

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 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:

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Deputy Police Chief, Roger Anthony

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 –

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 3pm-5pm

The City of Auburn is looking for community input on distributing federal community development grant funds to help low to moderate income city residents and areas. Learn more and provide input at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 3pm-5 pm at the City Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

Visit the event Facebook page.

For additional information please contact:

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5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

The City Clerk read three proclamations from the Office of Mayor Michael D. Quill:

A. Naming October 16-22, 2016 as Friends of Libraries Week in the City of Auburn. The Mayor

presented the proclamation to Seymour Library Director, Lisa Carr and Roseann Schoonmaker from Friends of the Seymour Library.

B. Naming October 2016 as Sensory Processing Disorder Awareness Month. The Mayor presented the proclamation to local advocate Kara Georgi and her son Michael.

C. Naming October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Mayor Presented the Proclamation to two members of the staff from the Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency, Patty Weaver and Crystal Walters.

6. Public to be Heard – Mayor Quill opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Deputy Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules.

Richard Miller, Meadowbrook Drive

Mr. Miller spoke regarding issues pertaining to the water quality of Owasco Lake due to the algal blooms and toxins produced from those blooms in the lake.

Alicia Procino, Wilbur Avenue

Ms. Procino spoke to remind the community that food pantries need support.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

October 6, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 6, 2016 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Carabajal.

The motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Police Chief Shawn Butler and Assistant Chief Roger Anthony recently attended the conference of the national Association of Police Chiefs.
- The City has notified the State Attorney General to assist the City with a ZOMBIE property on Caitlin Street in the City. The City has received notice that it was awarded a zombie and vacant properties remediation and prevention grant in the amount of \$138,000.00 from the NYS LISC - New York State Housing Stabilization Fund.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Cuddy reported on the most recent County Lead task Force meeting.
- Councilor Carabajal reported on a Friends of Seymour Library event that was held at the Auburn Public Theater on October 19, 2016.
- Mayor Quill reported that he attended the Governor's annual Tourism and Craft Beverage Industry summit in Albany on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. At the summit it was announced that Auburn was selected as the Central New York region location for a new State of NY Tourist Regional Welcoming Center. More information will be forthcoming.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 156 OF 2016

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR
TO DEVELOP, ADOPT, AND IMPLEMENT A
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR OWASCO LAKE**

By Councilor Cuddy

WHEREAS, in 1974 Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act, which requires the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine the level of contaminants in drinking water at which no adverse health effects are likely to occur; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 New York State has classified Owasco Lake as a Class AA(T) impaired waterbody; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, states must develop of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other strategy to reduce the input of the specific pollutant(s) that restrict waterbody uses, in order to restore and protect Impaired Waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, a TMDL has not been developed, adopted, nor implemented for Owasco Lake to date; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco use Owasco Lake as a source of drinking water for 50,000 people; and

WHEREAS, in late September and early October 2016 cyanotoxins from blue-green algae or cyanobacteria have been detected in the treated drinking water drawn from Owasco Lake and supplied to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council is eager for the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to undertake a study in order to determine how drinking water drawn from Owasco Lake can be treated using the Best Available Technology (BAT) in order to minimize the presence of toxins associated with cyanotoxins; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council is eager for New York State and the US EPA to make a conclusive determination of the genesis of the blue-green algae and cyanobacteria; and

WHEREAS, scientific research of Owasco Lake's impairment has linked the presence of harmful algal blooms to excessive levels of the nutrients; and

WHEREAS, the EPA concluded excess nutrients are thought to be a primary driver of cyanobacterial blooms and long-term prevention of cyanobacterial blooms likely requires reductions in nutrient pollution; and

WHEREAS, the EPA suggests Public Water Supplies (PWS) consider land use information in the source watershed as part of the system-specific evaluation. Certain land uses are more closely linked to cyanotoxin occurrence, particularly those that result in excess nutrient discharges; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the EPA cited another study that found strong associations between agricultural land cover and microcystins occurrence in three ecoregions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council does hereby request that the Governor develop, adopt, and implement a TMDL for Owasco Lake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, while the TMDL is being created, improved water treatment of the City of Auburn's water system be implemented as soon as practicable at no cost to the public since ratepayers should not bear the financial burden of treating their water to eliminate pollution hazards that they did not generate and which New York State long failed to resolve as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Auburn City Council the requests that the New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) and Department of Health (DOH) cooperate fully with EPA to fulfill the right of local residents to receive safe, clean drinking water free of cyanotoxins and all other contaminants that threaten public health by reducing nutrient loading into Owasco Lake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the Commissioner of the DOH, and the Commissioner of the DEC.

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	

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- F1. Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Update by Tracy Verrier, Executive Director of the agency.
- F2. Road Program Update by William Lupien, Superintendent of Engineering Services.

10. Other Business

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 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.)
- 2. Discussion on one matter pertaining to the sale, lease or acquisition 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 7:43 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On October 27, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, 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	

Auburn City Council Minutes October 20, 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 27th day of October, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: October 28, 2016