

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 19, 2017 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
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Assistant 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** –

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations** –

Angela Daddabbo from the Auburn Public Theater spoke to announce an upcoming Auburn Public Theater event featuring Chris Herren, former NBA basketball player, motivational speaker, author and sobriety advocate.

Held at Auburn High School, the event will feature a lecture entitled “Rebound: The Chris Herren Story” and will be followed by an audience Q&A. A portion of the proceeds from the evening event will go to the Auburn Public Studio Educational Scholarship Fund.

About Chris Herren:

Former NBA player Chris Herren struggled with substance abuse for much of his basketball

career. Drug-free and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008, he has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family above all else. He attends meetings daily to support his substance-free lifestyle and often speaks before groups trying to overcome addiction to share his experiences and road to sobriety.

In June of 2009, Herren celebrated one year of sobriety and took the next step in his career to launch a basketball player development company, Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren, Inc. Since the summer of 2009, he has trained hundreds of basketball players including some of the top basketball prospects in New England.

Off the court he continues to share his story with audiences in the hopes of reaching just one person and making a difference in his or her life. In May of 2011, his memoir Basketball Junkie, written with Bill Reynolds, was released, followed by the Emmy-nominated ESPN Films documentary, Unguarded, directed by Jonathan Hock.

Herren is the founder of The Herren Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing treatment navigation and mentoring programs to those touched by addiction, and to educating people of all ages on the dangers of substance abuse. In 2012, The Herren Project launched a national anti-substance abuse campaign, Project Purple, to encourage people of all ages to stand up to substance abuse.

**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.

The following speakers spoke about the proposed Central New York Regional Welcome Center and how its designated location could impact the neighboring YMCA on William Street. The remarks of all the speakers was recorded and are available for viewing at the following weblink: <http://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?&PGD=auburnny&eID=334>

Theresa Ehrsmann, Seneca Falls, NY. Ms. Ehrsmann is a Stingray parent. There are 44 swimmers on the Stingrays and 14 meets for 2016-2017 season.

Heather Rejman, 2830 State Rt. 34, Scipio, NY. She has children that attend the YMCA.

Erin Burroughs, resides in Aurora and works in Auburn. Her children go to school in Auburn and are members of the YMCA..

Betty Gregory, 2 Norman Ave. Ms. Gregory has been an Aquatics Director for 25 years. Her suggestions of alternate locations for the the Welcome Center are: the Genesee Mall, the City Hall parking lot, the south lawn of City Hall.

Bridget Proulx, 110 Franklin Street. Ms. Proulx and her family are YMCA members and she is a swim instructor.

Doris Doody, 5541 Large Rd. and her entire family utilizes the YMCA

Tim Lattimore, South Street, County Legislator District 13 – Consider improving Court Street lot with connection to Cayuga County owned parking lots at the County Office Building lot  
Stephanie DeVito, 122 Walnut St. Executive Director of the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District (BID). Ms. DeVito spoke to support the Central New York Regional Welcome Center being built at the proposed location in the City's downtown.

Following public to be heard the Mayor and all members of Council spoke to address the concerns addressed by speakers about the designated location of the Central New York Regional Welcome Center. The Mayor, Manager and Council members have been in communication with the Executive Director of the YMCA and various members of their Board of Directors. The Mayor pledged to the YMCA Director in November of 2016 that the YMCA input would be taken into consideration as part of the design process. Input from all community members and stakeholders of the project will be taken into consideration and addressed as part of the design process once that process begins. The project will allow the City to address bad traffic patterns that we have been living with for many years on William Street and Lincoln Streets (Loop Road), as well as, the project will include addressing issues at the City parking garage. Alternative city and county owned parking lots on William Street and Court Street can also provide opportunities for solutions. The mayor and all Council members have had children that have participated in YMCA programs over the years and the Mayor and Council stressed they in no way will allow the project to harm the existence of the local YMCA.

The following letter from the mayor and Members of Council addressed to members of the YMCA was also provided to the public:

Dear YMCA members,

Thank you for your letter pertaining to the downtown Central New York Regional Welcome Center being located at 25 South Street which currently is a City of Auburn owned and operated public parking lot.

We would first like to state that we appreciate and value the YMCA and its longstanding record of public service that contributes to the greater good of the Auburn community.

The City of Auburn intends that the welcome center project will include public input from all community stakeholders. We realize that the YMCA is a significant stakeholder and fully intend to partner with the YMCA to include the organization's needs and find solutions to those needs. The Mayor and City Manager met with the YMCA's Executive Director, Chris Nucerino, in November of 2016. There we pledged that the needs and concerns of the YMCA would be factored into the design of the new center.

As part of History's Hometown the YMCA facility on William Street has seen many changes to its downtown Auburn neighborhood over the years and it has withstood them all. The Central New York Regional Welcome Center project presents this section of our downtown with a significant opportunity for future investment and improvement that we believe can be the next chapter of our Downtown Auburn renaissance. We also believe that the YMCA will be able to continue its long standing tradition as a resident of this downtown neighborhood and the end results of the project can improve as a result.

The City has prioritized that the project is to be designed and constructed in a manner that will improve the safety and accessibility of all elements of the neighborhood. This includes improvements and changes to William Street, Lincoln Street (aka Loop Road) and the municipal garage. Also, the City owned parking lot on Court Street with adjoining land and County owned

parking lots in the vicinity may present possible solutions for the YMCA. We will explore every opportunity.

