

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:00 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 5:00PM in the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Quill.

**Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, Councilor Debra McCormick, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present. Councilor Cuddy was present via teleconference.

**The following City Staff was present for the meeting:**

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Assistant City Comptroller, Theresa Adams
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz

**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**

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, any public announcements?

**City Clerk Mason**

Thanks, Mayor. I do have one quick announcement that is that the next meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Auburn is next week on Monday, June 22, at 7pm. It's a closed to the public meeting but the board will meet here in council chambers and livestream out of here. And people that need to participate or would like to participate in the public hearings, can find the registration information on the city's website under the calendar page for the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting June 22 2020. Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. I believe we have two proclamations this evening.

**City Clerk Mason**

**Juneteenth Day:**

WHEREAS on the 22nd day of September, 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing the following: "That on the 1st day of January, A.D. 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom."; and

WHEREAS, June 19, 1865, is recognized as the day that Galveston, Texas received word that all slaves had been formally emancipated by President Lincoln. Nearly 2 ½ years after emancipation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement, we come together, young and old, to listen, to learn, and to refresh the drive to achieve. It is a day where we all take one step closer together to better utilize the energy wasted on racism; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the journey, we acknowledge the many roles and contributions of the African American spirit to our society, from Harriet Tubman's work as a conductor of the Underground Railroad to the trail blazers of today; and

WHEREAS, no matter our race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, we recommit ourselves to honoring the efforts of those who fought so hard to steer our country toward our highest ideals. NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and Citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020 as,

Juneteenth Day

in the City of Auburn, and encourage all Citizens to observe this day with appropriate civic, community and activities embracing the past as well as the future that only unity, respect and appreciation can bring.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Eighteenth day of June 2020.

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Michael D. Quill, Mayor  
City of Auburn, New York

**Pride Month:**

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Auburn recognizes the importance of equality and freedom that our nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal and each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community are a vital part of our community; and

WHEREAS, among the many heroic and historic stories of New York State's history featured within the exhibition at the Equal Rights Heritage Center is the that of June 1969 where the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in New York City is attributed to be the catalyst for the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights movement; and

WHEREAS, on the 51st anniversary of the Stonewall uprising the City of Auburn's Historic and Cultural Sites Commission and other community minded allies of the LGBT community have organized a Pride Month Celebration that will hold several virtual and socially distanced in person events in the greater Auburn area; and

WHEREAS, there remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every American, but on the 51st Anniversary of the Stonewall Inn uprising Auburn continues to advance the Pride movement and we are a stronger community as a result.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL D. QUILL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUBURN joined by the members of the Auburn City Council on behalf of the citizens of Auburn do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

in the City of Auburn, and, we call upon the people of Auburn to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our people.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this 18th day of June 2020.

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Michael D. Quill, Mayor  
City of Auburn, New York

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. Approval of meeting minutes from June 4 of this year. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Locastro, additions, corrections deletions? If you call the roll, please.

**City Clerk Mason**

- Approval of the June 4, 2020 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor McCormick (aye), Councilor Giannettino (aye), Councilor Cuddy (Yes), Councilor Locastro. (Yes), Mayor Quill (aye). Carried.

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. June 11. will be next week's Agenda Council. Mr Dygert, city manager's report please.

