

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 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 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.

B. There will be an Electronics Recycling Collection Event on Saturday, September 26, 2015 From 9 AM to 2 PM to be held at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Campus located at 1879 W Genesee Street Rd, Auburn. Electronics recycling is free, however, a \$10 requested donation per television and CRT Monitor is being asked of to ensure continuation of event for the future.

Also, this event is now accepting textiles for recycling. Please bring dry and clean textiles, including shoes, clothes, linens, and so on. The event is now offering confidential document shredding too.

The following is a list of what to bring to Electronics Recycling Event:

- Computer Equipment
- Computer Monitors (\$10 requested donation per monitor)
- TV's (\$10 requested donation per television)

- Microwaves
- Video Game Systems
- Universal Power Supplies
- Cell Phones
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs 2 foot, 4 foot and 8 foot (contain mercury)
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL) (please return to Home Depot or Lowe's)
- Button cell batteries and rechargeable batteries
- Toner/Ink Cartridges
- Hand held cylinders that contained such gases as oxygen, MAPP and helium
- 1 pound to 20 pound propane tanks
- Small Freon Appliances like air conditioners, dehumidifiers and dorm-sized refrigerators. No freon appliance weighing more than 40 pounds will be accepted. See information below for information on recycling freon appliances weighing more than 40 pounds.

This event is coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County, Cayuga County Department of Planning.

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

D. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE and NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL INTERVIEW AND EXAM FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSE. Applications for electrical licenses must be filed in person at the October 14, 2015 Electric Board meeting, 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber Conference Room at 24 South St. 1st Floor, Auburn, NY. The exam will be held November 18, 2015 at 5:00 pm at this same location. Applications can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Office in City Hall or on the city website at www.auburnny.gov under the Code Enforcement Department page.

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.

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

Legislator Lattimore discussed poverty rates in upstate New York cities.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. September 3, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

The motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2015 carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

B. September 10, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

The motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 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

- 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.
- Councilor Camardo asked about the progress of an emergency repair to a sinkhole that appeared earlier in the week on Metcalf Drive. Mr. Rossi explained that City crews had immediately mobilized and had worked over the past 24 hours to make an emergency repair.

B. Reports from members of Council –

- Mayor Quill reported that he had the opportunity to attend events this week at Northbrook Court and Owasco Elementary School.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions

1. FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #103 OF 2015. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NYS EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE NORTH DIVISION STREET HYDRO FACILITY.

By Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick. September 17, 2015.

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is the owner and operator of the North Division Street hydroelectric facility located along the Owasco River; and

WHEREAS, improvements to this facility have been identified in the FY 2014-2018 City Capital Improvement Program plan and were previously authorized by City Council in Bond Ordinance #4 of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn submitted a request through the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to the NYS Empire State Development agency for additional funding assistance towards smart grid and upgrades at the North Division Street hydro facility; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this request, the City of Auburn has received an incentive proposal from the New York State Empire State Development (ESD) in the sum of \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Auburn must be authorized to accept the grant funding and execute all necessary documents in connection therewith prior to commencing the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, that the Mayor of the City of Auburn is hereby authorized and directed to execute an incentive proposal agreement and execute all necessary documents with the NYS Empire State Development for smart grid and hydro improvements at the North Division Street hydroelectric

facility, in the amount of \$1,200,000 and the revenue recognized in the North Division St. Hydro Upgrade capital account (# ED 99.359.HY).

The motion to approve Resolution #103 of 2015 carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

2. AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #104 OF 2015. AUTHORIZING A REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS (NYSEG) FOR THE NORTH DIVISION STREET DAM HYDRO FACILITY PROJECT.

By Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. September 17, 2015.

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1991 the City of Auburn entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) with New York State Electric and Gas (“NYSEG”) for the purchase of electricity from the City of Auburn’s North Division Street hydro facility; and

WHEREAS, the PPA is for a thirty (30) year period commencing on the date of commercial operation, February 1992, with payments for the first twenty (20) years at a contractual base rate and for the second period (years 21-30) NYSEG will pay 90% of actual avoided costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn now desires to terminate the PPA with NYSEG provided that the City enters into a replacement agreement for the Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Replacement Agreement will entail a cash payment of \$110,000 consisting of a \$10,000 deposit and the balance due when the upgraded N. Division Street Facility is placed into service; and

WHEREAS, under the Replacement Agreement the City will make payments to NYSEG in an amount equal to 5% of the net revenue earned by the upgraded facility through February 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the upgraded hydro facility will result in an increase in expected annual energy production due to the replacement of the existing 810 kw Flygt Turbine to a 1.1 MW Kaplan Turbine; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Replacement Agreement with NYSEG prior to commencing site improvements at the North Division Street Dam Hydro Facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a replacement agreement with NYSEG of Binghamton, New York with a term beginning at the in service date on or before December 31, 2017 of the upgraded North Division Street Hydro Facility through February 2, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to make payment in the amount of \$10,000 deposit and the balance of \$100,000 within 10 days of the in service date from Power Utility Fund Hydroelectric Account (#E8240.450).

The motion to approve Resolution #104 of 2015 carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

3. AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #105 OF 2015. AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE NORTH DIVISION STREET DAM HYDRO PROJECT.

By Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick. September 17, 2015.

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,200,000 from New York State Empire State Development to implement smart grid and facility improvements at the North Division Street Dam Hydroelectric Facility (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, these facility improvements include, but are not limited to, site preparation and construction of a new powerhouse building, removal and replacement of the turbine and generator systems, repairs and replacement of the power channel as well as the trash rake system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has issued a Request for Qualifications for professional engineering services related to the completion of the proposed scope of work for the North Division Street Dam hydroelectric facility; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2015 the City of Auburn received five (5) responses to the Request for Qualifications and through a competitive review process, C&S Engineers, Inc. of Syracuse, NY was selected with a proposed fee not to exceed \$329,520.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc. of Syracuse, New York at a cost not to exceed \$329,520.00 to be charged to a designated capital account entitled North Division Street Hydro Upgrade (#ED 8292 440 HY). The motion to approve Resolution #105 of 2015 carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

1. Presentation on SRO's and Crossing Guards. With the beginning of the school year Brian Neagle, Chief of Police made a presentation to the Council on the joint efforts of the City and School District to keep local schools safe. He reviewed the Crossing Guard program , as well as, the School Resource Officer program.

10. Other Business

A. Mayor Quill discussed an idea he would like the Council to consider in the future about setting up a process for individual Councilors to request information through the City Manager. He would like to develop a template that could be used by all Councilors. The Council discussed and asked that the issue be provided to the City Manager for his input.

B. 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 three matters 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. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-F)

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 7:01 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 18, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On September 24, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	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 17th day of September, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: September 25, 2015