

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 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:

- Interim City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Acting Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Haines

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 Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00PM 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 Civil Service Commission will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Memorial City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room, 24 South St. Auburn, NY 13021.

C. The next meeting of the City Council's Community Focus Group for the City Manager Search will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at Memorial City Hall, Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY 13021.

D. The next Regular Meeting of the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at Memorial City Hall, Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY 13021.

E. The next Regular Meeting of the City of Auburn Historic Sites Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at Willard Chapel, 17 Nelson St. Auburn, NY 13021.

F. 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.

G. 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

H. Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of National Historic Preservation at this June 3rd First Friday Event! The City of Auburn's Historic Resources Review Board invites the Community to mark 50 years of National Historic Preservation by celebrating 25 years of the South Street National Historical District at a community ceremony to be held Friday, June 3, 2016 from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Memorial City Hall in Auburn. Featuring guest speaker Frank Barrows from the National Park Service and special preservation presentations from Mayor Quill.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

The City Clerk read a proclamation from the Office of Mayor Michael D. Quill proclaiming May 1-7, 2016 as National Travel and Tourism Week in the City of Auburn.

Whereas travel has a positive effect on New York and the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad, it also impacts business productivity and to individual travelers' well-being; and

Whereas travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.1 trillion in economic output in 2014, with \$927.9 billion spent directly by travelers; and

Whereas travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 15 million jobs in 2014, including 8 million directly in the travel industry and 7 million in other industries; and

Whereas travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$141.5 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and

Whereas tourism in Cayuga County generates \$100.95 million annually in visitor spending on lodging, food and beverage, retail and service stations, second homes, transportation and recreation and is responsible for \$12.05 million in local and state taxes, as well as generating 1761 jobs; and

Whereas international travel to the United States is the nation's No. 1 services export. In 2015, travel generated \$220.6 billion in exports, creating a \$74 billion trade surplus for the United States; and

Whereas meetings, events and incentive travel are core business functions that help companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers and reward business accomplishments—which in turn boosts the U.S. economy. In 2014, domestic and international business travelers spent \$283 billion; and

Whereas leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

Whereas travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors; and

Now, therefore, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn New York, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as **National Travel and Tourism Week** in the City of Auburn and urge the citizens of Auburn to join me in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

Mayor Quill presented the proclamation to Meg Vanek the Executive Director of the Cayuga County Office of Tourism. Ms. Vanek spoke and presented the Council members with a copy of the Cayuga County Office of Tourism's annual report.

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.

Jack Hardy, Chapman Avenue

Mr. Hardy spoke about the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) annual banquet and awards ceremony to be held at the Springside Inn on Friday, May 13, 2016.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. April 28, 2016, City Council meeting minutes.

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

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meetings carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Carabajal and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor Cuddy abstained.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report,

- The Manager announced the annual drinking water quality report for 2015 has been

issued by the City. To comply with State and Federal regulations, the City of Auburn, annually issues a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. In 2015 we conducted tests for over 100 contaminants and found none of those contaminants at a level higher than the State law allows. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards. The full report is posted to the City website (AuburnNY.gov), as well as, copies of the report are available at The City Clerk's office at Memorial City Hall.

- The two 'Spring Clean-up Saturdays' that were operated by the City Landfill on April 23 and April 30th were a success. The following data was compiled to provide an analysis of the events:

Saturday April 23, 2016

Saturday April 30, 2016

	Vehicles	Electronics	Freon	Tires
7-8am	52	17	0	34
8-9am	48	21	0	30
9-10am	53	19	1	34
10-11am	70	25	0	45
11-12pm	56	17	0	16
TOTALS	279	99	1	159
			Yard Waste	
Tonnage	C&D	MSW	Yard Waste	
	35.38	10.43	1.96	

	Vehicles	Electronic	Freon	Tires
7-8am	56	12	0	31
8-9am	60	26	1	35
9-10am	70	18	0	37
10-11am	51	16	0	30
11-12pm	64	29	1	34
TOTALS	301	101	2	167
			Yard Waste	
Tonnage	C&D	MSW	Yard Waste	
	31.49	13.04	0.5	

PROGRAM TOTALS

C&D	66.87	tons
MSW	23.47	tons
Yard Waste	2.46	tons
Electronics	200	units
Freon	3	units
Tires	326	

