

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 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 5:00PM 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.

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 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)
2. Discussion on one matter 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 5:01 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- Interim City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Acting Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vickie Murphy
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Senior Planner, Steve Selvek
- Senior Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Hicks
- 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 City of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at Memorial City Hall, Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY 13021.

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.

D. An upcoming Electronic Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Campus located at 1879 W Genesee Street Rd, Auburn. This event is coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County, Cayuga County Department of Planning, Cayuga County Solid Waste Program Office with funding provided by NUCOR Steel of Auburn. Residents may recycle computer equipment, fluorescent light bulbs, typewriters, video game systems, small Freon appliances, hearing aid batteries, button cell batteries, propane tanks, universal power supplies, cell phones, used toner cartridges, and used ink cartridges. Paper shredding and clothing drop off will also be available. There will be a fee of \$10.00-\$20.00 for computer monitors and televisions, the fee will be dependent upon the size of the monitor or TV.

E. The Auburn Beautification Commission is teaming up with the City of Auburn to promote an annual Park-Pick-Up day which will be Saturday, May 7, 2016 beginning at 9 a.m. Residents and groups of any kind are encouraged to sign-up to volunteer their effort to adopt and clean a City Park on this day. Please contact the ABC by email at info@BeautifulAuburn.org

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. The mayor also opened a Public Hearing will be held on the 21st day 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.

The following people spoke:

Norm Davis, 98 N. Division Street

Mr. Davis spoke to wish the Interim City Manager Dygert well in his new position. He also discussed that the City could use more Police officers in the upcoming City budget.

Alicia Procino, Wilbur Avenue

Ms. Procino spoke in regards to property issues being experienced in the southeast corner of the City near the end of Fleming Street.

Michael Broughton, 47 Capital Street

Mr. Broughton discussed the status of property taxes in Auburn and how it compares to national averages of property taxes. He encouraged the Council to not override the State Property Tax Cap, rather find savings in the City budget to allow the property tax to remain under the mandated State Tax Cap.

Michael Currier, 53 Burt Avenue

Mr. Currier spoke to encourage the City Council to not override the State Property Tax Cap. He also spoke against the proposed refuse collection fee.

Mike Coleman, Union Street

Mr. Coleman discussed an idea he had to save money for property taxpayers and stated he had previously met with County officials and City Manager Doug Selby to discuss the issue. He asked if he would be able to set up a meeting with the Interim City Manager.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. April 14, 2016, City Council meeting minutes. The Mayor announced that minutes for the April 14, 2016 Council meeting would be on the April 28, 2016 Council Meeting agenda for Council approval.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report,

- The Interim City Manager reported that South Street had been closed temporarily earlier in the week for repairs to the water valves and the work is now completed.
- Falcon park is now open and high school and college tournaments will be held at the stadium throughout the spring.
- The City Street Sweeper has come out of winter storage and will be visible on City streets.
- It was announced this week that Harriet Tubman would be placed by the U. S. Treasury on the face of the next rendition of the Twenty Dollar bill. Related to this news the City staff recently met with National Park Service officials to discuss the upcoming road reconstruction on State Route 34 south of the intersection of Metcalf Drive and Clymer Street. The national park Service staff is expected to be back in Auburn in May to meet with City and Tubman Home officials as the planning of the establishment of the park continues to move forward.
- The grant application for the North Street Water Line was submitted on April 15, 2016.
- City Staff has begun the process of proceeding with convening interested individuals to strategize on the new New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative that was recently funded in the new State budget. The process will require submitting a proposal

to the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (CNY-REDC). Details on that process are forthcoming.

