

Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday September 5, 2013 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Minutes

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

Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill, present.

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
Assistant Corp. Counsel	Andy Fusco
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Superintendent of Engineering Services	William Lupien

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

Mayor Quill asked for consensus to move SEQR Resolution #104 to after Resolution # 108. All were in agreement.

Public to be Heard -

Kevin Cox, 127 Genesee St. referring to a letter from Brian Hicks City Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Cox read from the State Fire Code to defend his opinion. He distributed a photo of emergency vehicles on the street in front of the property where the Schwartz Performing Arts Center will be built.

Tim Lattimore, County Legislator, commented on the need for a School Resource Officer to be at Genesee St. Elementary School more than one day a week.

Chris Gehrin, owner of Builders Choice Lumber - spoke to encourage the City to move forward with the project for the development and growth of the business community.

Sue Waby Finger Lakes Art Coop spoke to urge Council to move forward with the Schwartz Performing Arts Center. She stated that the reason new businesses like hers located downtown were because of the growth predicted due to the theater.

Bob Nethercott, Barrington Way, Auburn and member of the Board of Directors Musical Theater Festival - spoke to encourage Council to move forward with the Theater SEQR.

Eric Zizza CCC Faculty Association spoke on behalf of the Faculty Association to oppose the

College's participation in this project (Theater).

Andy Tehan 31 Hurd Circle spoke to show support of the theater project and asked that Council pass the SEQR resolution.

Reverend Phil Windsor, Westminster Presbyterian Church spoke. He explained that his building has been home to the Theater for many years and that the growth of the theater in Auburn is a renaissance for Auburn.

Bernie Simmons, Melrose Rd. Auburn owner of A. T. Walley's on Genesee and State St. spoke to let Council know that he invested in downtown because the theater was being planned and the business growth projections. He urged their support of the SEQR resolution.

Ed Moro Moro's Table spoke to encourage passage of the SEQR for the theater project. He stated that theater business drives his business and it needs to move forward.

Dan Soules, Business Owner, spoke to support the theater project and asked Council to move forward. He stated he employed over 700 people between all his businesses and is currently constructing the ARTS on the Plaza in downtown.

Kim Pearson, 12 State St. business owner (Nash's) spoke to ask Council to move forward on the theater project.

Audrey Iwanicki, owner of the bed and breakfast Tuxhil House a few blocks from downtown, urged Council to move forward with the theater project for the sake of businesses like hers that depend on it for success.

Joshua Blackburn Merry Go Round Playhouse recently returned to Auburn and was impressed by the transformation. He asked Council to move forward on the theater project.

Dale Bush Standard Woods Apartments Spoke to express his frustration that the city website did not have the weekly agenda posted for the meeting.

Joseph Hoffman, Camardo Law Firm, spoke to offer reasons to delay the adoption of SEQR resolution.

Mike Nye Genesee St. spoke to urge Council to vote yes on the SEQR.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes for August 15, 2013 - Approved unanimously.

Presentations & Proclamations

The City Clerk read a proclamation recognizing National Preparedness Month. Anthony De Caro spoke to talk about National Preparedness Month and the city's plans.

Public Announcements – The Clerk read.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Selby reported on the following:

- He invited Police Officer Greg Gilfus to speak on the School Crossing Guards situation and how things went on the first week of school. Officer Gilfus reported that there were no problems.
- The Manager asked that the other items he has be held until the end of the meeting.

Presentation of Petition and Communications – None

SEQR

SEQR Resolution #105 of 2013 determining that proposed action is type II action for purposes of the New York state Environmental Quality Review Act. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, aye; Councilor Camardo no. CARRIED.**

Ordinances -

Ordinance #9 of 2013 amending Chapter 285 of 2013 of the City code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic. **FIRST READING**

Resolutions -

Council Resolution #101 of 2013 authorizing a Purchase and Development Agreement with Mack Studios, Inc. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, aye - Councilor Smith, no - Ruzicka, aye - Mayor Quill, no - TABLED.**

Financial Resolution #102 of 2013 authorizing the negotiation execution and delivery of energy performance contracts and related lease/purchase agreements with Wendel Energy for improvements at various city owned facilities. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Camardo, no. CARRIED.**

Award Resolution #107 of 2013 awarding a bid for the Falcon Park Renovation Project. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Award Resolution #108 of 2013 awarding construction inspection services for the Falcon Park Field Renovation Project. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

SEQR

SEQR Resolution # 104 of 2013 regarding the Schwartz Family Performing Arts Center. SEQR Resolution # 104 of 2013 regarding the Schwartz Family Performing Arts Center. Corporation Counsel Andy Fusco began to review the SEQR. Councilor Ruzicka continued to ask questions and request more information and more action be taken.

At 7:30PM Mayor Quill asked for a brief recess all agreed.

At 7:40PM Mayor Quill brought the meeting back to order and announced that Councilor Smith had to leave the meeting due to illness. Because Council wanted each member to be able to weigh in on this resolution it was agreed to table the resolution.

VOTE: Councilors Graney, aye Councilor Camardo, abstain Councilor Smith, absent, Councilor Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. TABLED

No Local Law or Tabled Legislation.

Other Business

City Manager shared the following:

- He met with the County Administrator early in the week and he updated Council on the discussion
 - They talked about sales tax distribution
 - The tax formula as dedicated revenue stream for Economic Development.
 - Discussed shared services such as Human Resources.
- York St. is finishing up. There is a portion from Quarry Rd. to North St. that is in question as to when it will be done due to funding.
- Eastside Heights subdivision would like council to move forward with the dedication of the street.

Council adjourned to executive session to discuss a contract at 8:30PM. Council returned at 9:15PM and adjourned.