

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 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
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- 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 – None

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

Oath of Office for Captain Christopher Logue and Lieutenant Samuel Giannettino of the Auburn Fire Department by Michael D. Quill, Mayor.

Mayor quill called for a 10 minute recess.

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. No members of the public spoke.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

November 22, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 22, 2016 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor Giannettino abstained.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The City staff is preparing a future presentation on delinquent taxes as requested by Councilor Giannettino.
- The Manager had a phone conversation with an individual from the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship regarding facilitating a future City Council goal setting session.
- Earlier in the day there was a meeting at the Water Filtration Plant to discuss the engineering study to deal with contamination from toxins associated with algal bloom outbreaks.
- The City has received notice from the NYS Department of Transportation that the N. Division Street Bridge has been red flagged. The reconstruction process of the bridge is underway by the City and its construction design consultant. William Lupien Director of Engineering addressed the Council to discuss the situation further. More information on next steps for the City to take on this matter will be brought forth at a future Council meeting agenda.
- Governor Cuomo held his annual awards reception for the 10 regional councils in Albany today. As a result of the 2016 CFA grant process, the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council was awarded \$62.2 million for 77 projects. Of these projects, the City of Auburn received funding for 2 out of 3 CFA applications that were submitted. They are as follows:
CFA# 66208- City of Auburn Public Safety Complex Project Phase 1- \$2,000,000 towards a \$8 to \$10 million project
CFA# 66248- City of Auburn Owasco River Redevelopment Design- \$289,750 towards a \$569,000 project
CFA# 65346- City of Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements- Not Funded
For more information on the awarded projects within Cayuga County go to: https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/REDCAwardsBooklet2016_FINAL.pdf
The City should be proud to have such a talented team of department heads and staff members working to serve their community. Staff that either lead or assisted with these efforts include: Chuck Mason, Jennifer Haines, Mike Talbot, Bill Lupien, Seth Jensen, Stephen Selvek, Christina Selvek, Tim O'Brien, Mark Storrs, Laura Wills, Tiffany Beebee, Renee Jensen, and Mark Odrzywolski. In addition Leann Anthony- Planning Office Intern assisted with the process of securing three grants for the City this year including these CFA funded projects.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Cuddy discussed a meeting he had with Councilor Carabajal on a Council Goal Setting process.
- Council Giannettino discussed that he and Councilor McCormick attended an event on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Auburn Public Theater on diversity. He thanked other City staff that attended and thanked the APT for hosting the 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 – None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

Historic Sites Commission Annual Update – Councilor Giannettino introduced Gillian Sears from the Cayuga County Office of Tourism and Maxine Alberici, Chair of the Commission for the presentation. Commission members Donna Lamb, Executive Director of the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center and Eileen McHugh, Executive Director of the Cayuga Museum also spoke. Mayor Quill made a presentation to Maxine Alberici in appreciation of her many years serving as Chairperson of the Commission.

Parking Fee Presentation for the Parking Garage by Stephanie Devito, Executive Director of Business Improvement Development. Ms. DeVito reported to the Council on a recommendation of a BID parking committee to better utilize the City parking garage. The City Manager reported that the topic would be brought back for a future Council agenda.

Auburn Regional Media Access, ARMA, by Robert Penefeather, Chair of the ARMA Board of Directors. Mr. Penefeather announced that the ARMA board would be embarking on a fundraising effort to finance a Do It Yourself Studio at the ARMA station which is located in the basement level of the Auburn Public Theater.

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 four matters pertaining to matters 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 employment history of a particular individual.

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 7:23 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On December 15, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 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	

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 8th day of December, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: December 16, 2016