

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 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 Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien

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 Auburn Industrial Development Authority will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 2 State Street in Downtown Auburn.

B. The Auburn Doubledays will be holding a Garage Sale to sell surplus items that have accumulated at Falcon park over the years. The sale will be Saturday, September 19th from 10am-3pm at Falcon park on N. Division Street. Residents wishing to rent space to sell their own garage sale goods may do so for the fee of \$25.00 per space. For more information please call the Doubledays office at 315-255-2489.

C. Public Meeting Notice. There will be a public meeting to discuss the future of City-owned property located at 1-7 State St. in Downtown Auburn. The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange Street in Downtown Auburn. For more information please contact: Jennifer L. Haines, Director, Office of Planning and Economic Development p 315-255-4115 Email: jhaines@auburnny.gov

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

September 11, 2015. PROCLAMATION from the Office of Mayor Michael D. Quill.

WHEREAS, Thirteen years ago today, America witnessed one of the darkest days it had seen in years. In less than three hours, we were attacked by terrorist groups, and lost over 3,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Today we pay tribute to loved ones, friends, family, fellow citizens, and all who died on September 11, 2001 out in the field in Southwestern Pennsylvania, in the steel of the twin towers of the World Trade Center, and the wreckage and flames of the United States Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, America stood united in our communities, cities, states, and as one nation that morning and still do today. Our patriotism and resilience as Americans shine through any darkness that may knock on our door. To this day we still work together to rebuild and recover mental and physical damage from the attacks; and

WHEREAS, With over a decade that this terrible tragedy occurred, our country and world have changed in so many ways. America will forever remember where we were, what we were doing, and who we were with at the time of the attacks; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as, “Patriot Day” and has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized “National Day of Service and Remembrance”.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, proclaim, September 11, 2015 as

PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

and urge the citizens of Auburn to reflect and remember all the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11 2001.

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.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street, Cayuga County Legislator for District 13

Legislator Lattimore discussed various topics and recognized Mr. Art Wenzel who was sitting in the audience.

Art Wenzel, 23 Westlake Avenue

Mr. Wenzel spoke about property on South Street known as the Schines Theater. He also spoke about the events of September 11, 2001 and Auburn’s connection to the rebuilding of the Freedom Towers.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

September 3, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

Mayor Quill announced that the minutes from September 3, 2015 would be on the September 17, 2015 meeting agenda.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager’s Report

- 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.
- He spoke to the former City Comptroller to get background on changes made to the City code years ago regarding water billing for the filling of residential pools. Councilor Camardo asked for more information on this topic.
- Following up on a public be heard comment from Mrs. Gabak the prior week regarding

the posted school zone on North Street at the pre-K site of the E. John Gavras Center. Additional signage and street markings require State DOT approval and the City will communicate with the State about this matter.

- Following up on a public be heard comment from Mrs. Rand the prior week regarding an application for the use of Hoopes park for next year's Relay for Life event for the American Cancer Society. The application has been received and the City will be working to confirm the date with them.
- Good news has been reported by the City Comptroller and Fiscal Advisors regarding the savings projected on the recent Clean Renewable Energy Bonds the City received from the Federal government. The interest expense savings are over \$2 million for the next 20 years. The City's Director of Capital Planning and Grants will explain further in her presentation.

B. Reports from members of Council –

- Councilor Camardo commented on the September 4, 2015 ceremony to celebrate the completion of the South Street reconstruction. He stated that he and his son Anthony enjoyed the event and thanked everyone that was involved.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions - None

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

F1. Update on Capital Projects for 2015 – Capital Improvement Program (CIP) & Engineering Department. The Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien provided an overview of the 40 different capital projects the City has in process or planned for the future.

F2. Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program Planning. The City Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek provided an overview of the City's 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan. She stated that the plan would be presented to council for a vote of adoption at a future City Council meeting.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Cuddy discussed decisions the City Council has had to make over the past one year and nine months to put City finances in better position. Councilor Camardo discussed the

work of the City's previous audit committee that he had served on and stated he stood by the work of the committee. This led to further discussion on these topics.

B. Councilor McCormick discussed the Council rules pertaining to Public be Heard and stated she thinks it is inappropriate for speakers to call out individuals or groups for criticism. She stated that comments could be considered campaign rhetoric and should not be allowed.

C. Councilor Ruzicka discussed that the minutes from the September 3, 2015 City Council meeting were not available. He stated that he had an incident occur this past week and suggested that if City Clerk Mason was not running around delivering information to an incorrect address that perhaps he would have time to do the meeting minutes. He stated that he finds it disturbing the lackadaisical way that these things were handled and he does not appreciate that someone that is a department head would act in such a manner and believed it had political undertones. He stated that if the Council wants to talk about honesty and integrity about people in the audience that we should look in house as well. He then explained the incident he was referring to. The City Clerk stated that the minutes from September 3, 2015 were not in the meeting packet because on September 4, 2015 he and Rhonda, the secretary to the Mayor and City Council, spent extra time preparing for that evening's South Street Road Reconstruction Celebration Ceremony that was held that evening at Seward Park. He stated the minutes will be in the packet for the September 17, 2015 Council meeting which is within the two week time frame required of Council Rules and Procedures for written meeting minutes. He stated that because the Council had not conducted many voting matters he did not see it as vital that the September 3rd meeting minutes be produced immediately. He then went on to explain that in the day on Friday he had been forwarded a message from the City Manager that Councilor Ruzicka had made a request for information pertaining to the City Clerk's office. He obtained the information requested and made copies of the information. On Saturday, September 5, 2015 when he was on his way out of town he delivered the documents requested to an address where it is commonly known that Councilor Ruzicka resides. He did this as a service to the Councilor so that the Councilor would have the information he was looking for. The Clerk apologized if he had placed the information in the wrong mailbox. Councilor Ruzicka stated that he would like it to be on the record that he does not live anywhere else but 50 Walnut Street.

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

1. Discussion on two matters 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.)

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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 7:54 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

On September 17, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

	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 10th day of September, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.



Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: September 18, 2015