

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 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
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Grants and Capital Projects, Christina Selvek
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Chief Water Plant Operator, Anthony DeCaro
- 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 Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, 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 City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department has announced the Summer of 2015 Concert and Movie schedule. The first summer concert of the season will be held on Thursday,

July 2, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with music by artist Jamie Notarthomas at the Market Street Park in Downtown Auburn.

D. The City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department has announced the Casey Park Pool will open for the season on June 27, 2015. Registration for summer swim classes is now open and registration may be made by calling the Auburn YMCA at 315- 253-5304.

E. The City of Auburn and Cayuga County have teamed up to hold a joint auction of surplus properties that have been foreclosed on. The auction will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at Emerson Park 6914 East Lake Road, Auburn, New York 13021 on Owasco Lake.

F. The Auburn Doubledays baseball season is about to get underway and single ticket purchases for all homegames are now on sale at the Doubledays box office at Falcon Park on N. Division Street in Auburn. Also, new this year general admission tickets for Doubledays homegames are available for purchase during business hours at the City Clerk's office on the First Floor of Memorial City Hall.

The Doubledays are scheduled to open the 2015 season Friday, June 19 at Batavia. Opening Night at Auburn's Falcon Park is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 beginning at 7:05 p.m. 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

G. Mayor Quill announced that on Friday, July 3, 2015 as part of the community First Friday events, we will be hosting an Open House of the South Lawn at Memorial City Hall to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. The South Lawn is where our community's Civil War Memorial is located. The memorial was dedicated on July 3, 1988 which was the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The open house will be from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. and we are planning a ceremony for 5:30 p.m.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations – None

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.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street

Mr. Lattimore spoke about the importance of funding for our community hospital and that he attended a ribbon cutting at the new Loretto facility on St. Anthony Street. He also discussed that the public safety building complex should include the surrounding towns so that we can get funding for firetrucks from our Senators and if we could get more money for trucks, we could fund more personnel.

Anthony DeCaro, N. Herman Avenue

Mr. DeCaro spoke in his capacity as Chair for the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Professional and Administrative Unit. He spoke about the negotiation process his unit experienced with the City and stated that his unit ratified the contract earlier in the week. He urged the Council to support Resolution #77 of 2015 later in the meeting agenda.

Norm Davis, N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke the Salvation Army's food pantry and summer camp for children. He urged the community to support both.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

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Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The Manager introduced Chief Water Plant Operator Anthony DeCaro to discuss Owasco Lake levels and the process the City uses to control lake levels.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick reported that as a follow up to the October 29, 2014 Public Forum on manure runoff procedures within the Owasco Lake Watershed, a recommendation report is now available at:
<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Portals/0/planning/WQMA/Documents/RecommendationReport.pdf> The public is invited to comment on the 15 recommendations and provide additional input on Thursday, June 25th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY. For more information contact, contact Nick Colas of the Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development at (315) 253-1276 or email Keith Batman at kbatman@cayugacounty.us or email Michael Didio at mdidio@cayugacounty.us.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) - None

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Law

D. Resolutions

D1. Appointment Resolution #70 of 2015 Appointing Members to the Auburn Historic Resources Review Board

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.

D2. Financial Resolution #71 of 2015 Establishing the Seymour Library Tax Levy

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

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

D3. Council Resolution #72 of 2015 Authorizing the Use of a Portion of Miles Park / Lepak Park for the Auburn Permaculture Park

Motion to approve by Ruzicka, 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 # 73 of 2015 - Authorizing the Advertisement For Bids For the 2015 CDBG Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Program

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. Council Resolution #74 of 2015 Authorizing Financing For The Revolving Loan Programs

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

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

D6. Agreement Resolution #75 of 2015 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Sewer Agreement With the Town of Owasco

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

Councilor Camardo made a motion to amend to strike the words 'time to time' from the last two paragraphs of the resolution, Seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

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

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

D7. Agreement Resolution #76 of 2015 Approving an Operation and Management Services Agreement Between the City of Auburn and ARIA Energy, LLC

Motion to approve by Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

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, Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick and Cuddy voting no.

Councilor Camardo made a motion to amend the resolution to extend the contract for just 45 days following the July 4, 2015 start date, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.

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

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

D8. Agreement Resolution #77 of 2015 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Auburn and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Professional and Administrative Unit

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.

D9. Council Resolution #78 of 2015 Authorizing a Request for Proposal for the Public Safety Building 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.

D10. Financial Resolution #79 of 2015 Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant from the NYS Dormitory Authority for Purchase of Public Safety Vehicles

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.

D11. Financial Resolution #80 of 2015 Amending the 2015-2016 Budget

Motion to approve by Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

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

D12. Resolution #81 of 2015 Changing a Council Meeting Time for the June 25, 2015 Council Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 – None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor McCormick reported that she had seen on social media that earlier in the day Auburn's Fire Chief Jeff Dygert was awarded Fire Chief of the year by the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs at their annual meeting. She and all members of Council congratulated the Chief on this recognition. She also asked about demolition of a house on Standart Avenue. Jenny Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Auburn explained that the City was making progress on this demolition.

B. 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 discussed where the City appears to be at financially in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 based on reports from the City MUNIS accounting system. He stated that it appears the City has the potential of ending the year with a surplus of money. He also asked about the process for tax delinquent properties due to the fact that recent newspapers contained a listing of the delinquent properties and many names on the list seem to appear year after year.

C. Councilor Camardo discussed proper decorum at Council meetings and urged his colleagues to follow proper meeting decorum.

D. Mayor Quill announced that he attended his first meeting of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority, a board he was recently appointed to. He stated he looks forward to working on this board to advance the business and tourism climate of Auburn and all of Central New York.

Executive Session – Councilor Cuddy 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 8:07 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 19, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On June 25, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor , seconded by Councilor .

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

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 18th day of June, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.
Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: