka stated that the microgrid project discussed is also recommended by the Auburn Municipal Power Agency (AMPA) board. This is highly encouraged by AMPA member John Montone.

C. Councilor Camardo asked questions of the City Manager about the microgrid project.

D. Councilor Cuddy discussed the proposal for entering an application for the Governor's NY Prize program. He stated that the NY Prize program is intended to benefit communities that lost power after the devastating hurricane Sandy of 2012. He does not want to see the project take away from our core responsibilities of providing services in the City. He also announced that he would like to call a Democratic Caucus for April 16, 2015.

E. Councilor Camardo asked the City Manager to look into the County Digester and see if the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge could be used at the County Digester.

F. Councilor Cuddy asked about the refuse enforcement collection enforcement position. He asked the City Manager to report to the Council. The Manager stated the position was supposed to have been posted and he would check on it.

G. Councilor Ruzicka asked the Manager for status on some snow removal complaints that were received by the City from some individuals.

H. Councilor McCormick discussed the construction update for the Walnut Street Bridge.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on April 10, 2015 by:

Coleen LaMay
Deputy City Clerk

On April 16, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, 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 1st day of April, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 17, 2015