

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 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
- Assessor, Mike Burns
- 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

CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK, NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
RE: 2017 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Auburn has called a Public Meeting to be held on the 23rd day of May, 2017 beginning at 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of gathering public input on the City of Auburn's 2017 Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application.

This Public Meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021. The meeting will also be live streamed via the internet at www.AuburnNY.gov/Channel-A

At this meeting City of Auburn staff will provide an overview of the New York State Downtown Revitalization program; review the City's previous year's application; and gather public input towards the 2017 program application.

Now in its second year the Downtown Revitalization Initiative program is a major initiative introduced by Governor Cuomo which will invest \$100 million in ten downtown

communities throughout the state. One community in each region of the State will be awarded a \$10 million grant towards downtown revitalization projects. Auburn is in the Central New York economic development region.

More information may be found at the City's website www.AuburnNY.gov.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

Public Hearing: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on the 18th day of May 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn New York concerning the City Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Mayor Quill opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. The following members of the public spoke on the topic:

- Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street, County Legislator for District 13. Mr. Lattimore stated that he was glad to see the City join the County Health Insurance Consortium and it would be great if we could get other government entities to join.

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.

- Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street, County Legislator for District 13. Mr. Lattimore stated that he attended the public meeting on the preliminary draft concepts for the future downtown welcome center. He would like to see the proposed building have a more historic look.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

May 4, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 4, 2017 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Public Works just took delivery of our new chipper for Urban Forestry. This is larger than previous chippers and is capable of taking in trees or branches up to 20" in diameter. This will allow us to chip more at the source curbside, reduce the amount of crew members necessary for the tree crew and increase our responsiveness for our residents. It will also operate at the landfill in our compost area to chip our curbside brush collection quantities.
- Public Works removed the last 3 older, stressed trees along the west wall at Veterans Park which has changed the look of the park in a positive way. As a result, there are still 3 stumps in need of grinding to remove. This will not be done until after the Memorial Day ceremonies at the park since there will be some grass and site disturbance while they grind the stumps - They do not want that activity to lessen the park's experience for the public during the weekend.
- Public Works is also working to install solar lights on top of the 14 flagpoles on the south lawn at city hall. This will allow us to fly all American flags for our major American

holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veteran's Day making sure they are illuminated during evening hours.

- Work to reinforce the North Division St. bridge is underway. High water levels in the river have delayed the project that was slated to be completed in March. That project should be complete in the next week or so.
- The stop gate at the Mill St. Hydro Facility is being installed this week. That will wrap up the project. Seth Jensen is reporting that the additional work has been accomplished under budget as had been anticipated.
- Last year's lower pump station and water filtration plant improvement project is wrapping up. This project is also slightly under budget.
- Site work to accommodate the Powder Activated Carbon System at the pump house is underway by city crews. The unit has been ordered and secured. We are planning on a Council presentation for late June to provide an overview of the actual project.
- KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to giving all kids—particularly those growing up in poverty in America—the childhood they deserve filled with balanced and active play, so they can thrive. Since 1996, KaBOOM! has collaborated with partners to build, open or improve nearly 16,700 playgrounds, engaged more than one million volunteers and served 8.5 million kids. KaBOOM! creates great places to play, inspires communities to promote and support play and works to drive the national discussion about the importance of play in fostering healthy and productive lives. KaBOOM! has recently designated the City of Auburn as a “Playful City USA” for the second consecutive year. We are looking forward to continuing to give kids and families in Auburn expanded opportunities for play with the tennis and basketball court refurbishment at Clifford Park, the construction of the Owasco River Greenway Trail, and the St. Francis Park revitalization project. Senior Planner Tiffany Beebee continues to work each day to secure funding and planning to improve our city's playgrounds among other projects.
- The City has recently received our updated Moody's Investors Service rating. Comptroller Laura Wills can give an update and answer your questions related to the process, the rating, and the impact of the rating.
- The City of Auburn, in preparation for our 2017 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant application, will be conducting a public information and input meeting in these Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South St. on Tuesday, May 23rd 2017 starting 3pm and running through 5pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to explain the

DRI grant program, review the city's 2016 application, and gather public input on the content of the city's 2017 application.

