

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 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, Carabajal, and Mayor Quill were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Acting Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Police Captain, Paul Casper

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. Auburn City Council- Special Meeting Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Auburn City Council has scheduled a special meeting to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10:00AM for the purpose of an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history and qualifications of individuals being considered for appointment to the position of City Manager. This meeting will be held at Memorial City Hall, Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY 13021.

B. The next Regular Meeting of the Auburn Industrial Development Authority will be held on

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 2 State Street, first floor conference room, Downtown Auburn.

C. The City of Auburn Landfill announces, Spring Clean-up Saturdays.

The City Landfill will be open on the following days for City residents to dispose of items for free on Saturday, April 23, 2016 and Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 7 a.m. – Noon. City residents can bring items to the City landfill, 311 N. Division Street, for free! Proof of residency will be required.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

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.

Jane Thompson, 212 N. Seward Avenue

Ms. Thompson spoke advocating for the City to use property it owns at 1-7 State Street in downtown for the creation of a pocket park that would be dedicated to the memory of Auburnian Thommie Walsh.

John Quinn, 9 Benham Avenue

Mr. Quinn spoke to oppose the proposed refuse collection fee and parking meter fee increase that is proposed in the City's fiscal year 2016-2017 proposed budget.

Bruce Demalt, 19 Henry Drive

Mr. Demalt spoke in opposition to the proposed refuse collection fee. He stated he believes the City needs to cut employee salaries and benefits.

Jack Hardy, Chapman Avenue

Mr. Hardy spoke to support the concept of a park proposed for City owned property at 1-7 State Street.

Norm Davis, 98 N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke to wish Mr. Selby well in his retirement as this was his final City Council meeting as City Manager.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street

Mr. Lattimore is the Cayuga County Legislator for District 13 in the City. He spoke to support the concept of a park proposed for City owned property at 1-7 State Street. He also stated he had named a road after Auburnian John Walsh when he (Lattimore) had served as the City's Mayor.

Sue Waby, Owner of Finger Lakes Arts Cooperative, 101 Genesee Street

Ms. Waby spoke to support the concept of a park proposed for City owned property at 1-7 State Street.

Jimmy Sorendo, 29 VanPatten Street

Mr. Sorendo spoke in opposition to the proposed refuse collection fee, he stated people in his neighborhood would not be able to afford the burden of the fee.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. April 7, 2016, City Council meeting minutes.

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

The motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 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,

- The Manager reported that the City had received notice on the CHIPS and PAVE-NY funding that had been included in the recently adopted New York State Budget.
- Being that this was his final City Manager's report, he thanked the Mayor and all of the members of City Council he has worked with during his time as City Manager and he thanked the people of Auburn.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Mayor Quill and members of City Council presented City Manager Selby with a Key to the City for his service to the people of Auburn as City Manager from 2011-2016. The Mayor and individuals members of Council spoke to thank Mr. Selby.
- Mayor Quill asked that the staff provide the Council with an update of where the City is at with the planning for city owned property at 1-7 State Street.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – The City Clerk read a first reading of Refunding of Bond Ordinance of Series 2008A and 2011A. This Refunding Bond will be brought before the Council for a vote at the April 21, 2016 Council meeting.

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions

D1. COUNCIL RESOLUTION #55 OF 2016

AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3c.

By Councilor McCormick

April 14, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, that it does hereby authorize that a Public Hearing be held before the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, on the 21st day of April 2016 at 6:00 pm at City Council Chambers, 1st floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, New York concerning the enactment of a Local Law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3c.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution in the official newspaper of the City of Auburn in accordance with the governing state and local requirements.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Carabajal	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- Presentation on Parks Master Plan. Tiffany Beebee, Senior Planner introduced Maren King, Director of the State University of New York’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry’s (SUNY ESF) Center for Community Design Research which has been facilitating the City’s Parks master Planning process. She provided an update on the planning effort to date.
- Preliminary Balanced Budget Presented to Council. Laura Wills, City Comptroller presented an overview of the initial draft of the City’s Fiscal Year 2016-2017 annual budget. All budget information will be listed on the City of Auburn webpage at www.AuburnNY.gov
- Budget Discussion – Assistant Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the office of Corporation Counsel.
- Budget Discussion - City Clerk, Chuck Mason provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the office of City Clerk.
- Budget Discussion – Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the Department of Engineering.
- Budget Discussion - City Manager, Douglas A. Selby provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the Office of City Manager.
- Review of City Boards and Commissions and Discussion of Possible Changes - Councilor

Jimmy Giannettino led a discussion with the members of Council on various topics associated with City Boards and Commissions.

10. Other Business

Councilor Giannettino thanked the Department of Public Works for immediately removing graffiti that had been painted on City owned property on State Street. He also asked if the City could contact the Bambardier company about visible graffiti that has appeared on their Columbus Street propert. Mayor Quill stated he would take care of contacting the company.

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

1. Discussion on two matters 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 for the position of City manager. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-f)
3. Discussion on two matters pertaining to the acquisition, sale, or lease of real property. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-h)

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 8:21 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Mayor Quill reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Councilor McCormick made a motion to change the start time of the City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 to 5:00 p.m., 1 hour earlier than its original start time of 6:00 p.m. This meeting is to be held in Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn. The purpose of the early start time of the meeting would be to convene an executive session for two topics: 1. Discussion on the matter of appointment of an individual to the position of City Manager; and, 2. Discussion on one matter pertaining to the acquisition, sale or lease of real property. The public portion of the regularly scheduled meeting will begin at the regular start time of 6:00 p.m. Councilor Cuddy seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal, and Mayor Quill all voting aye

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on April 27, 2016 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Auburn City Council Minutes April 14, 2016

On April 28, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.

	Ayes	Noes
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 14th day of April, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 29, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Chuck Mason

Memorial City Hall



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 15, 2016

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Auburn City Council has called a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting citizen input concerning the enactment of a Local Law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in New York State General Municipal Law Section 3c.

This Public Hearing will be held at the regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

This meeting will also be live-streamed via the City of Auburn's website at: www.AuburnNY.gov/Channel-A

More information on this and other City of Auburn services may be found at the City's website www.AuburnNY.gov

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