

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 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, Carabajal, and Mayor Quill were all present. Councilors Giannettino and Cuddy arrived at 6:05PM.

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
- Assistant Police Chief, Roger Anthony
- Fire Chief, Joe Morabito

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, City Manager Jeff Dygert and Fire Chief Joe Morabito welcomed new Assistant Fire Chief William DiFabio for his Oath of Office for the position of Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Auburn. Assistant Chief DiFabio spoke to thank his family, his fellow firefighters 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 27, 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

- At the request of Council City staff has prepared Financial Resolution 158 of 2016 Opposing the Finger Lakes Railway Plan to Transfer Seneca Meadows Leachate in the City of Auburn. Staff has conducted research into options the City may have to oppose this project and the resolution outlines the options. The City has also received a letter from the President of the Finger lakes railway and the letter was distributed to Council. Representatives from the Finger Lakes railway are in attendance at the meeting if Council has questions.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Cuddy and Giannettino reported on attending the Health and Human Services Committee of the Cayuga County Legislature to discuss water quality issues pertaining to Owasco Lake and asked the County Legislature to consider the adoption of a resolution requesting the State of New York to conduct a Total Maximum Daily Load study of the lake.
- Councilor Giannettino reported on the Historic and Cultural Sites Commission meeting that was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.
- Councilor Giannettino discussed the Grow Auburn's Trees Community Tree Planting Day that was held on Saturday, November 5, 2016. He thanked the organizers of the event and all of the volunteers that showed up to help plant nearly 80 trees throughout the City.

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 #165 OF 2016

OPPOSING THE FINGER LAKES RAILWAY PLAN TO TRANSFER SENECA MEADOWS LANDFILL LEACHATE IN THE CITY OF AUBURN

By Councilor Cuddy

November 10, 2016

WHEREAS the City of Auburn was notified that the Finger Lakes Railway plans to transload leachate that is created at the Seneca Meadows landfill in Seneca County, New York at their rail spur located on Frank Smith Street in Auburn, New York so that the leachate may be shipped by rail to an industrial wastewater treatment facility in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS trucking the leachate from their facility in Seneca County to the transfer facility located off of Frank Smith Street in Auburn requires that the Seneca Meadows Landfill, through their use of a transportation company, drive 6-9 eighteen-wheeler trucks through residential areas of the City of Auburn each day; and

WHEREAS Chapter 254 of the Code of the City of Auburn, titled “Solid Waste” requires that the operations involving the transport of solid waste material within the City of Auburn be licensed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Auburn City Code, the Seneca Meadows Landfill and their contracted transportation company, are required to submit for the City of Auburn’s consideration and ultimate approval an application for a license prior to commencing the proposed operations at the transfer facility; and,

WHEREAS representatives of the City of Auburn have contacted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to request that the department requires that a DEC permit be issued for this transload operation and that the permit process contain an opportunity for public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York takes the following actions:

1. The City hereby notifies the Finger Lakes Railway that it opposes the use of their transfer facility located on Frank Smith Street in Auburn to be used for the transfer of Seneca Meadows Landfill leachate; and,
2. The Seneca Meadows Landfill is hereby notified that, pursuant to Chapter 254 of the Code of the City of Auburn, it is required to license its transportation company with the City of Auburn for the transporting and transfer of leachate at a Finger Lakes Railway transfer facility; and,
3. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is requested to conduct a permitting process that would include a public comment process to permit the proposed transfer of Seneca Meadows leachate in the City of Auburn; and,

4. The City Manager and City Clerk are directed to take necessary action to communicate the contents of this resolution to all respective parties.

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 #165 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 10th day of November, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: November 11, 2016

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- Presentation on the Preliminary Result of Microcystin Removal by Stephen Waldvogel, GHD Engineering
- GIS System Update Presentation by Lt. Mark Pineau, Auburn Fire Department
- Auburn Police Department Command Center Presentation by Roger Anthony, Deputy Police Chief

10. Other Business

Councilor Cuddy announced that there would be a public meeting of a citizen’s group named Save Owasco Now on Monday, November 14, 2016 from 6pm-8pm at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES campus to discuss matters pertaining to the quality of water of Owasco lake.

Councilor Carabajal brought up the topic of a Council goal setting session and the Council discussed.

Mayor Quill provided the following statement to the members of Council:

As part of the Governor’s Tourism Summit, he announced unprecedented funding for new Regional Welcome Centers across the state and the City of Auburn has been fortunate enough to be chosen as one of the sites. Providing a location is the first step to making this Visitor’s Center a reality. I am recommending to the City Council that the parking lot located at 25 South Street,

across the street from Memorial City Hall and the municipal parking garage, be considered as the site for the proposed Central NY Visitor’s Center. While evaluating all the possible options in our Downtown, I believe this site will be most conducive to the project for its central location in our downtown, on a main thoroughfare NYS Rt 34 and its proximity to our underutilized municipal parking garage. I will ask the City Manager to prepare a resolution for the Council meeting of November 17th that will authorize the site to be used for this project.

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 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 8:13 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on November 16, 2016 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On November 17, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, 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 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 10th day of November, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above. Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: November 18, 2016