

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 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, 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
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert

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

A. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

B. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Westminster Church, 17 William Street, Auburn.

C. An upcoming Electronic Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Campus located at 1879 W Genesee Street

Rd, Auburn. This event is coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County, Cayuga County Department of Planning, Cayuga County Solid Waste Program Office and the City of Auburn. Funding is provided by NUCOR Steel of Auburn. Residents may recycle computer equipment, fluorescent light bulbs, typewriters, video game systems, small Freon appliances, hearing aid batteries, button cell batteries, propane tanks, universal power supplies, cell phones, used toner cartridges, used ink cartridges, and televisions for free.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

Local Historic Preservation Awards Recognition Program. The City Clerk read a proclamation from the Office of Mayor Michael D. Quill naming May 2015 as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Auburn. Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Programs and Grants then led a presentation on behalf of the City's Historic Resources Review Board.

In 1973, the National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as National Preservation Month focusing on various themes and topics over the last 45 years. While there is no formal theme for this year's celebration, the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board would like to continue the tradition of participating in the national celebration and has embraced the local theme of "This Place Matters" for 2015. In addition, the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) would like to recognize local citizens, property owners and developers for projects that were completed through the Certificate of Appropriateness review process or that have had a positive impact on the City of Auburn's neighborhoods.

This year's nominations for the Local Historic Preservation Awards Program include:

- Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly Award for Building Rehabilitation 102 South Street (Beardsley House) - Outstanding Rehabilitation of Residential Property
- Mrs. Elizabeth Koenig Award for Building Rehabilitation 67 South Street (Dulles House) – Outstanding Rehabilitation of Residential Property
- Empower Federal Credit Union Award for Building Rehabilitation 65 State Street (Former Osborne Hotel) - Outstanding Rehabilitation of Commercial Property

Mayor Quill and Michael Deming, Chair of the Historic Resources Review Board presented each of the awards to the recipients. Each awardee spoke upon receiving their award.

To conclude the presentation Christina Selvek announce that a founding member of the City's Historic Resources Review Board, Mrs. Betty Mae Lewis had resigned from the board after 28 years of service. Mrs. Lewis was the Director of the Seward House for 50 years and has a lifetime of commitment to the preservation of the City's historic district. Mrs. Lewis was unable to attend the meeting, however, the City Historic Resources Review Board wanted to recognize her many years of service and a plaque will be delivered to her by Michael Deming, Chair of the Board. Mr. Deming spoke about Mrs. Lewis' contributions to the community.

6A. Public Hearing on the City Manager's final 2015-2016 Proposed City Budget.

Mayor Quill opened the Public Hearing, the following members of the public spoke:

James Best, Florence Street

Mr. Best spoke on behalf of the Auburn Civic Band. He handed out schedules of the band's upcoming summer concerts. He asked that the Council continue funding the Auburn Civic Band according to an arrangement that he made with the City Manager and the Superintendent of Public Works two years ago. The agreement is for \$1,500.00 for payment for concerts and \$1,500.00 in kind for the use of the City Showmobile.

Michael Deming, Franklin Street

Mr. Deming spoke to support funds for the City Code Enforcement office and building demolitions.

Donna Lamb, Tuxill Square

Ms. Lamb is the Executive Director of the Schweinfurth Art Center and spoke as a member of the City's Historic and Cultural Sites Commission. She spoke to support funding of \$30,000.00 in the budget for the Historic and Cultural Sites Commission and she stated the funds would go towards reestablishing tourism marketing for the City. She stressed that the funding supports increased tourism and economic activity in the City.

Norm Davis, 98 N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke as the Chair of the City Neighborhood and Housing Commission. He spoke to support additional funding for the Auburn Police Department and the Department of Public Works.

6B. Public to be Heard – Mayor Quill opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. The following citizen spoke:

Norm Davis, 98 N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke to convey a message to the Council from residents of Orchard Street that they are very thankful to the City for the road improvements that are being made in their neighborhood.

Reverend Paul Carter, 27 Grover Street

The Reverend carter spoke on behalf of the Harriet Tubman Home, Inc. to invite the public to the May 29-May 30, 2015 Harriet Tubman Pilgrimage that will be held at the Tubman Home. There will also be a graveside ceremony on May 30, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Harriet Tubman Grave at Fort Hill Cemetery.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke in his capacity as a board member for the Salvation Army to encourage people to support food pantries in the summer months because many children need to be fed at home when school is not in session.

