

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 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, Jenny Haines
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Andrew Fish

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. There will be a special City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board Meeting scheduled for next Wednesday September 30th at 7pm at City Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street Auburn NY. Meeting information will be available on the City website by COB Friday September 25th.

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.

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 Chadwick, Pulsifer Drive

Mr. Chadwick spoke about his property on Pulsifer Drive being directly next to a City-owned right of way. He is interested in purchasing this right of way from the City. He stated he has maintained the property for many years and would like the opportunity to make the purchase.

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

Legislator Lattimore discussed a meeting he attended with Legislator Didio about the heroin epidemic in the community. He gave a shout out to the family of Tim Locastro. He also discussed the need to have the Auburn Municipal Power Authority (AMPA) involved with the N. Division Street Hydro project.

Norm Davis, N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke about the condition of property on the corner of Wall St. and N. Division St.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. September 17, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 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

- Acting City Manager Jennifer Haines reported that a demolition permit has been issued for the removal of property on the corner of Wall St. and N. Division St. She stated the City will keep the pressure on to have this site cleaned up as soon as possible.
- Reported that the public meeting to discuss City-owned property at 1-7 State Street that was held on September 23, 2015 was well attended. Several people spoke to share their thoughts on the future use of the site. Public comments will be collected through September 30, 2015. Following the public comment period the staff will work towards taking the comments received and writing a request for proposals for the property.

B. Reports from members of Council –

- Councilor McCormick reported that the meeting held on September 23, 2015 to discuss the future of City-owned property located at 1-7 State St. was well attended and overall was a positive meeting.

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

1. Economic Update Presentation by Andrew Fish, Executive Director of the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA). Mr. Fish reviewed a series of statistics that are compiled to track the local economy and how it compares to the region and country. He reviewed economic progress that has been made in the past 2 years by his Cayuga Economic Development Agency. He also provided an overview of what the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council's plan will be as part of the State's Upstate Revitalization Initiative competition. The proposal for that competition is due in October and results are expected to be announced in December.

2. Presentation on Utility Billing Enhancement by Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities. Ms. Murphy provided an overview of work that has been done over the past year to install new residential water meters throughout the City. She also discussed new software the City is using to track water usage. This new system will provide a new billing system and water users will begin seeing a different look to their water bills after the new year.

3. August 2015 Monthly Budget Reports – no discussion

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo stated that at a previous Council Meeting he had asked for a report on progress pertaining to capital projects that the Council has borrowed money for in recent years such as work at City Hall and the installation of a fence at the Department of Public Works. He asked if the Council could receive an update on these projects. He also asked how progress was coming on his request for information pertaining to billing people full water and sewer fees for the filling of pools. The City used to have a policy that it would credit people for sewer charges that used a high volume of water to fill their residential pool.

B. Mayor Quill stated that he has been asked to speak to a civic group the evening of October 22, 2015. He asked if the Council would be open to changing the meeting time to an earlier time to accommodate his being able to speak to this group about the City of Auburn. The Council discussed and it was decided that a resolution for an earlier meeting time could be prepared.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 25, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On October 1, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy .

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	absent	
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 24th day of September, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: October 2, 2015