

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2014 6:00PM
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.

Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, and Councilors McCormick, Camardo Cuddy, and Ruzicka were all present.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jenny Haines
- Director of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Capital Improvements and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Mayor Quill announced that the following item had been added to the agenda: Resolution #106 of 2014 - Changing the Date of a Council Meeting

Public to be Heard –

- **Emanuel Ferrara, 5 Easterly Ave**
Spoke regarding congested parking on Easterly Ave. His property where he has lived for many years does not have room for off street parking. He has an accessibility permit for parking. He is asking the City to designate an accessible parking spot on the Street that he would be able to use.

- **County Legislator Tim Lattimore, South St.**
Spoke regarding Friday, June 6th being the 70th anniversary of D-Day.
- **Mike Coleman, Union St.**
Spoke regarding the trash fee proposals and some inequities that will exist.
- **Alicia Procino, 50 Wilbur Ave.**
Spoke regarding parking tickets that were issued to several volunteers that were at City Hall getting ready for the annual Duck Derby, the volunteers were parked in front of City Hall and all received tickets for being parked too long. She thinks plumbers that used City information to contact individuals for water line replacements should be penalized in some way. She spoke about the Mill St. Dam, she stated that if the City holds an event to mark the completion of the project that former City Councilors that were involved with the decision making should be invited. She ended her remarks by stating that new members of boards usually need 12-18 months to learn their new board responsibilities, she stated that as decision makers Councilors were in a tough spot to be in.
- **Tim Smith, 13 Chestnut St.**
Spoke regarding the trash fee proposals, state dthe trash fee will be passed on to low income people that rent their housing. Secondly, he stated that the Fire Department should be receiving revenue for all of their responses to EMT calls or stop responding to those calls and focus on just firefighting.
- **County Legislator Ryan Foley, VanAnden St.**
Spoke to thank the Mayor and Police Chief for meeting with him earlier in the week to address issues related to potential drug houses in his district. He represents County Legislative district 15 in the City.
- **Art Wenzel, 23 Westlake Ave.**
Spoke in regards to the front page of the June 5th local newspaper. Was concerned that no newspaper article mentioned the Schine Theater. Stated there is a meeting next Thursday at 7 p.m. at SWABYS tavern for individuals interested in restoring the Schines Theater. He stated he believes the Schine Theater should be taken out of the hands of the Cayuga County Arts Council.
- **Ron Quill, 5 Case Ave.**
Spoke to thank the individual in the City Clerk's office that stayed late for him earlier in the week to assist him with obtaining a Certificate of Residency for his daughter. He appreciated her efforts and thanked all of the staff that works in the City for the job they do.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. May 29, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.
Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.
The motion carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor McCormick abstained.

Presentations and Proclamations –

A. The Clerk read a Proclamation from the Office of Mayor Quill naming June 8, 2014 as St. Baldrick's Day in the City of Auburn. The Mayor presented the proclamation to Firefighter Brian Scanlon. Firefighter Scanlon organizes the St. Baldrick's fundraiser with his fellow firefighters. The effort will raise thousands of dollars for childhood cancer research.

B. Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed City Budget

City Comptroller Laura Wills presented the Council with an update on revisions that have been made to the Original May 1, 2014 budget proposal as of May 30, 2014.

Following the presentation the Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Dale Bush of Auburn spoke in support of funding an additional four crossing guards. Mr. Bush stated that he is a crossing guard and he is familiar with 4 locations that really need to have a crossing guard present.

Norm Davis, Dunning Ave. spoke in support for Police Officers in the budget. He would like to see one additional Police Officer position added.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Ave spoke in favor of support for Police Officers and support of School Resource Officers. He also shared thoughts on trash proposals.

C. Vermicomposting Presentation by Larson Engineers. Presentation from Bill Bastik and John Hicks from Larsen Engineers regarding Vermicomposting of Auburn Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant Sludge. Mr. Bastik was asking Council to expedite the passage of a resolution that would support a State grant application for the Vermicomposting project that has a submission deadline of June 16, 2014. The Council discussed. There was not a majority of Council members that were willing to move forward so quickly with the project.

Public Announcements –

The Clerk made the following announcements:

A. The live-streaming of meetings from Council Chambers is now a reality. The June 5th meeting is the first to be live-streamed through the City's web site. People can find the live-stream at www.AuburnNY.gov/Channel-A

B. The Video-On-Demand player that contains the video archive of Council meetings is receiving an upgrade. Over the next week videos from the old player will be converted to the required format of the new player. If residents do not see a meeting on the new player there will be a link listed on the page to take them to the old player. The video-on-demand player can be found at www.AuburnNY.gov/Video

C. The Streamline trash and recycling page of the City web site has been updated with trash and recycling information for the month of June. There will be a tire recycling event for residential properties in Cayuga County on Saturday, June 21st from 8:30 a.m. –Noon at the County Natural Resources Center on 7413 County House Road, Auburn, NY. This event will provide residents to recycle tires for just \$1.00 each. Larger tires will be \$5.00 each. For more information on the tire recycling event residents may call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 255-1183. Also, the week of June 30-July 3, 2014 the city will be on a Holiday schedule for trash and recycling pick up due to the 4th of July holiday falling on a Friday. The Streamline page of the web site can be found at www.AuburnNY.gov/Streamline

D. The City of Auburn was featured in the June 2nd edition of the Albany, NY newspaper the Legislative Gazette. The feature includes stories on recent downtown development

that was spurred by State and local economic development incentives and the success the City has had with implementing the Pango pay by phone parking system. The Legislative Gazette is a weekly political newspaper covering New York's state government.

