

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 3, 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 Councilor Carabajal.

**1. Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy and 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
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen

**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** –  
**Day of Play Proclamation from the Office of Mayor Quill presented to Nancy Tehan,  
Executive Director of the ABC Cayuga - Play Space**

WHEREAS play is an essential part of every child’s life, vital for the enjoyment of childhood, as well as, for social, emotional, intellectual and physical development; and,

WHEREAS playing is the way children experience the world, helping children learn about the environment and form important relationships with friends, parents and their families; and

WHEREAS playing allows children to find out about themselves and test their capabilities, taking on physical and social challenges that build resilience and confidence; and

WHEREAS ABC Cayuga is a community collaborative working together since 2011 to improve the healthy development of young children in Auburn and Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS The Play Space is a project of ABC Cayuga designed to meet the developmental needs for play and exploration for infants, toddlers and young children up to age six; and

WHEREAS the mission of The Play Space is to enrich young children's lives through play by providing a welcoming place where young children and their families play, learn and grow together; and

WHEREAS The Play Space's values are to be a space that is welcoming, inspiring, and encouraging so that children can learn through play; and

WHEREAS The Play Space will celebrate the first year anniversary of its facility located at 63 Genesee Street in the heart of downtown Auburn on May 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS during its first year the Play Space has become a vibrant addition to our downtown and welcomed over 13,000 individuals to play and registered over 1,000 individuals as members.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the members of City Council and the citizens of Auburn do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018 as an official

**City-wide 'Day of Play'**

in the City of Auburn, New York and call upon the people of Auburn to join ABC Cayuga in honoring the first anniversary of The Play Space and their commitment to the youngest citizens of the Auburn community.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn, NY to be fixed this Fourth day of May, 2018.

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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. Nobody spoke.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes - None**

**8. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager's Report**

- The first phase of the city's micro surfacing program will begin next week. The contractor will be notifying local impacted residents in advance.

- There will be a water shut of near the intersection of Dill St and State St. from about 3am until 7am tomorrow morning. Crews are conducting this work during the overnight to reduce the impact on local businesses.
- **Owasco River Greenway Trail:**  
As to date milling was completed along with true and leveling on the following streets:
  - Lincoln St.
  - Loop Rd.
  - State St.
  - Dill St.
  - Miller St.
  - Started Sidewalks on Miller St, Dill St, State St, Loop Rd
- **North Hunter Brook Bridge Replacement**  
Schwartz Drive is roughly 30% complete and on schedule. Project Completion is scheduled for End of June weather permitting.
- **Equal Rights Heritage Center**
  - On schedule as to date
  - Volume 2 concrete walls are poured.
  - Volume 1 wall are formed and look to pour the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Introduced City Assessor, Mike Burns and Treasurer, Bob Gauthier to present on the revaluation project, the tax cap, and the current status of our budget.

**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 - None**

**D. Resolutions –**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #64 of 2018**

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE CITY  
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET OF 2018-2019**

By Councilor McCormick

May 3, 2018

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, New York, concerning the City Manager's Recommended Budget 2018-2019; and

**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 Carabajal

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

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #65 OF 2018  
AUTHORIZING TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE  
2018 ROAD PROGRAM**

By Councilor Cuddy

May 3, 2018

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2018 the Auburn City Council authorized Bond Ordinance #3 of 2018 to fund the 2018 Road Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Road Program involves streets to be improved by asphalt resurfacing, including partial reconstruction, patching, crack sealing, milling the road surfaces and installing asphalt trueing and leveling and top courses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager requests permission to advertise for bids for the 2018 Road Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for the 2018 Road Improvement Program.

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    |      |

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #66 OF 2018**

**PROCLAIMING AUBURN, NEW YORK’S PARTICIPATION IN THE SOLOMON NORTHUP LEGACY PARTNER CITIES UNION**

By Mayor Quill

May 3, 2018

**WHEREAS**, Solomon Northup was born a free-citizen on July 10, 1807 in Schroon, Essex County, New York to Mintus and Susanna; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1808 to 1816, a young Solomon Northup was raised by his parents and educated while living in Hebron, Washington County, New York, as they worked on homesteads of the slaver families Clark Northup and John Holmes Northup; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1816, parents Mintus and Susanna removed to Kingsbury and in 1818, then removed to Fort Edward, Washington County, New York to raise young Solomon Northup and his brother Joseph; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 25, 1828, Solomon Northup married Anne Hampton of Sandy Hill and lived at Old Fort House in Fort Edward for nearly two years; and

**WHEREAS**, from Spring 1830 to 1834, Solomon and Anne Northup moved to Kingsbury, Washington County, New York, where they lived on a farm and raised their daughters Elizabeth and Margaret; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1834 to 1841, for nearly seven years, Solomon and Anne Northup removed to and worked in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, becoming parents to their third child, Alonzo; and

**WHEREAS**, in late March 1841, having met his captors Brown & Hamilton at the Eagle Tavern in Saratoga Springs, Solomon agreeably departed with them for work in a circus at New York

City and then traveled onward to Washington City where he would be sold into slavery in early April 1841; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 1853, after nearly twelve years, Solomon regained his freedom from slavery in Louisiana, and returned to his family on January 22 at Glens Falls, Warren County, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 1853, after nearly six months upon return to New York, and Solomon having recounted his recollections of slave life on the plantations of Louisiana to editor David Wilson of Hebron, NY, penned the slave narrative Twelve Years A Slave published by the firm Derby & Miller at Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, and the book having sold more than 17,000 copies in the first five months of publication; and

**WHEREAS**, after having visited the State of Vermont after Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Solomon’s whereabouts thereafter remains unknown, and his death having been memorialized at Baker Cemetery, Hudson Falls, Washington County, New York, in 2014, where he wished to rest beside his father;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the municipalities of Schroon, Essex County, NY; Hebron, Washington County, NY; Kingsbury, Washington County, NY; Fort Edward, Washington County, NY; Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, NY; Glens Falls, Warren County, NY; Hudson Falls, Washington County, NY, and, Auburn, Cayuga County, NY forever be united as Partner Cities to commemorate and celebrate the life and legacy of Solomon Northup and work in unison toward the establishment of a future New York Northup Trail.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

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

**E. Staff/Vendor Presentations –**

**F. Tabled Items – None**

**10. Other Business**

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**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 17, 2018 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On May 17, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2018 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Carabajal.

|                       | 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 3rd day of May, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: May 18, 2018*