

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 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. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, Steve Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- 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 - none

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 members of the public spoke:

Brett Tracy, 20 Nelson Street. Mr. Tracy spoke on matters pertaining to the Cayuga County Landlord's Association.

Ordinance #6 of 2017 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 305 Entitled Zoning – Mayor Quill opened the PUBLIC regarding Ordinance #6 of 2017 and the following members of the public spoke:

Dr. Richard Stankus, 130 South Street. Opposed to the proposed rezoning on South Street. Proposes that from Grover Street to the south down to Hamilton Avenue and Fitch Avenue would be zoned R2 rather than the new downtown district with existing uses and properties grandfathered in so that there would be no change to those properties.

Chris Mack, 100 South Street. Supports the comments made by Dr. Stankus. Opposed to rezoning proposed for South Street Historic District. Opposed to language that allows convention or conference centers and the proposed changes would devastate the historic district. Asks Council to revisit the zoning changes proposed for the historic district.

Cathy Diviney, 100 South Street. Supports what the first 2 speakers had to say. The people that live in the historic district choose to live there with the extra restrictions. Proposed changes would devastate the South Street district. Encourages Council to reconsider the proposal.

Karen Walters, 3 Elizabeth Street, 15 Case Avenue. Discussed the Industrial Park area. Thanked Council for changes already made for notifications for matters on Planning and Zoning agendas. Stated the map provided is not sufficient. Wants the Industrial Park to continue as a light industry Industrial Park zone as it has existed for the past 25 years.

Robert Cotter, 111 South Street. Objects to the proposed changes to South Street Historic District.

Aaron Lesch VanRandall, 107 South Street. Objects to the proposed changes to South Street Historic District. Supports previous comments made by South Street property owners. Wants to maintain the historic district.

Jim Hutchinson, 89 South Street. In favor of proposed changes to the South Street Historic District and first notified the City Planning Department on the topic.

Roberta Drambeck, 109 South Street. Objects to the proposed changes to South Street Historic District. Thinks the current zoning needs to be enforced not changed.

Scott Kilmer, 109 South Street. Current vice chair of the City Zoning Board. Objects to the proposed changes to South Street Historic District.

Bill Kelly, 102 South Street. Objects to the proposed changes to South Street Historic District. Do not need any more commercialization of the district.

David Turturo, 104 N. Hoopes Avenue. Likes the new zoning document and credits the work that has gone into it. Wants to know if there is a licensed architect on the City's design review committee.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Steve Selvek reviewed changes made to the Zoning Code with the Council. The Council discussed and provided that it did not want the proposed changes made to the South Street Historic District and also stated that it would like the Industrial park area to remain the same as existing zoning code. Staff will make the changes requested by the Council and report back at a future Council meeting.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 30, 2017 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Carabajal. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- This week, the City received the Grant Award Notification from the New York State Department of Health for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The Grant award is for \$698,134 to provide assistance in the replacement of lead service lines.
- And there was more good news yesterday with the announcements related to the NYS Consolidation Funding Application (CFA) process! Christina Selvek, our Director of Capital Projects and Grants, sent an e-mail yesterday outlining the awards in the City of Auburn:
 - Auburn Public Theater- Administrative Workforce Expansion: \$49,500
 - Auburn Public Theater- Theater Facilities Improvement: \$600,000
 - Copper John Corp- Reshoring and Expansion: \$380,000
 - Currier Plastics- Medical Market Expansion: \$1,800,000
 - PC Brewing- Brewing Expansion: \$900,000
 - Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center- Admin Workforce Expansion: \$43,000
 - Schines Theater, LLC- Restoration: \$1,200,000 – Note: The Restore NY application was submitted yesterday.
- North Division Street Hydro Project – There will be a project update for the City Council during the meeting next week. The go-live date is anticipated to be December 22.
- Collective bargaining negotiations with the Civil Service Employees Association (or CSEA) kicked off last week and will be continuing this week and into the weeks ahead. City staff is looking forward to working with the members of the Union, and hope to reach a new Agreement in early 2018. The term of the current agreement runs through June 30, 2018.
- Casey Park Playground – The City of Auburn is working with Play by Design, a firm from Ithaca, on the design and construction of a new all-inclusive community playground at Casey Park. This playground is unique because it is a community build playground that is specifically tailored to the needs and character of the community. We will not only will we gather ideas from the community but also take the surrounding area into account and reflect its historical, architectural, and cultural features in the design and play structure. Community participation from the design to the build is imperative and the kickoff of community involvement began on Friday when city staff visited with students at Casey Park Elementary School for ideas on what they would like to see in their community playground. The students were extremely excited to think of all the possibilities and went right to work. 4th grade teacher, Shannon DelloStritto, took the request to design a community playground as an opportunity to create and implement a math and community lesson with the students. Together the class assembled a slide show with all the amazing ideas that the 4th grade class would love to see incorporated into the playground. The slide show, as well as the many playground designs received from all grades at Casey Park Elementary, were shared with Play by Design. In addition, last night, December 13th, a public meeting was held at Casey Park Elementary to introduce the project to the community and engage attendees in design ideas for the playground. Many people who attended that meeting were excited about the possibilities and have already signed up to volunteer their time. We appreciate Councilors Giannettino and Carabajal for attending as well! The community build process is one that brings the

community together to design, organize, and construct one-of-a-kind playgrounds and park structures. However many volunteers are needed. The design of the playground will be completed in January with construction happening in late April/early May. Anyone that is interested or knows of organizations that would support the construction of an all-inclusive playground can contact the Office of Planning and Economic Development at 315-255-4115.

- This Saturday, January 16th, members of the Auburn Police Department will be participating in their 1st Annual “Shop with a Cop” event with 11 deserving children from the Auburn School District. This event is a culmination of the department’s two month long fundraising effort titled “No-Shave November” and “Don’t Shave December” where APD members and members of the community donated to raise over \$4,500. This money will be given to two local families who have experienced serious health issues within their family and do not have the extra resources to fund their Christmas experience, as well as the ability for the department to fund the Shop with a Cop event. Another great example of the giving spirit of the Auburn Police Department and our community members alike!

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Cuddy reported on the most recent meeting of the Cayuga County Lead Task Force.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances Ordinance #6 of 2017 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 305 Entitled Zoning – (SEE PUBLIC HEARING)

C. Local Laws

**LOCAL LAW #4 of 2017 (FIRST READING)
REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 285 OF THE
AUBURN CITY CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”**

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1991, the Auburn City Council enacted and established Local Law No. 2-1991 as Chapter 60, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” which is now known as Chapter 285 of the City Code, pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Sections 10(1); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 285 of the City Code requires revisions to reflect current traffic flows and patterns in order to ensure the continued safety of City residents; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Local Law No. 4 of 2017, is categorized as a Type II Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and New York State Code, Rules, and Regulations Sections 617.5(c)(16) (the “Regulations”), and, therefore, pursuant to the Regulations a determination under SEQRA is not required; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2018, concerning the repealing of sections of Local Law No. 2-1991 and the enactment of Local Law No. 4 of 2017, which

replaces sections Chapter 285 of the City Code and is attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that the Auburn City Council does hereby repeal the following sections of Local Law No. 2-1991, which was passed as Chapter 60 of the City Code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic:”

- (1) Article II, Sections 5(A)(19) and 7;
- (2) Article III, Section 8(B);
- (3) Article IV, Section 11;
- (4) Article V, Section 14(A); and
- (5) Article VI, Section 18(A);

and,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Auburn City Council does hereby adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2017, attached and incorporated herein, which replaces the following Articles and Sections of Chapter 285 of the Auburn City Code entitled “Vehicles & Traffic:”

- (1) Article II, Section 7;
- (2) Article III, 8(B);
- (3) Article IV, Section 11;
- (4) Article V, Section 14(A); and
- (5) Article VI, Section 18(A);

and,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the foregoing repeal and adoption shall take effect immediately upon the filing of a certified copy of the local law with the New York Secretary of State.

Local Law #4 of 2017 will be scheduled to return to the City Council agenda after the new year.

D. Resolutions – None

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

Options for Municipal Landfill by Superintendent for Public Works, Mike Talbot

Mr. Talbot reviewed 11 different options that have been explored by City staff for consideration of the impending closure of the City landfill in four years. (see attached presentation slides). More discussion on the options will be scheduled for future Council meetings after the new year and the Council will be asked to provide some direction on which of the options Council would like to see the staff pursue. A public hearing on the various options has been scheduled for December 21, 2017 at the Council meeting.

F. Tabled Items – None

10. Other Business - None

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on January 4, 2018 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On January 4, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, 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 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 14th day of December, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.



Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: January 5, 2018