

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:00 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 5:00PM 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, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- 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 -

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

A. Harriet Tubman Quilt presented by Laurel Ullyette. Laurel Ullyette represents the Harriet Tubman Boosters and is on the local committee that is organizing a fundraising effort to establish a statue of Harriet Tubman in Downtown Auburn. She spoke with information about the ongoing fundraising drive and stated that the information would be available in the lobby of Memorial City Hall throughout the summer along with a Harriet Tubman quilt that was made by the Auburn native artist Blake Chamberlain.

B. Swearing in Ceremony for Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest, Esq. Ms. DeForrest was joined by her family and Mayor Quill administered the oath of office for her new position as the City's Corporation Counsel.

C. Recognition of DPW Workers: David Gibson, Joseph Delaney and Devin Uelman presented by Michael D. Quill, Mayor

The City Clerk read the following letter from the Office of the Mayor:

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Joseph Delaney, David Gibson, and Devin Uelman

July 13, 2017

On Tuesday July 11, 2017, one of our garbage crews contributed to making our City of Auburn a wonderful place to live and raise a family. While they were in the vicinity of North Lewis and Lansing Street, they came across a toddler aged child wandering in the middle of the road. Crew driver David Gibson (a new father of a 1 month old) pulled over and crew member Devin Uelman picked the child up and out of the road. The child was unable to say or show where home was so they stayed with him until they could figure out what to do. Dave Gibson called the landfill office apprising them of the situation and the office called the Auburn Police Department for assistance. The crew stayed with the child until a police unit showed up so they could hand off the child to the police department and APD could research and confirm a home address and return the child safely home. The crew then resumed their collection duties.

All of us who have been around toddler aged children can understand how they can wander and within a split second vanish from where you expect them to be. Without our crew's awareness and community minded spirit, we can only imagine what despair and tragedy could have befallen this toddler and his family. The old saying of 'It takes a village to raise a child' definitely rang true yesterday.

Thank you all your work and your community spirit,

Hon. Michael D. Quill

Mayor, City of Auburn

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 - None

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- In mid-August Fingerlakes Railroad will be replacing the crossing on Columbus St. The street will be closed for approximately a week and detours will be set up to divert traffic.

- A few weeks ago Council approved staff to advertise for bids to repair the cupola on the police station. Earlier this week one bid was received and reviewed. The bid price was significantly higher than anticipated for the project and staff will be rebidding the project soon.

B. Reports from members of Council - none

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws - None

D. Resolutions – none

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations

Permaculture Park Presentation by Peter Cramer and Erin Humphrey. Mr. Cramer & Ms. Humphrey discussed the history of the permaculture movement and the work to establish a permaculture park in Auburn two years ago. They are requesting the City allow them to continue to operate the park at the Miles/Lepak Park Location. A resolution to approve their use of the park will be on the Council's July 20, 2017 meeting agenda.

Granicus Agenda Software Presentation - Shelly Lowe, Secretary to the City Manager. Ms. Lowe discussed that the City will be changing software companies for the compiling and production of Council & City Board and Commission agendas. Following a review of alternatives by the staff it was decided to switch to the company Granicus to provide this service. The transition will take place in August and September of 2017. Public viewing of the meeting agendas on the City website will continue under the new program and the transition should be a seamless one.

F. Tabled Items – none

10. Other Business

Councilor Cuddy reported that he and his son experienced a very good trip to the Casey Park Pool and he thanked everyone working at the pool for providing such a valuable public service to children and families this summer.

Councilor Carabajal was notified by a resident that they had used the City website Pothole Reporting webpage and received very quick response from City personnel.

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

2. One matter pertaining to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on July 27, 2017 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On July 27, 2017 a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	X	
Councilor Giannettino	Excused	
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 13th day of July, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: July 28, 2017