- Notice of retirement has been received from the City Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy. She plans to leave her employment with the City at the end of May. City staff has already begun meeting to plan transition planning for those departments impacted.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick provided an update on recent Watershed Management Council meetings that she attended.
- Councilor Giannettino announced that area high school students will be holding a rally with the Heroin Epidemic Action League (HEAL) on May 21, 2016 at 10 a.m. and the rally will be on the front steps of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – Bond Ordinance #4 of 2016 Refund of Series 2008A and 2011A. (Please see the full text of this Bond #4 of 2016 attached to these meeting minutes.) The motion to approve Bond #4 of 2016 was made by Councilor Cuddy and was seconded by Councilor McCormick. The motion to approve Bond Ordinance #4 of 2016 Carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal, and Mayor Quill all voting aye

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions

D1. AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #56 OF 2016

BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK AND BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

By Councilor McCormick

April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn and the Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, New York entered into a Lease Agreement dated February 20, 1987, for the lease of certain premises located at 17-21 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the lease was for a period of twenty (20) years, ending on December 31, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement contained options to renew the lease for additional periods of time and the current lease has expired as of December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of extending the original lease for an additional five (5) year term commencing April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an additional provision is being provided to an Addendum to the original Lease Agreement whereby the Booker T. Washington Community Center has the option to notify the City, in writing, of its intent to purchase and assume ownership of the premises located at 17-21 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York, pursuant to terms that are to be agreed upon between the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Auburn and Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, New York enter into an Addendum to the original Lease Agreement dated February 20, 1987 for the lease of certain premises located at 17-21 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York and that the terms of said Lease shall be extended for five (5) years commencing April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, New York shall notify the City of Auburn, in writing, of its intent to purchase and assume ownership of the premises located at 17-21 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York, and that said intent be forwarded to the City Manager and shall, upon certain terms and conditions, be agreed upon between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Addendum and extension of the Lease on behalf of the City of Auburn.

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 vote for Council Resolution #56 of 2016 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 21st day of April, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 22, 2016

D2. AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #57 OF 2016

**APPROVING THE LANDFILL AGREEMENT
WITH WECARE WASTE AND RECYCLING, LLC**

By Councilor Giannettino

April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn owns and operates a solid waste landfill in compliance with regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, WeCare Waste and Recycling, LLC (WeCare) is desirous of utilizing the Auburn Solid Waste Landfill for the deposit of solid waste substances and has previously contracted with the City of Auburn to utilize the landfill; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement for a term beginning on May 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2017 whereby WeCare will deposit solid waste pursuant to the Agreement which establishes a tiered rate structure for each fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with WeCare Holdings, LLC for the deposit of solid waste at the Auburn Solid Waste Landfill pursuant to the terms and conditions of an agreement for such use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Auburn is hereby authorized to sign the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with WeCare Holdings, LLC.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

	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 vote for Council Resolution #57 of 2016 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 21st day of April, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 22, 2016

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #58 OF 2016

**ADOPTING A STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

By Councilor McCormick

April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Comptroller requires that elected and appointed officials must have standard work days in order to determine the correct number of days worked to report to an official in order to obtain service credit for retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Auburn City Council establish a standard work day for the City of Auburn’s elected officials and must adopt a Resolution in relation thereto; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will set forth the standard work day for City Council members in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Comptroller’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the information is set forth on Form RS2417-A entitled “Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials” setting forth the identity of the officials, their title, standard work day, information regarding the beginning and end date for each elected official’s term of office and that each official has submitted a sample 3-month record of activities by specifying each official’s ROA results.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby adopt a standard work day and Reporting Resolution for elected and appointed officials as required by the New York State Comptroller’s Office and all information is specifically contained in Form RS2417-A which will be filed with the Office of the State Comptroller within fifteen (15) days after the posting period ends.

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	

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the vote for Council Resolution #58 of 2016 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 21st day of April, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 22, 2016

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- Budget Discussion - Mayor Michael Quill provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the Office of Mayor and City Council.
- Budget Discussion - Police Department. Paul Casper, Acting Police Chief provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the Police Department.
- Budget Discussion - Code Enforcement. Jennifer Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the Code Enforcement Department.
- Budget Discussion - Office of Planning & Economic Development. Jennifer Haines provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for the Office of Planning and Economic Development.
- Budget Discussion - Municipal Utilities. Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget for all departments and budgets under Municipal Utilities.

10. Other Business

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 three matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-f)
2. 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 8:08 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Auburn City Council Minutes April 21, 2016

On April 28, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 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	

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Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 29, 2016