

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2016 6:00 P.M.
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, Giannettino, Cuddy, and Carabajal, and Mayor Quill were all present.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy
- Water and Sewer Supervisor, Tom Gabak
- Water Treatment Plant Operator, John West

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 Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

B. There will be a public meeting held on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Plan. This meeting will be held at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street in Auburn. The draft Owasco Lake Watershed and Waterfront Revitalization Plan will be available for review online at www.cayugacounty.us/owascalake.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele Wunderlich at 315-253-1276.

C. The annual March to Lake Day symposium on the status of Owasco Lake will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange Street, Auburn. This event are co-sponsored by Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA), the Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT), Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County, Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency (WQMA) and Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

D. There will be a public meeting with Robert J. Freeman, Executive Director of the New York State Committee on Open Government held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for Mr. Freeman to provide an overview of the New York State Open Meetings Law and Freedom of Information Law. He will also be available for questions from participants. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, first floor of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn. This meeting will be held during National Sunshine Week and the event is open to all. We will be working over the coming weeks to invite all public boards and commissions of the City, as well as, Cayuga County, the local School District, etc.

E. The Clerk reported to the Council that earlier in the day he emailed each member of Council with their information to use the Boardview feature of the NOVUS agenda program. The Boardview feature presents weekly agendas in a manner that is considered more convenient especially while using tablets.

F. At the request of Mayor Quill the clerk read a letter received from a resident praising the work of our City Department of Public Works and Water Department staff on a recent water line repair on Pulaski Street.

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.

Alicia Procino, Wilbur Avenue

Ms. Procino spoke to remind the public to support area food banks with the upcoming Easter holiday.

Norm Davis, N. Division St

Mr. Davis spoke to thank the Council members and people of the City that expressed their support to him during his family's time of grieving the death of his father.

Tim Clifford, with Auburn Hockey Boosters

Mr. Clifford thanked the Council for the opportunity for the Hockey Boosters to run the Casey Park Ice Rink for the first time this year. He reported on the many activities that have occurred at the rink this winter season. He asked that the Council consider a two week extension beyond the March 1, 2016 cut off of the first year of their lease agreement.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. February 18, 2016, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

The motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016 carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- He discussed the proper disposal of medical waste pertaining to curbside trash and recycling pick-up.

Medical Waste: Needles, Syringes, Lancets, and other Sharps should never be trashed or recycled at the curb. This is due to the fact that they are contaminated and pose a danger to trash collectors and the public. The City does not pick up medical waste. Do not put medical waste in your trash or recycling. All hospitals & skilled nursing facilities are required by law to accept properly packaged and labeled sharps at no charge. To properly dispose of sharps:

1. Place sharps in a puncture-proof container with a tight fitting lid.
2. Label the container with your name, address and phone number.
3. Call one of the following drop-off locations below to arrange for drop-off:

- Auburn Community Hospital, 17 Lansing St. 315-255-7011
- Auburn Nursing Home, 85 Thornton Ave. 315-253-7351
- Finger Lakes Center for Living, 20 Park Ave. 315-255-7188
- The Commons on St. Anthony, 3 St. Anthony St. 315-253-0351

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick read a letter that appeared in the local newspaper from a resident regarding work that the City's Department of Public Works did on Anderson Circle repairing a water main break. She complimented the staff for their work. She reported on her attendance at the most recent Auburn Business Improvement District Board of Directors meeting. She discussed the significance of the upcoming March to Lake day seminar being held on March 5th at the Auburn Public Theater.
- Councilor Giannettino reported that he attended events in Ithaca, NY this week with members of the local Heroin Awareness & Education League (HEAL). He reported that the Ithaca community worked for two years and produced a substantial report on the topic of the heroin epidemic in the Ithaca community. He provided copies of the reports to the members of the Council.

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

- January 2016 Monthly Budget Report was reviewed by the City Manager
- Presentation on Water Department by Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities along with Water and Sewer Supervisor, Tom Gabak and Water Treatment Plant Operator, John West.

10. Other Business

Councilor Cuddy discussed the topic of the Casey Park Ice arena that was brought up during the public to be heard. This prompted a discussion among all members of Council. There was an desire among members of Council to extend the Casey Park Ice rink contract with the boosters for the two weeks as requested. The Manager stated the resolution would be on the March 3, 2016 Council agenda.

Executive Session. Councilor Giannettino 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 one matter pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-f)
2. Discussion on one matter pertaining to the appointment of a particular individual. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-f)
3. Discussion on three separate matters pertaining to the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of City owned property. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-h)
4. Discussion on one matter that is 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, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 26, 2016 by:

Charles Mason

Auburn City Council Minutes February 25, 2016

City Clerk

On March 3, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| Councilor McCormick | X | |
| Councilor Giannettino | X | |
| Councilor Cuddy | X | |
| Councilor Carabajal | 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 25th day of February, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: March 4, 2016