City Manager's Report – The Manager reported on the following:

- The City's new street sweeper has arrived. This is the first time in several years that the City will now have a reliable street sweeper and it will greatly assist with keeping City streets and storm drains clean.
- There is a delay on the Mill St. Dam project. This is due to an upgrade NYSEG made in their systems. Due to the upgrade the project needs a different electrical switcher than originally planned for. NYSERDA has extended the City's deadline for project completion to July 30th so that the work may be completed with no penalty.
- The Co-Gen facility is back up and running. The NYSEG shutdown which originally was thought to possibly take as long as three weeks only took one week. The City completed maintenance on the facility while it was off-line.
- There is a ceremony scheduled for June 13th at the opening night of Falcon Park for the 2014 Auburn Doubledays season. The ceremony will be to recognize the field upgrades and thank our state officials who assisted with the project.
- At the conclusion of the Manager's report Mayor Quill asked that the Manager and City Staff do everything they can to assist the Finger Lakes Musical Theater Festival with finding a new location in Downtown Auburn.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None

Ordinances – None

Resolutions –

A. Agreement Resolution #102 of 2014 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Auburn and the Auburn Assistant Fire Chief's Association Local 4021

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The motion carried 4-1. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor Ruzicka voting no.

B. Council Resolution #103 of 2014 - Authorizing a Resolution of Municipal Endorsement for the Cayuga County Arts Council to apply for funding under the NYS Consolidated Funding Application Program

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

C. Council Resolution #104 of 2014 - Authorizing the City of Auburn to Apply for Funding Under the 2014 Consolidated Funding Application for the Auburn Smart Grid Implementation Program

Motion to approve by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

D. Council Resolution #105 of 2014 Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation of Auburn's Solids Handling Project

Motion to approve by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

E. Council Resolution #106 of 2014 Changing a Meeting Date to June 11, 2014

Motion to approve by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

Local Law- None

Tabled Legislation

Councilor Camardo made a motion to take Award Resolution #101 off the table, Councilor McCormick seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Award Resolution #101 was taken off the table.

A. Award Resolution #101 of 2014 Awarding the Construction Inspection Services and Engineering Support Contract for the South Street Repaving

Motion to approve by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

Other Business

A. The City Manager invited discussion from Council pertaining to the proposed FY2014-15 Budget.

B. Councilor McCormick stated she would like to see money restored to the budget to include 3-4 more crossing gaurds. She stated maybe reducing salaries for Civil Service Commissioners could off set this expense.

C. Councilor Camardo stated he would like to see the numbers on the expense of 3 and 4 crossing gaurds so that a decision could be made. He also stated that the Auburn School District and Auburn Housing Authority contributes to the expense of Civil Service Commissioners. He stated he would support reinstating crossing gaurds and that he voted against cutting the crossing gaurds in last years budget.

D. Councilor Cuddy stated he would support Councilor McCormick's request to add funding for additional crossing guards.

E. Councilor Ruzicka stated he wanted to emphasize the need for additional police officers and the proposed Assistant police Chief.

F. The entire Council then discussed police staffing and the proposed Assistant Police Chief.

G. Councilor McCormick stated that the budget should contain funds needed to pay our Seasonal Laborers the State minimum wage of \$8. Currently the City is allowed to pay just \$7.25. She requested that the cost impact of this increase be provided to Council.

H. The entire Council then discussed and debated the three trash proposals that were presented by the Comptroller at the beginning of the Public Hearing. After much discussion it was determined that the Council would not make a decision about which option to choose this week.

I. Councilor McCormick announced that Friday, June 6, 2014 is the monthly First Friday celebration in Downtown Auburn. She stated as part of this Congressman Maffei's office in Auburn would be hosting a photography exhibition and that the Congressman would be at his office.

J. Councilor Ruzicka requested that the Manager look into Mr. Ferrara's request for parking needs on Easterly Ave. Other Councilors agreed and asked the Manager to handle the matter.

K. Councilor Camardo handed out copies of the November 2004 ballot referendum that City of Auburn voters voted on in the General Election. He asked Corporation Counsel Rossi to look into exactly what the referendum ballot language authorized. The ballot language was as follows: "PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, Local Law #1 – Should the City of Auburn adopt Local Law #1 of 2004 to amend the Auburn City Charter to allow the creation of the City of Auburn Municipal Power Agency, which on behalf of the City shall have the power to establish, construct, lease, purchase, own, acquire, use and/or operate a public electric utility service, gas utility service and/or any alternative energy services?"

L. Mayor Quill asked the Corporation Counsel Rossi if he would be able to review the process that individuals in the City have to follow if they wish to convert a single-family home into a multi-family home. The Corporation Counsel responded.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 6, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On June 11, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	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 5th day of June, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: June 12, 2014