To conclude we will add your name and address to the contact list for future public meetings and communications on this project. We look forward to our partnership with the YMCA and all downtown stakeholders as we move forward to make certain that the project is an improvement to the safety and accessibility of this downtown neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Quill  
Councilor Terry Cuddy  
Councilor Debra McCormick  
Councilor Jimmy Giannettino  
Councilor Dia Carabajal

#### **7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

January 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 5, 2017 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Carabajal.

The motion to approve carried 5-0.

January 12, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 12, 2017 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**

- Representative from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University met to discuss the possible facilitation of a Council goal setting process. Updates will be forthcoming.
- The Department of Public works is purchasing software and hardware required to install a GPS tracking system on all DPW vehicles. This is being done in partnership with the Town of Owasco who also uses such a system and the Town is allowing the City to share the computer server space required for system operation. The main intent of the program is to track snow plow routes to be able to communicate to the public snow has been removed. It will serve many other functions for the department as well.

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

#### **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 #9 OF 2017  
AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
2017-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN**

By Councilor Giannettino

January 19, 2017

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, that it does hereby authorize that a Public Hearing be held before the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, on the 26th day of January 2017 at 6:00pm at City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, New York concerning the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution in the official newspaper of the City of Auburn in accordance with the governing State and local requirements.

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 #9 of 2017 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 19th day of January, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: January 20, 2017*

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #10 of 2017  
AMENDING THE WHOLESALE SEWER RATE**

January 19, 2017

By Councilor Carabajal

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2015, the City Council of the City of Auburn passed Financial Resolution #139 of the 2015, which established an increased wholesale sewer rate; and

**WHEREAS**, upon notification of the increased wholesale sewer rate, the Town of Owasco, Town of Fleming, and Town of Sennett (hereinafter referred to as the “Wholesale Customers”) requested and the City agreed to hire Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Raftelis”), to perform a wholesale sewer rate study for the purpose of establishing a fair and equitable rate structure; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2016, the rate study had not been accepted by the Wholesale Customers, such that the City Council of the City of Auburn passed Financial Resolution #88 of 2016, which established that a new sewer rate would be charged to Wholesale Customers by August, 2016, and made effective as of July 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, as of September, 2016, the City of Auburn hired GHD Engineering for the purpose of supplementing the rate study; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2016, the City of Auburn, Raftelis and GHD Engineering presented a completed Wastewater Rate Study to the Wholesale Customers, which established the new wholesale sewer rate at \$2.78 per 100 cubic feet, effective as of July 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Wholesale Customers have accepted the new sewer rate as presented to be effective as of July 1, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Auburn hereby amends the wholesale sewer rate as stated in Resolution #139 of 2015, and establishes a new wholesale sewer rate to be charged to the Wholesale Customers in the amount of \$2.78 per 100 cubic feet, which shall be effective as of July 1, 2016.

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	

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*Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: January 20, 2017*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #11 OF 2017  
REQUESTING PERMISISON TO APPLY FOR GRANTS**

By Councilor Giannettino

January 19, 2017

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced their 2016 Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program which are grants offered for the Tree Inventory Project #DEC01-UCF1-2016 and the Tree Planting Project #DEC01-UCF2-2016; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement of this Program, the applicant must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of its municipality, the Auburn City Council, in which the project will be located; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn desires to apply for the Tree Inventory Project #DEC01-UCF1-2016 grant in the amount of \$50,000 and the Tree Planting Project #DEC01-UCF2-2016 grant in the amount of \$50,000 and notes that the Tree Planting Project grant requires a 25% match by the City which would be in the amount of \$12,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the match amount of \$12,500 would be paid out of the City's tree operating budget account; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to apply for these grants, a Council Resolution must be approved authorizing the applications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve that the City apply for the grant funding for the Tree Inventory Project #DEC01-UCF1-2016 in the amount of \$50,000 and for the Tree Planting Project #DEC01-UCF2-2016 which will require a 25% match of \$12,500, which amount shall be paid out of the City's tree operating budget account; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution approving the City to apply for these grants shall be forwarded with the grant application, as required.

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	

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*Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: January 20, 2017*

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #12 OF 2017**

**ESTABLISHING A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUBURN AND AUBURN COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

By Councilor McCormick

January 19, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Auburn Community Non-Profit Baseball Association, Inc. (ACB) has been the operational organization for the business conducted by the minor league baseball franchise known as the Auburn Doubledays which is owned by the City of Auburn; and,

**WHEREAS**, the structural organization of ACB has changed and the baseball franchise is in need of operating capital in order to allow the operation to continue with the hiring of employees and payment of expenses through June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, ACB has experienced a capital shortage and the City is desirous of establishing a loan to ACB in the amount of \$150,000 in order to provide operating cash flow for the organization in order to be functional through the beginning of the calendar year and baseball season which will begin in the summer of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the monies advanced by the City of Auburn to ACB will be required to be repaid in installments over a period of twenty-four months from the date of the advance of funds and that said advance of funds shall be given to ACB without the payment of interest thereon; and



**WHEREAS**, ACB will be required to provide periodic financial reports to the City and it is necessary that the Auburn City Council approve the granting of advance of monies as a short-term loan to ACB; and

**WHEREAS**, the loan is subject to the notification and approval of the New York-Penn League.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve providing an advance of the sum of \$150,000 to Auburn Community Non-Profit Baseball Association, Inc. as a loan in order to provide operating cash flow for the Association to continue operations for the upcoming minor league baseball season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the cost of the Resolution be charged to the Fund Balance and that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in order to establish the agreement for the advance of monies to the Association instituting the loan, all subject to the notification and approval of the New York-Penn League.

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	

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*Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: January 20, 2017*

**F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - none**

**10. Other Business**

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on January 26, 2017 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On January 26, 2017 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, 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 19th day of January, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: January 27, 2017*