

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 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, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler

**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 announcements.

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations** –

Mayor Quill and City Manager Jeff Dygert welcomed Joe Morabito for his Oath of Office for the position of Fire Chief for the City of Auburn. Chief Morabito spoke to thanks his family and the City.

Mayor Quill called a 10 minute recess.

**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. No members of the public spoke.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

October 13, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

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

The motion to approve carried 5-0.

October 20, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 6, 2016 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

The motion to approve carried 5-0.

## **8. Reports of City Officials**

### **A. City Manager's Report**

- City staff has prepared Financial Resolution 157 of 2016 Authorizing a Water Fund Transfer for the Water Filtration Plant Microcystin Treatment and Water Quality Improvement Project for Council's consideration at this evening's meeting.
- The County Health Department has asked the City to provide a letter of support for the New York State Health Department's grant application for a project that will provide guidance, templates, and tools to help utilities, regulatory agencies, and water professionals communicate with customers, elected officials, media, and other agencies and stakeholders regarding the risks associated with cyanotoxins in public drinking water supplies and finished drinking water in contrast to those posed by freshwater recreational waters. A letter of support will be prepared if there is no Council opposition.

### **B. Reports from members of Council**

- Councilor Giannettino reported on the recent annual Chamber of Commerce dinner that he and other members of Council attended.
- Councilor Carabajal reported that she and other members of Council had the opportunity to attend a meeting on the topic of diversity that was held at the Auburn Public Theater on Monday, October 24, 2016.
- Mayor Quill reported that he attended a training on Friday October 21, 2016 for first responders that was held at Cayuga Community College.

## **9. Matters to Come Before Council**

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

### **B. Ordinances - None**

### **C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions –**

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #157 OF 2016**

**AUTHORIZING A WATER FUND TRANSFER FOR WATER FILTRATION PLANT  
MICROCYSTIN TREATMENT AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

By Councilor Giannettino

October 27, 2016

**WHEREAS**, On September 26, 2016, the City of Auburn observed detectable levels of toxins associated with harmful blue green algae blooms in the raw and finished (treated) water and as a result of this detection, it is necessary to develop a full-scale design report to study multiple physical and chemical treatment options at the City’s Water Filtration Plant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the design report will consider multiple treatment options, estimated construction costs and provide final recommendations in accordance with New York State Department of Health, so that the City can effectively treat the toxins associated with the harmful algae blooms in Owasco Lake; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to treatment options, the report will consider the costs associated with extending a new intake deeper into Owasco Lake, alternate supply sources and improvements to cross connection points with the Towns of Owasco and Fleming to provide a redundant source of water for the City of Auburn and customers in Cayuga County; and,

**WHEREAS**, a formal funding request will be sent to the State of New York and/or the Federal Government in order that the City be fully reimbursed for the costs associated with the report and the construction costs associated with the implementation of the report’s findings; and

**WHEREAS**, special legislation will be required by the State of New York to allow the City to complete the recommendations of the report using the Design Build construction model that has been used by various State agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary for the Mayor and Council to formally request the City’s State Legislators to enact special legislation for the City to participate in the Design Build procurement model in order that the recommendations and treatment upgrades be implemented to be fully functional by the end of July, 2017, in preparation for the late summer harmful algae blooms that seasonally occur in Owasco Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will engage the services of a professional consulting firm to conduct the study and fund the initial phase of the project scoping and design review and it will be necessary that the City initially be responsible for this cost in the amount of \$75,000 to be transferred from the Water Fund to the Water Capital Fund Account #HF8330 440 IH.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve a transfer in the amount of \$75,000 from the Water Fund to the Water Capital Fund Account #HF8330 440 IH to fund a design report required by the New York State Department of Health to treat the toxins associated with the seasonal harmful algae blooms in Owasco Lake; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this transfer be completed immediately upon approval of this Resolution.

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 #157 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 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*

**F. Staff/Vendor Presentations**

- Financial Audit Presentation - Laura Wills, Comptroller. The financial statement audit is complete, the auditors presented their required communications and findings. The Comptroller presented the year end results.
- Annual Capital Improvement Plan Presentation Christina J. Selvek, Director of Capital Improvement Projects & Grants presented the draft 2017-20122 Capital Improvement Plan for the City.
- Monthly Budget Reports for September 2016 - Jeff Dygert, City Manager

**10. Other Business**

Executive Session. Councilor Carabajal 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 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 8:04 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 November 9, 2016 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On November 10, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, 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	

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*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: November 11, 2016*