

**Auburn City Council
Work Session Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 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 Michael Quill.

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

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Planning, Jenny Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy
- Chief Water Plant Operator, Anthony DeCaro

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Mayor Quill invited Neal Coleman and Owen Coleman to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Coleman children attended the meeting with their family for the Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week proclamation.

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

Public to be Heard –

- Tom Gabak, 106 N. Lewis St. Auburn, NY
Mr. Gabak spoke in his capacity as the City's Water and Sewer Infrastructure Supervisor. He discussed the importance of our City's water and sewer infrastructure. Stated that this has been a tough winter and support for and investment in the infrastructure is important to the City.
- Anthony Decaro, 175 N. Herman Ave. Auburn, NY 13021
Mr. DeCaro spoke in his capacity as the City's Water Filtration Plant Operator regarding the importance of our City's water infrastructure.

- Mike Currier, 6457 Parkwood Lane, Auburn, NY 13021
Mr. Currier spoke on behalf of his Auburn High School hockey team in regards to their upcoming State Championship game. He invited members of Council and the public to attend the game which will be held at Casey Park. He stated the visiting team and the individuals traveling with the team would be a boost to the local economy.
- Al Kozlowski, 4917 W. Lake Road, Auburn, NY 13021
Mr. Kozlowski spoke regarding liquid manure being used within the Owasco Lake Watershed and the impact such a process has on Owasco Lake. He handed materials to the Council with pictures of the lake and information about what another State has done to regulate the use of liquid manure.
- Gilda Brower, 40 Grover St. Auburn, NY 13021
Former City Councilor Gilda Brower spoke to remind everyone of the upcoming 'State of the Lake' symposium being held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 9am at Cayuga Community College. The symposium will discuss issues pertaining to the health of Owasco Lake.
- Ron Quill, 5 Case Ave. Auburn, NY 13021
Mr. Quill spoke as a former Auburn firefighter and former employee of the City's water filtration plant regarding the importance of the City's water infrastructure.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. February 20, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.
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.

Presentations and Proclamations –

- The Clerk read a Proclamation from Mayor Quill naming March 3rd through 9th Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in Auburn, NY. Mayor Quill asked Councilor McCormick to present the Proclamation to Aileen McNabb Coleman, a Member of the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Government Relations Committee. Ms. Coleman spoke to promote awareness and thank the Mayor and Council. She announced that Memorial City Hall's Old Wheeler Bell Tower would be lit with orange colored light during MS week and that the orange color is used to promote the cause.
- Presentation from Meg Vanek, Cayuga County Office of Tourism and Andrew Fish, Cayuga Economic Development Agency regarding the results of a County Wayfinding Proposal which would coordinate tourism signage throughout the County.
- Presentation from Bill Bastik and Ram Shrivastava from Larsen Engineers regarding Vermi Composting of Auburn Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant Sludge

Public Announcements –

- The Clerk read a letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council from Martha S. MacKay, President of the Cayuga County Board of Health. The letter strongly urged the City to move forward with improvements to the public water supply.

City Manager's Report - The City Manager reported:

- On the issue of a personnel promotion at the Auburn Police Department. The Manager

invited Police Chief Brian Neagle to announce to the Council that Brian Blanchfield has been promoted to the position of Detective.

- On the issue of the February 24, 2014 fire at Tinkers Guild on Franklin St. The Manager invited Fire Chief Jeff Dygert to address the Council. Chief Dygert reported that water supply to fight the major fire was adequate. The Fire Department has had an emergency plan in place for water supply due to the Franklin Street water line construction for many years. The plan relies on mutual aid from surrounding town fire departments and those departments were called into action once emergency responders realized they had a significant event. The Fire Chief stated that City employees Albert Cockrell, Tom Gabak, and Anthony DeCaro were of great assistance to assure the water supply was to capacity for the fighting of the fire.
- On the issue of scheduling a joint City of Auburn and Cayuga County Legislature meeting. The date has been set for March 26, 2014 at 6pm. The location will be Cayuga Community College.
- On the issue of upcoming Council budget work sessions. The following dates will be set for the upcoming sessions: Thursday, March 13th as part of the weekly Council meeting; Saturday, March 15th as a special Council meeting to be held from 9am-11am; Thursday, March 20th as part of the weekly Council meeting; and, Saturday, March 22nd as a special Council meeting to be held from 9am-11am. The location of the meetings will be the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall. The Council will be asked to pass a resolution at the March 6th Council meeting establishing these special meeting dates and times.
- On the issue of the turbine installation at the Mill St. Dam, scheduled for March 10, 2014.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – none

Ordinances – none

Resolutions – none

A. Council Resolution #35 of 2014 Approving a Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Quill invited Bruce Natale from the Cayuga County Planning Department to address the Council.

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

Local Law- None

Tabled Legislation-

A. Adoption of Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014 Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,400,000.00 Serial Bonds for the City Water Supply and Distribution System

Motion to remove from the table sponsored by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

Council discussed and asked questions of staff members.

After discussion Mayor Quill called the question.

The Clerk called the vote for Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014.

The motion did not pass because it did not receive four votes of support as are required to pass a Bond Ordinance. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no. DID NOT PASS.

Other Business

The City Manager invited Vicky Murphy, Director of Munciple Utilities to review a budget presentation pertaining to the Power Utility Budget, Water Budget and Sewer Budget.

Councilor McCormick asked if the March 6, 2014 Council Agenda would have a budget amendment resolution pertaining to the City Fire Department budget.

Councilor McCormick announced that the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council had just hired a new Owasco Lake Watershed Inspector and that she will invite that individual to a future Council meeting.

Councilor Ruzicka asked about a Re-Cap. The City Manager handed out to the Council an update on recent Re-Cap items.

Councilor Ruzicka asked that the water infrastructure project repairs be given serious consideration within the near future with the Water Budget's Fund Balance as a funding source. Councilor Camardo agreed with wanting this to happen.

Councilor Cuddy wanted to state for the record that the votes for the City's Co-Gen project dated back to the year 2007 with then City Manager Palesh and Mayor Lattimore, Councilors Smith, Graney, McNabb, and Dempsey being involved with initial votes on the project.

Councilor Ruzicka stated that he did not agree with Councilor Cuddy. He stated the vote of the Council from 2008 was the vote for the Co-Gen project that cost the City money.

Executive Session. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:

1. Contract negotiations (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-e. Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law);
2. Matters pertaining to the appointment of particular individual and matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.f. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.)

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Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 8:23 p.m.

Council returned from executive session and by unanimous vote adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 28, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On March 6, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	Absent	
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 6th day of March, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: March 6, 2014