B. Reports from members of Council

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws

D. Resolutions –

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #66 OF 2017

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUBURN AND THE AUBURN YMCA-WEIU
FOR MANAGING THE SWIMMING POOL AT CASEY PARK**

By Councilor Giannettino
2017

May 18,

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is the owner of Casey Park wherein a public swimming pool is located and since 2009, the City has entered into an agreement with the YMCA-WEIU for the management, staffing and programming for services at the pool; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA-WEIU has provided these services and has operated levels of programming that the City is no longer able to undertake and the programs do enhance the quality of the use of the swimming pool and methods regarding instruction; and

WHEREAS, since 2009 the pool management and staffing has included positions functionally equivalent to those supplied by the City and pool schedule hours are modified to further enhance the use of the pool by the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City and YMCA-WEIU have entered into contracts to provide these services at a cost which is consistent with the City's expenditure for said operation and staffing and the City is desirous of entering into an additional contract year with the YMCA-WEIU for the operation of the Casey Park swimming pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve a contract between the City and the YMCA-WEIU for the management, staffing and program services for the Casey Park pool, said

contract shall be for a term of approximately ten (10) weeks commencing June 24, 2017 and ending August 27, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall pay to the YMCA-WEIU for the services provided the sum of \$55,000 for the term of the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to finalize the contract

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| 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 #66 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 18th day of May, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 18, 2017

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #67 of 2017

ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

By Councilor McCormick

May 18, 2017

WHEREAS, the most current collective bargaining agreements contain a retirement incentive that provides employees who are retirement eligible shall be eligible for a one time retirement incentive of \$10,000.00 in a lump sum payment, or a credit of \$12,500.00 against the retiree portion of the retiree health insurance premium provided they retire within the specified time frames; and;

WHEREAS, certain eligible employees did not take the incentive in the required time frame; and,

WHEREAS, the incentive program is expected to create cost savings from reduced wage and pension costs for incoming employees;

WHEREAS, the City is now desirous of reestablishing an incentive to all previously eligible employees with a one-time lump sum payment of \$8,000.00 or a credit of \$10,000.00 against the retiree portion of health insurance for any eligible employees who notify the City of their intent to retire by June 30, 2017 and whose actual retirement date is July 31, 2017 or earlier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby adopt a retirement incentive program for all employees who, as of the date of this resolution, are eligible for retirement but not eligible for the retirement incentive offered in the collective bargaining agreements, in the amount of a \$8,000.00 lump sum payment, or a credit of \$10,000.00 against the retiree portion of the retiree health insurance premiums.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| 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 #67 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 18th day of May, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 19, 2017

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #68 OF 2017

AUTHORIZING POPLI DESIGN GROUP TO REPRESENT CITY OF AUBURN AT A RAILROAD PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE N. DIVISION ST. BRIDGE PROJECT

By Councilor McCormick

May 18, 2017

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2013, the Auburn City Council passed Agreement Resolution #120, which authorized the master agreement and funding of Design Phases I-VI of the North Division Street Bridge Replacement Project (PIN 3755.48); and,

WHEREAS, this project is a Locally Administered Federal Aid Project (LAFAP) and is reimbursed 80% by the Federal Highway Administration and 20% New York State Marchiselli Bridge NY funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has previously entered into contract with Popli Design Group for the engineering services related to the federally funded North Division Street Bridge Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the project proposes to alter the exiting at-grade crossing of North Division Street over the Finger Lakes Railway; and

WHEREAS, New York State Railroad Law requires a public hearing be held regarding the proposed alteration of the crossing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Auburn designates Popli Design Group to represent the City at a public hearing regarding the proposed alterations of the North Division Street Crossing of the Finger Lakes Railway in conjunction with the North Division Street Bridge Replacement Project (PIN 3755.48).

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Auburn be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents in accordance with this Resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| 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 #68 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 18th day of May, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: May 19, 2017

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations

City Wide Assessment Reappraisal Presentation. Mike Burns, City Assessor presented to the Council. The City performs a reappraisal every 4 years to ensure consistency and appropriateness of tax assessments. The Assessor’s presentation detailed the process and value of performing the reappraisal.

F. Tabled Items – none

10. Other Business

Executive Session. Councilor McCormick made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

1. One matter pertaining to collective bargaining.
2. Three matters pertaining to the sale or acquisition of real property.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 1, 2017 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On June 1, 2017 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Carabajal, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.

| | Ayes | Noes |
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| Councilor McCormick | X | |
| Councilor Giannettino | X | |
| Councilor Cuddy | X | |
| Councilor Carabajal | X | |
| Mayor Quill | X | |
| Carried and Adopted | X | |

Auburn City Council Minutes May 18, 2017

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 11th day of May, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: June 2, 2017