

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:00 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. Councilor Cuddy was excused from the meeting at 6:15 p.m. so that he could attend the graduation ceremony for his students at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES.

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
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen

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 Auburn Industrial Development Authority (AIDA) will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at 2 State Street, first floor conference room, Auburn, NY 13021.

B. Opening night for the Auburn Doubledays is Friday, June 17th.

C. The first City of Auburn and Downtown Business Improvement District sponsored Music on the Mall to be held downtown on State Street is Friday, June 10, 2016 from 7pm-10pm.

D. Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Downtown Auburn Sizzlin' Summer Kick-off party** to

be held on Exchange Street on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 4pm-9pm. This event is sponsored by the City, BID and IGNITE.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations – The City Clerk read a proclamation from the office of Mayor Michael D. Quill naming Sunday, June 12, 2016 as St. Baldrick’s Day in the City of Auburn. Auburn Firefighter Brian Bennink was on hand to accept the proclamation and speak about the event which is organized by the members of the Auburn Fire Department. Special guest Caden Schmitt, Caden's mother Jaime Schmitt and teacher Sarah Portipilo spoke as well. Auburn Firefighters will host their fifth annual head shaving fundraiser in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation fight against childhood cancers on Sunday, June 12, 2016 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council 207 on Market Street in Downtown Auburn.

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.

Ed Wagner, Supervisor for the Town of Owasco

Mr. Wagner spoke about the process for the water and sewer rate study. He stated he was appreciative of the manner in which the new Director of Utilities and interim City Manager conducted the process. He stated that there still some matters his town had for consideration before the rates are finally approved.

Bill Lupien, 110 Lake Avenue

Mr. Lupien who is also the Superintendent of Engineering for the City stated he believes the water and sewer rates for wholesale customers outside of the City of Auburn should be higher than that of rates for City residents.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Mayor Quill announced there were no minutes to approve. The June 2, 2016 will be on for approval at the next Council agenda.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager’s Report,

- Lowes Home Improvement store donated 300 annual flowers to Hoopes Park and the park staff will be planting over the next week.
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot, has been sourcing bricks to match those on State Street so that the City may repair damage that has occurred over time. City crews will be doing the repair work in the coming weeks.
- The City Department of Engineering has been working to identify streets that will be repaired as part of the 2016 City Road Improvement Program. Information will be provided to the Council.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Giannettino reported that he attended the June 3, 2016 presentation by the National Park Service that was organized by the City’s Historic Resources Review Board in honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation act and the 25th anniversary of the designation of local South Street Area National Historical District. He stated that the National Park Service shared some very encouraging economic impact numbers and there was a lot of excitement for the establishment of the Harriet Tubman

National Historical Park.

- Councilor Cuddy discussed the most recent County Lead Task Force meeting that he attended.
- Mayor Quill reported that in addition to the June 3rd event that Councilor Giannettino reported on, he, the City Clerk and the Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek, had the opportunity earlier in the week to meet with Rosalyn Jo Fennell, Deputy Regional Director of the Northeast Region of the National Park Service. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the City's effort to meet and welcome National Park Service personnel as they prepare for the forthcoming establishment of the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park. The Mayor reported that he offered that the City may be able to provide the national Park Service with temporary office space in Memorial City Hall once they are prepared to have staff people set up in Auburn. He asked the City Manager to prepare for the potential of this happening in the near future.

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

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- Presentation on Landfill Gas to Energy Facility Presentation. Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities and Laura Wills, Comptroller led a presentation on the historical cost of the facility and options for the Council to consider for the future of the facility. Members of Council expressed the desire to pursue the recommendation of stopping the program as of July 1, 2016. A resolution for Council consideration will be prepared for a future Council meeting.
- Sewer and Water Rate Study by Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities. In January of 2016 the City of Auburn City Council authorized City Staff to request proposals for a Sewer and Water Rate Study. As such, staff initiated a nationwide search of professional water and sewer rate financial experts, and with the coordination and input of the surrounding Towns and Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority decided to hire Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to complete the rate study. Upon entering into an agreement with Raftelis, the City hosted a joint work session with the outlying Towns and County in April of 2016. This meeting addressed project goals, schedule, and fact finding needed to complete the rate study in a timely manor while addressing concerns of all parties involved in the process. Over the course of the next month, City Staff provided all of the relative financial and usage data Raftelis needed to build their financial model. Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 the City, Raftelis, and all Town and County officials met again to discuss the draft findings related to the Sewer and Water Rate Study. These findings are now nearing final draft form. As such, this presentation is meant to

provide all information and how it will affect rates for the end user, not only for the Towns and County, but also for the residents of the City of Auburn. Mr. David Fox from the Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. made a presentation on the process and the findings.

10. Other Business

Councilor

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 of a particular individual. (NYS “The Open Meeting Law”, Article 7, Section 105-f)
2. Discussion on two matters that are made 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 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Carabajal and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 15, 2016 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On June 16, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, 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	

Auburn City Council Minutes June 9, 2016

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 9th day of June, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: June 17, 2016