

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 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
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Grants and Capital Projects, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy

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 next meeting of the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

B. There will be a community volunteer clean-up of Veterans Memorial Park, 172 Genesee Street in Auburn to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 beginning at 9 a.m.. This event is being held in memory of Mr. John Barwinzock. This event is sponsored by the Auburn Beautification Commission, The Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District, Generations bank and Woodmen of the World.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

A. Proclamation by Mayor Michael D. Quill naming the week of May 3' 2015 as National Travel and Tourism Week in the City of Auburn. The City Clerk read the proclamation. Mayor Quill presented the proclamation to Meg Vaneck, Executive Director of the Cayuga County Office of Tourism. Ms. Vaneck addressed the Council and spoke of the impact of tourism on Auburn and Cayuga County. She presented each member of the Council with a copy of the Cayuga County Office of Tourism's annual report.

B. Proclamation by Mayor Michael D. Quill naming the week of May 3, 2015 as National Drinking Water Week in the City of Auburn. The City Clerk read the proclamation.

6. Public to be Heard – Councilor McCormick opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules.

Constance Denman, 165 Cottage Street

Ms. Denman spoke about the City alternate side parking program. She stated she would like to see a grace period before and after the 6 p.m. deadline for switching vehicles.

Norm Davis, N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke about the 85th Anniversary ceremony recognizing the gift of Memorial City Hall that was held on Friday, May 1, 2015. He commended the City for hosting the event.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Quill announced that the minutes from the April 30, 2015 City Council meeting would be considered at the May 14, 2015 Council meeting.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The Public Safety Building project is progressing. There are several other groups that have expressed an interest in possible inclusion in the project including Cayuga County, Cayuga County Probation Office, TLC Ambulance, and the City Court system. As this process moves forward the City will ask these other groups to sign on more formally of their interest in moving forward in the request for proposal phase.
- Discussed an issue with the Mill Street Dam. NYSEG is requesting to raise the tariff it charges the City. City officials are working with representatives of Seamans to respond and potentially resolve this recent issue.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick reported that in recognition of its commitment to minimize employees' time lost due to workplace injury, the City of Auburn was presented with the 2015 G. Jeffrey Haber Leadership Award by the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (Comp Alliance). The award was presented as a testament to the efforts the City has made to report workplace accidents timely and accurately, and to help injured employees return to work expeditiously. She stated that she accepted the award on behalf of the City while attending the Annual Meeting of the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) that was held earlier in the week in Saratoga Springs, New York. More than 200 city and village officials from

across the state attended the conference.

- Mayor Quill thanked the City staff that worked to organize the 85th Anniversary ceremony recognizing the gift of Memorial City Hall that was held on Friday, May 1, 2015.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

A1. SEQRA Resolution #49 of 2015 Determining that the Proposed Capital Improvement Project(s) are Type II Action(s) for Purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act

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.

A2. SEQRA Resolution #50 of 2015 Determining that the Proposed Action is a Type II Action for the Purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act

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.

B. Ordinances

B1. Bond Ordinance #3 of 2015- Authorizing the Issuance of \$2 million in Serial Bonds for Roadway Improvements and Equipment Purchases

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.

B2. Bond Ordinance #4 of 2015- Authorizing the Issuance of \$5.0 million in Serial Bonds for the North Division Street Hydro Project

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

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

C. Local Law

D. Resolutions

D1. Change Order Resolution #51 of 2015 Authorizing Change Order #2 for Sewer Repairs

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

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

D2. Agreement Resolution #52 of 2015 Authorizing an Agreement with Bergmann Associates for the Auburn Downtown Owasco River Corridor Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Project

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

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

D3. Financial Resolution #53 of 2015 for Various Operating Budget Transfers

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 #54 of 2015 Calling on the Governor, The New York State Assembly, and The New York State Senate to Enact the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2015

Motion to approve by Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

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

D5. Agreement Resolution #55 of 2015 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding With Cayuga County for the Co-Location of the County and City Motor Pool

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

Councilor Ruzicka made a motion to amend the resolution to change the word cumbustables to the word consumables. Councilor Camardo seconded the motion. The motion to approve the amendment carried 5-0. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye.

The motion to approve carried 4-1. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye. Councilor Camardo voted no.

D6. Council Resolution #56 of 2015 Changing a Meeting Date from May 21, 2015 to May 19, 2015

Motion to approve by Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

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

Mayor Quill called for recess at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Quill reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

F1. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City Budget Presentations by individual members of the Council. Councilor Camardo discussed the City Charter language regarding the City Budget. He stated he would be responding to the City Manager’s proposed budget once it is presented. Councilor Cuddy presented his budget proposals. Councilor Ruzicka presented his budget proposals, Councilor McCormick presented her budget proposals. Mayor Quill discussed his budget proposals. The City Manager stated that the City staff would take into consideration the items they were presented with while formulating the draft of the proposed City Manager’s budget which will be presented to the Council at the May 14, 2015 Council meeting.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo asked if the Council would be presented with information regarding the contract with a private vendor to provide maintenance at the City Co-Gen facility. He also asked that the City look into whether or not we could send our Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge to the Cayuga County digester.

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 a matter pertaining to potential litigation 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.)

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 10:02 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 8, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On May 14, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 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	absent	
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 7th day of May, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 15, 2015