Dale Bush 116 Standart Woods Apartments

Mr. Bush spoke regarding Council Resolution #63 of 2015. He stated that if the matter was not time sensitive that the Council should postpone voting on it during a work session.

Mary Ann Berman, W. Lake Road

Mrs. Berman spoke to thank Councilor Ruzicka and Councilor Camardo for assisting her with matters pertaining to rental properties she owns in the City. She also wanted to share the news with the Council that a landlord network will be forming in the City.

Ray Berman, W. Lake Road

Mr. Berman spoke to address issues that landlords have to deal with in the City.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

May 19, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The City has received a MIG I rating for the short term financing it has recently issued. This is the highest rating issued by the rating service.
- Memorial Day presented the City with many scheduled and unscheduled events that required the work of City staff. He thanked all City staff that worked over the holiday weekend to support the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, the Hoopes Park Healing Field, the Majorpalooza, the Duck Derby, the fire on Janet Street on Memorial Day morning, and, the water main break on Genesee Street on Memorial Day morning. All events went on as planned because of the dedicated work of City staff working through the holiday weekend and many were called in for the emergency events.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Mayor Quill also stated that he wanted to recognize all City staff for the efforts with the many events of Memorial Day weekend. He also recognized the project of the Rotary Club which installed a new street clock on the corner of Genesee Street and the Loop Road.
- Councilor McCormick also recognized the efforts of all involved with Memorial day events. She asked the status of the new show-mobile. Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot explained that
- Councilor Ruzicka discussed that the Cayuga County Power Utility Service Agency (CCPUSA) received a \$100,000.00 NYSERDA Phase I Grant through Governor Cuomo's NY Prize Grant Program for community microgrids that would allow the agency to conduct the next level feasibility study for the project. He congratulated the CCPUSA on their effort and stated he believed it was a missed opportunity for the City not to apply for the grant.
- Councilor Cuddy discussed that the Cayuga County Power Utility Service Agency (CCPUSA) received a \$100,000.00 NYSERDA Phase I Grant through Governor Cuomo's NY Prize Grant Program for community microgrids that would allow the agency to conduct the next level feasibility study for the project. He stated he thinks if the County benefits from the project it will be good for the City because City residents are also County residents. He stated the reason why the City did not pursue the grant was because we desire to focus on financially stabilizing the energy projects we currently are involved with.

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. Council Resolution #63 of 2015 Establishing a Standard Work Day For Elected and Appointed Officials of the City of Auburn

Motion to approve by Councilor 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 –

F1. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City Budget Discussion. Councilors discussed the City Budget and the City Budget process. Questions were answered by the City Comptroller Laura Wills. Mayor Quill asked if any additional members of the public wanted to address the Council regarding the budget and no members of the public spoke. The Manager's final budget proposal is scheduled for a Council vote on June 4, 2015.

F2. Report on Status of Street Excavation Permitting and Enforcement. Superintendent of Engineering provided the Council with an overview of what the process is for street excavations and how the City plans to enforce the matter going forward.

F3. Monthly Budget Reports April 2015. The City Manager stated that he had received a question from Councilor Ruzicka about budget reports that have not been included in the monthly presentation and the Manager will be providing additional reports for additional budget lines in the future.

10. Other Business

A. Mayor Quill announced that on May 25, 2015 at 4 a.m. his granddaughter Aslan Rose Quill was born. He stated that combined with all of the City events and activities it made for an eventful Memorial Day.

B. Councilor McCormick asked for an update on the Walnut Street Culvert construction. Superintendent of Engineering William Lupien provided an update. She also asked the City Manager if he has had time to read a letter the Council received from Dr. Deluca. The Manager asked Jenny Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development to address the Council. Ms. Haines discussed the matter and stated it is something that has received City staff attention and the staff has made a recommendation.

C. **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 two matters made confidential by Federal or State law involving contracts. (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 on a matter pertaining to contract negotiations with a collective bargaining unit pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law

3. Discussion on 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.

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 8:10 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 29, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On June 4, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| 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 28th day of May, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: June 5, 2015