

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018 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, Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal 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
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina 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 – none

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

The City Clerk read the following proclamation from the Office of Mayor Quill:

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of nonprofit and community organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, private businesses, and other organizations across the nation; and

WHEREAS, each of us can and must contribute to making our communities better with increased opportunity for all our citizens, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2018, as a Day of Service in honor of

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,

in the City of Auburn, and call upon the people of this community to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Fifteenth day of January 2018.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York

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 Donovan. Mr. Donovan spoke to announce a winter coat drive for the homeless being held January 10th – 16th. Coats may be dropped off at the Auburn Public Theater.

Tim Lattimore. Mr. Lattimore is the County Legislator for District 13 and spoke about several topics pertaining to the City and County.

Christine Carter spoke to thank the Mayor and Council for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day proclamation. She announced that this year's Martin Luther King Day ceremony would be held on Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at 4pm at the Auburn First Church of God at 86 Garrow Street.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY CODE CHAPTER 285: "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

Mayor Quill announced that the public hearing concerning updates to City Code Chapter 285 entitled Vehicles and Traffic was open. The following individuals spoke:

Michael McKeon, City of Auburn Judge. Spoke to ask the Council to reconsider the ban on overnight parking in the downtown area due to his concerns over people drinking and driving.

Tom Turturo, 228 Genesee Street. Mr. Turturo spoke to ask the Council to reconsider the ban on overnight parking in the downtown area due to his concerns over people drinking and driving.

Tim Donovan. Mr. Donovan spoke to ask the Council to reconsider the ban on overnight parking in the downtown area due to his concerns over people drinking and driving.

William and Racheal Juhn, owners of Hunter Dinerant on Genesee Street. The Juhls spoke to support the overnight parking ban proposed on Genesee Street between John and Owasco Street through James Street. They discussed the difficulties on downtown businesses when local residents park for long periods of time on the main street. They also discussed noticeable improvements to the winter snow removal ever since the temporary ban was implemented in late 2017.

Dale Bush. 116 Standart Woods. Mr. Bush spoke to support the overnight parking ban proposed on Genesee Street between John and Owasco Street through James Street.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

December 27, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 27, 2017 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

January 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 1, 2018 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

January 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 8, 2018 minutes by Councilor Carabajal, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The Assessor's Office has completed their re-valuation of city properties. Tomorrow, Friday January 12, notices will be sent out to property owners to inform them of the results of the re-valuation. These notices will contain information on the process and timeline for disputing the new valuation. We would also like to remind property owners that a change in value does not necessarily indicate that the final tax upon the property will change as that is a function of several factors.

- The new parking kiosks are being installed around down town. They are not currently hooked up but we expect that next week they will start to go live. As we have more information we will announce it on the city web page and our social media outlets.
- The Office of Corporation Counsel has been actively working with the Treasurer to address tax delinquent properties. In the coming weeks over 100 notifications will be sent out in an attempt to collect overdue taxes and/or begin the foreclosure process. Along the way we have received request from several not-for-profits interested in acquiring some of these properties for their programs. Although we have not received any formal offers or requests, I would like to know if Council is open to discussing these requests on a case by case basis.

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

LOCAL LAW #1 of 2018

REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 285 OF THE AUBURN CITY CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

By Councilor _____ January 18, 2018

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, City Corporation Counsel recommends adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2018, which revises Chapter 285 of the City Code in order to reflect current traffic flows and patterns for the continued safety of City residents; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Local Law No. 1 of 2018, 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 will be held on January 11, 2018, concerning the repealing of sections of Local Law No. 2-1991 and the enactment of Local Law No. 1 of 2018, 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. 1 of 2018, 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.

Seconded by Councilor _____

Local Law #1 of 2018 will be on the Council Agenda for a vote on January 18, 2018.

D. Resolutions - None

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations

Watershed Inspection Presentation - Steve Lynch, Director of Cayuga County Planning and Development, Eileen O’Connor, Eileen O’Connor, Director of Cayuga County Environmental Health and Ed Wagner, Town of Owasco Supervisor. Mr. Lynch presented (see attached) on changes that the Watershed Management Council (WMC) are proposing for the administration of the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program (WIP), mainly that the WIP will be completely administered by the WMC and housed at County space provided at Emerson Park. The Council had much discussion on this topic. Councilors Cuddy, Carabajal and Giannettino requested that the Watershed Management Council (WMC) have more representation from the City. Councilor McCormick and mayor Quill stated they are content with WMC representation as proposed. Councilor McCormick serves as the City representative on the WMC and stated that she would take the matter up at the next WMC meeting and there would be a report of that at a future Council meeting.

F. Tabled Items – None

10. Other Business

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 25, 2018 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

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On January 25, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2018 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 11th day of January, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: January 26, 2018