

**City of Auburn
City Council
Tuesday April 26, 2012 6:00PM
Work Session Meeting**

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael D. Quill.

Roll Call The City Clerk Called the roll. Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Smith and Mayor Quill, **PRESENT**.

City Staff Present:

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| City Manager | Doug Selby |
| Corporation Counsel | John Rossi |
| City Clerk | Debby McCormick |
| Police Chief | Gary Giannotta |
| Fire Chief | Jeffery Dygert |
| CIP Manager | Christina Selvek |

The Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance** and asked for a **Moment of Silence**.

Public to be heard -

John Berry 53 Lansing St. - Business owner, spoke to Council about continuing issues with alternate side parking and negative impact on his business.

Chris Maher 5 Tubman Lane - Assistant Principal spoke to ask the City's support to keep the SRO program in schools. He spoke of the value the SRO program has in building relationships with students.

Brian Morgan, 161 Lake Ave, Principal in Auburn Schools, also spoke to ask for the City's consideration when budgeting for the SRO program.

Dave Moscow, 1 Highland Ave., Auburn School District Coach. Thanked the City for past support of SRO program and asked for future support in consideration of the safety of students.

Ruth Holmes, 9 Pleasant St. spoke about the alternate side parking issue and stated that public safety should be the priority, with exceptions made as needed.

Ron Quill, Case Ave. Spoke in support of the SRO program.

Council **Approved the Minutes** from the April 12th Council Meeting.

Presentations and Proclamations - The City Clerk read a proclamation from the Mayor recognizing the Relay for Life Event. Margaret DeNeve, Event Director, spoke and thanked Council.

Public Announcements - The Clerk read.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported that City Hall will participate in the Downtown First Friday Event on May 4th. He also commented on the Brownfield workshop that was held at the Auburn Public Theater earlier in the day.

The Clerk read communications.

There were no SEQR, or Ordinances.

Resolutions

Council Resolution #43 of 2012 authorizing a Special Meeting with the Auburn Municipal Power Agency. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Financial Resolution # 44 of 2012 authorizing the City of Auburn to enter into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

There were no local laws or tabled legislation.

Other Business - Work Session

Alternate Side Parking - The City Manager requested that this be brought back in two weeks to give staff time to gather all components needed so that Council has all the elements for a final decision.

Management Policy - The City Manager distributed copies of the policy with amendments made based on Council's input at the last meeting. Council asked for time to review the document and requested it be scheduled for discussion at the next work session.

More Other Business

Council discussed tax exempt options for homeowners that wish to make improvements to property similar to businesses that get tax breaks (the PILOT program was discussed). Mike Burns, City Assessor reviewed an existing exemption program for city residential property owner. Councilor Smith asked that the City pursue support through state legislation for tax exemptions for homeowners.

Council discussed the water/sewer lateral repair payment responsibility issue. The City and the homeowner, the property to the curb and the curb to the street. There were questions as to why the city charter requires the homeowner to absorb the entire cost. Corporation Counsel has been and will continue to investigate.

Council adjourned at 7:45PM.