

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 31, 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 and Councilors, Giannettino and Carabajal were all present. Councilors McCormick and Cuddy were excused.

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

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.

Donna Lamb, Executive Director of the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center spoke to support the project idea that the Schweinfurth Art Center and the Cayuga Museum had submitted for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application.

Tim Lattimore, District 13 County Legislator, 63 South Street. Mr. Lattimore spoke about ideas he had for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes - none

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Today the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce graduated their 30th annual Leadership Cayuga class. City of Auburn employees Shelly Lowe, Rhonda Miller, Mark Pineau, and Brian Scanlan completed this year's nine month program.
- The relocation of the Centro bus shelters to Dill St. was completed today. The actual change in service will happen on Monday June 4th as the designated Centro pick up and drop off point will become the new Dill St. stop.
- Lincoln St. in the area of the parking garage and the Equal Rights Heritage Center will be reduced to one lane of one way traffic on Monday June 4. The parking garage will remain open and will need to be accessed from South St. onto Lincoln St. Those exiting the parking garage will be required to turn right (or West) onto Lincoln towards William St. This is a temporary change to enable reconstruction of the roadway, underground utilities, and the grounds of the new Equal Rights Heritage Center.
- The City of Auburn has been asked to participate in a proposed program with NASA. NASA is developing a satellite based water quality monitoring tool that would track changes in bodies of water to anticipate outbreaks of things like blue green algae and help to collect large amounts of data from around the world for comparison and further research. Owasco Lake and Oneida Lake have been identified as potentially good candidates to utilize as test sites. NASA has requested letters of support from organizations involved with the management of these lakes.

B. Reports from members of Council –

- Councilor Giannettino reported on the events of Memorial Day weekend and was joined by the other members of Council in thanking the City staff that were involved with making the events such a success.
- Mayor Quill reported that he traveled to Geneva, NY on Wednesday, May 30th with the City Clerk to attend the Governor's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Finger Lakes Welcome center located on the City of Geneva property on the north shore of Seneca Lake.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws - None

D. Resolutions

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #79 OF 2018

AUTHORIZING VARIOUS OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET TRANSFERS

By Councilor Giannettino

May 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has performed a mid-year review of the operating and capital budget accounts and needs authorization to transfer funds between accounts to cover expenditures for the fiscal 2017-18 year as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, there is no use of fund balance requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK:

1. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment A for the 2017-18 fiscal year; and,
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #80 OF 2018
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AUBURN TO APPLY FOR
2018 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE FUNDING

By Councilor Carabajal

May 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has demonstrated leadership and commitment to revitalizing downtown Auburn which is a critical component of the community’s high quality of life and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York State announced a third round of the Downtown Revitalization Program in the FY 2019 State Executive Budget, which authorizes the investment of \$100 million in 10 downtowns throughout the Regional Economic Development Councils; and

WHEREAS, these funds assist New York State communities with revitalization efforts focused upon transforming downtown districts into vibrant places, where the workforce will want to live, work and raise families; and

WHEREAS, the DRI strategic investment plan can build upon the 2010 City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan, the 2016 Auburn SPARKS Brownfield Opportunity Area and the Parks Master Plan documents, which provide a pipeline of new projects that transform streetscapes, gateways, downtown and brownfield community properties; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding would bolster downtown activities that could serve as real catalysts for increased economic development, environmental stewardship and enhanced job opportunities for Auburn’s diverse residents, while recognizing Auburn as a place that matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York as follows

1. The Mayor, or appointed designee, is authorized to submit a Downtown Revitalization Initiative application in the amount of \$10,000,000 to the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council by June 1, 2018; and
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #81 OF 2018

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

By Councilor Giannettino

May 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn was awarded a 2017 URI Program grant from New York State Empire State Development for the construction of the Equal Rights Heritage Center (the “Project”) in Downtown Auburn; and,

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017, the Auburn City Council passed Award Resolution No. 180 of 2017, authorizing a contract with Fahs Construction Group Inc. for general construction work for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, changes to the specified project materials for the building flooring are necessary in order to proceed with the construction of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, due to the material related scope of work changes, the City of Auburn needs to authorize Change Order No.1 to Fahs Construction Group Inc. in the amount of \$133,163.00 for this Project; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the additional general construction work will be provided by New York Empire State Development through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby approve Change Order No. 1 to Fahs Construction Group Inc. of Binghamton NY, authorizing the additional general construction work of the Equal Rights Heritage Center in the amount of \$133,163.00, to be charged to the project capital account HA 1620.440.IM; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or approved designee, of the City of Auburn is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements and contracts, certifications, and reimbursement requests on behalf of the City of Auburn for said project.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

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

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant Application (DRI) Presentation – by Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Projects and Grants. (see attached)

F. Tabled Items – None

10. Other Business

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 14, 2018 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On June 14, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2018 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Carabajal.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	Excused	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	Present	
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 31st day of May, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: June 15, 2018