

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 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, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill were all present. Councilor Cuddy was excused.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Assistant Fire Chief, Scott Dejoy

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 Auburn Industrial Development Authority (AIDA) will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the first floor conference room at 2 State Street in Downtown Auburn.

B. Owasco Lake Day will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Emerson Park from 2 p.m. through 7 p.m. The event features many activities for children and families pertaining to the lake. There will be guest speakers and a panel discussion beginning at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion. For more information visit the Owasco Watershed Lake Association's web site at www.owla.org

C. The Auburn Doubledays baseball season about to get underway and today the Doubledays announced that single ticket purchases for all homegames are now on sale.

The Doubledays are scheduled to open the 2015 season on Friday, June 19 at Batavia. Opening Night at Auburn's Falcon Park is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 against the West Virginia Black Bears.

Our hometown Auburn Doubledays are the NY-Penn League Short Season Single-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team. The complete Doubledays baseball schedule can be found at their web site at www.AuburnDoubledays.com

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations. The City Clerk read a Proclamation from the Office Of Mayor Michael D. Quill naming Sunday, June 14, 2015 as St. Baldrick's Foundation Day in the City of Auburn. Auburn Firefighter Brian Bennink spoke on behalf of the Firefighters fundraising effort which will hold an event on Sunday, June 14, 2015 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus on market Street.

6. 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:

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke to announce that there would be a Flag Day ceremony held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Noon at the flagpole at Market Street park.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street

Mr. Lattimore is the County Legislator for District 13. He spoke to discuss the St. Baldrick's event and that he recommended the Auburn Industrial development Authority be prepared to deal with the empty McQuay building at the Technology park.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

June 4, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The City received some good news about our City. Auburn NY was just ranked the #15 place in the U.S. for law graduates looking to launch their career. The ranking was determined by the GoodCall research team using data from the United States Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Indeed.com.
- Progress is being made in the discussions on the potential new Public Safety Building Project. The item will be back before the Council for further review. Councilor Camardo asked if the cost of building such a facility ourself would be included in the report in addition to the estimates of having a private developer build the facility. The Manager stated that yes that would be included.

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 #69 of 2015 - Awarding a Contract to John W. Danforth Co., Inc. for the General Contracting Portion of the Water Treatment Plant and Lower Pump Station Improvements Project

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

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

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E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- **Solarize Cayuga Presentation** by Maureen Riester, Business Development Specialist with the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) presented an overview on the upcoming program. She stated there will be informational meetings held soon for people interested in learning more about the program.
- **Auburn Permaculture Park** by Pete Cramer & Erin Humphrey. The group is requesting the use of Lepak Park, also known as, Miles Park which is located between Garrow Street and Arch Street for use of planting a Permaculture Park which is a park that plants fruit/vegetable producing trees and plants for public education, activity and consumption. The group needs approval from the Council and the Manager stated a resolution would be on the June 18, 2015 Council agenda to grant the group approval to use the park for this purpose.
- **Owasco Lake Watershed Conservation Strategy Final Project** – Emma Ertinger, Rebecca Walker, Kerry McElroy and Eric Reeves are all graduate students from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. They presented their findings on what other watersheds similar to the Owasco Lake watershed do to to educate the public on watershed protection issues. They also presented a recommended educational plan that could be implemented by the City for the Owasco Lake watershed.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Ruzicka discussed the messages the Council receives via the City website labelled as Public Be Heard and that he would like to see the messages read at Council meetings. He also made a request for a resolution to amend the adopted Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City of Auburn Budget to add one additional police officer to the budget.

B. Councilor Camardo discussed that it is important that the Council be kept advised of how the staff follows up on all Public Be Heard comments.

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 a matter pertaining to contract negotiations with a collective bargaining unit pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law
2. 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 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 12, 2015

by: Charles Mason
City Clerk

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick		
Councilor Camardo		
Councilor Cuddy		
Councilor Ruzicka		
Mayor Quill		
Carried and Adopted		

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