PROGRAM COSTS

LABOR	\$2,098.72
TIP	
FEES	\$2,849.74
FUEL	\$336.00
TOTAL COST	\$5,284.46

* THIS COST DOES NOT INCLUDE DISPOSAL OF THE TIRES, FREON REMOVAL OR DISPOSAL OF THE ELECTRONIC UNITS*

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Giannettino reported on an event he attended Sunday, May 1, 2016, ‘The Amazing Race’ which was held to benefit East Hill Family Medical. He also attended a morning session on Wednesday May 4, 2016 with pre-schoolers at the YMCA. He also announced that the Heroin Epidemic Action League (HEAL) received notice from U. S. Senator Schumer’s office that the National Office of Drug Control Policy has announced it will hold a public hearing on the heroin and opioid epidemic in Albany, NY.
- Councilor McCormick reported that she attended a planting day event at the Permaculture park on Saturday, April 30, 2016, she thanked the organizers of the event and the park. She also attended the Boy Scouts annual May-day ceremony at Seward Park and recognized the Boy Scouts for their organization of that long standing annual event.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions

D1. COUNCIL RESOLUTION #59 of 2016.

APPROVING FREEDOM RECREATIONAL SERVICES TO USE THE FACILITIES AT CASEY PARK FOR FREEDOM CAMP 2016.

By Councilor Giannettino

WHEREAS, Freedom Recreational Services for the past 36 years has provided programs for developmentally disabled and handicapped individuals to participate in a summer program at the Casey Park Recreational Facility; and

WHEREAS, this program has operated very successfully during this period of time and has provided great programs for young people to enjoy recreational programs during summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Recreational Services is requesting the use of Casey Park Recreational Facility from July 11th through August 5th and the program operates from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and uses certain parts of the facility which are set up around the perimeter of the ice rink; and

WHEREAS, the program has previously operated during that period of time and has coordinated its activities with the City Administration and the Department of Public Works Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, the City does waive any fees for this program for children with special needs in Auburn and Cayuga County and Freedom Recreational Services has provided the requisite insurance information and coverage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby grant permission to Freedom Recreational Services to conduct a Freedom Camp providing services to children with special needs at the Casey Park Recreational Facility for the summer of 2016 from July 11th through August 5th and that all City fees for the use of the facility are waived.

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

	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 #59 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 5th day of May, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 6, 2016

D2. FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #60 OF 2016.

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OPERATING FUNDS.

By Councilor Giannettino

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has done a mid-year review of budget accounts and needs authorization to transfer funds between accounts to cover expenditures for the rest of fiscal 2015-16 as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, these transfers do not increase the overall fund budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK:

1. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment A for the 2015-2016 fiscal year; and,
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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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 #60 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 5th day of May, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 6, 2016

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. All members of the Council participated in discussion pertaining to the initial proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 City Budget. They thanked the City staff for the presentation of the overall budget, as well as, the individual department presentations that were made during Council meetings in the month of April. Following Council discussion, there was a consensus among the members of Council to provide the following direction to the Interim City Manager for adjustments to be made to the proposed budget: 1. The Council stated it does not support exceeding the imposed New York State ‘Tax Cap’. 2. The Council stated that to offset the proposed shift of the cost of the Curbside Refuse Collection Program from the General Fund to the Refuse Collection Enterprise Fund, the Council would like to further reduce the amount of General Fund revenue to be raised by property taxes levied by an amount in the range of \$450,000.00 to \$550,000.00. The Interim City Manager and the Acting Assistant City Manager discussed possible ramifications of such a reduction on delivery of local government services that are budgeted for in the initial Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget proposal. They will work with City staff over the next week to rework the budget proposal to meet the Council requests and present an updated budget proposal at the May 12, 2016 Council meeting. Following the May 12th revised budget presentation the adopted Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget preparation calendar calls for a budget public hearing to be held on May 26, 2016 and the Council is scheduled to adopt a final budget at the June 2, 2016 Council meeting.

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

1. Discussion on one matter pertaining to the employment history and qualifications of particular individuals being considered 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)
3. Discussion on one matter pertaining to matters of pending litigation. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-d)
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 6:47 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 6, 2016 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On May 12, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, 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	

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Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 13, 2016