

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 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:

- Acting City Manager and Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill recognized Councilor Ruzicka for a special introduction. Councilor Ruzicka introduced Congressman John Katko and invited the Congressman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Congressman Katko addressed the Council. He spoke to provide an update to the Council of his work in Washington and introduced his local office staff. He covered many different topics. Following his remarks each member of the Council had questions or remarks for the Congressman. The Congressman pledged to the Council that he and his office staff were available to the City and the people of Auburn. He stated he wants the City to call on him early in the process when Federal government grant opportunities come up. He stated that he will take a personal interest in and follow up on the second phase of the South Street reconstruction project that will reconstruct State Route 34 from Metcalf Drive to the City line.

4. Public Announcements –

The City Clerk read the following announcements:

A. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Auburn Plumbing Board on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South St. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with General Cities Law Chapter 7, Section 4 of Article 4. Applications and fees for the annual Plumber and Drain Layer examinations will be accepted at this time. The exam will be held the following month,

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. For more information please contact the City of Auburn Code Enforcement Office, 315.255.4111.

B. Mayor Michael D. Quill and the City Manager invite the public to attend a community celebration ceremony on Friday, September 4, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Seward Park on Historical South Street in Auburn. The purpose of the ceremony is to celebrate the completion of the 2014-2015 South Street Water Main Replacement and Repaving Project a Locally Administered Federal Aid Project. With special guest John A. DeFrancisco, New York State Senator, 50th district. This event is part of the community's September First Friday Events!

C. The Office of Mayor Quill announces that a Public Ceremony to Commemorate the Victims of 9-11-2001 will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015 at the September 11th memorial on the South Lawn at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations - None

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.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke about the events of September 11, 2001 and that the community must never forget the sacrifices made by the victims of that day and their families. He encouraged support for our community's first responders.

Dale Bush, Standart Woods Apartments

Mr. Bush spoke to remind the community that school begins on September 8th and to be careful when driving in school zones. Mr. Bush works as a crossing guard for the City.

Sheryl Gabak, Austin Drive

Ms. Gabak spoke in regards to a school zone on North Street and that the zone does not have adequate school zone signage or pavement markings to alert motorists that there is a school zone there due to the pre-K site at the E. John Gavras Center. The mayor asked the acting City manager to look into the matter.

Mary Rand, Capital Street Extension

Ms. Rand spoke in regards to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event that was held at Hoopes park this year. She stated that the group would like to hold the event there next year as well but has not heard from the City since submitting the Hoopes Park Usage application. The mayor asked the acting City manager to look into the matter.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

August 27, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 carried 5-0. Councilors

McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The City Comptroller has announced that the annual Financial Audit will be conducted this fall. The audit team has been schedule to begin their work on September 28, 2015.

The audit will be finalized a few weeks following.

- The deed for the property at 1-7 State Street has been recorded making the transition of ownership from the County back to the City final.
- City Manager Doug Selby's recovery is going well and he is in communication with City department heads. He hopes to return to the job in a few more weeks.

B. Reports from members of Council –

- Councilor McCormick reported that she attended Women's Equality Day at the State Fair and heard from the speakers Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman John Katko. She stated that the Harriet Tubman Boosters had a table at the event and that their table was very busy throughout the day.
- Councilor Cuddy reported that on Monday, August 31, 2015 he attended the Town Hall Meeting with the U.S. Treasurer Rosa Rios at the Women's Rights Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY. He stated that there was much public support for Harriet Tubman to be chosen as a woman that would be placed on future U.S. currency.

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 #102 of 2015 Authorizing the Installation of Sidewalks Along Portions of Kensington Avenue

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

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

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

F1. Presentation on proposed Turf Replacement at Holland Stadium in Auburn.

Mayor Quill welcomed the new Superintendent of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Jeff Pirozzolo. Mr. Pirozzolo presented an overview of the turf installation issue. He stated the school district will be holding upcoming public meetings to discuss the issue and that ultimately it will be a vote of the public that will make the decision on moving forward with investing in an artificial turf field surface for Holland Stadium at the Junior High School.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo asked that the speakers from this evening's Public to be heard be followed up with and that the Council be updated with the progress of their issues. He stated that with the start of school scheduled for September 8, 2015 that he would like to make sure the City has Police presence at all of the schools. He also asked for information on changes made to the City code years ago regarding water billing for the filling of residential pools.

B. Councilor Cuddy discussed that he had been contacted by a resident concerned with the cat population in the City and hopes the City Manager can work with interested parties on a solution to this issue.

C. Executive Session. Councilor McCormick made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

1. Discussion on a matter made confidential by Federal or State law pertaining to 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. One matter pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual. NYS Open Meetings Law Article 7 section f. 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 7:31 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 11, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

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On September 17, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

	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 3rd day of September, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.



Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: September 18, 2015