**City Manager Dygert**

Thank you Mayor a few updates. The City of Auburn is currently accepting bids for the biosolids processing and drying design, construction administration and construction Inspection Services. Bids are due back on June 26. More details can be found on the city webpage under the tab "Bids and RFPs". Last week, right after our city council meeting, we received notice that an executed grant agreement from the New York State Department of State for the Downtown revitalization Revitalization Initiative funding for the proposed public Safety building in the amount of \$1.2 million. So, combined with the \$1 million grant agreement from New York State DEC, we have \$3.2 million committed from New York State towards that project. Along those same lines, we've been in communication this week with New York State related to the New York State Shared Services program. We have two projects submitted for that program, being the Public Safety Building and the Falcon Park renovation project. Those are both moving forward through the process and are in the final stages of hopefully approval to offset the cost of those projects. So hopefully we'll hear soon on those. A lot of discussion around about the opening of recreational facilities. We expect our city owned playgrounds to officially open on June 26. Our DPW is currently completing the required reopening plan signage, and cleaning disinfecting practices that are required by New York State to allow us to properly open under the current situation. The DPW has also been working with the County Health Department and the YMCA. To wrap up a compliant reopening plan for Casey Park pool. The pool will likely open approximately a week later than it typically does. And that's to allow the YMCA a chance to ramp up and get ready for that. There will be restrictions we'll advertise and communicate those when we know exactly what those restrictions will be, again to remain compliant with the state regulations. We've continued to work diligently for dispersing the CDBG COVID funding that was allocated to the City of Auburn through HUD. Just as a little bit of a recap for that, the Economic Recovery Support Program, we had a total of \$304,000 available that was

going to be divided up in the following manner; \$224,000 to for profit businesses, and \$80,000 for not for profit arts and cultural organizations. We received a total of 72 applications. 52 were for for profit businesses. We had some other for other businesses that were in the process of just getting started that were set back a little bit from the COVID situation. We had a couple of candidates that were looking to start new businesses and eight not for profit organizations. Because of the overwhelming demand for the program, staff is working to allocate an additional \$100,000 to supplement the program out of the 2020 CDBG Small Business Assistance Program. So in saying that, I'm just trying to make sure we've got Council's blessing for us to go ahead and do that we can do it without a whole lot of extra work in the Planning Department putting all the pieces together as far as what we need to do for the notification to HUD and public hearings and things like that. But if councils okay with that, well, we'll continue that moving along with that process.

**Mayor Quill**

See a couple heads nodding.

**Councilor Giannettino**

I'm fine with that.

**Councilor McCormick**

That's great.

**City Manager Dygert**

Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Councillor Councilor Cuddy is good with so

**Councilor Cuddy**

I'm fine with that as well. Okay.

**Mayor Quill**

No, I didn't know Councilor Giannettino had a question for you.

**Councilor Giannettino**

I'm good. Okay.

**City Manager Dygert**

So again, we received a pretty overwhelming response, a number of requests. To that we are doing our best to make sure we fund everybody we possibly can through that and if not for that extra \$100,000, the awards would tend to be relatively small. So we want to, we want to do the best we can for our all our

local businesses, and we don't want to leave anybody out there without some sort of an award. So we're going to continue to work through that. We're hoping that throughout next week, we'll get that stuff finalized. And we're aiming to actually disperse funds, if we can get things moving with HUD and our process here, the first part of July. And the last thing I've got, I just happen to remember as we're going through that stuff is that you may or may not have noticed, when you drive down South Street work has resumed on the Schine Theater. So that was kind of interesting to see today. So moving along, that's all I got.

**Mayor Quill**

Which, just for the record, it is in private hands. It's not a city project. Correct. Correct. Don't want someone to get the wrong message that we started back up. So thank you. Questions for Mr..... Councilor, please.

**Councilor Locastro**

Any new updates on the DoubleDays?

**City Manager Dygert**

No. Opening day for us at Falcon Park was supposed to be Father's Day, this coming Sunday. We are still in a holding pattern with both Minor League Baseball and their relationship with Major League Baseball. And neither Minor League Baseball, Northern New York Penn League have made any concrete decisions related to this current season. There's, you know, some hope and speculation that maybe they can get started but it would be a later season. That proved really problematic for us. And I think all the New York Penn League teams because as it stands right now, there has not been a lot of commission meant of supporting funds in the way of advertising and other things from the private sector at this point. Businesses are hurting. And you know, with the big question mark over the season, there hasn't been a lot of activity as far as bringing in those revenues. And that's a lot of what keeps that season going. So we'll see what happens. But nothing, nothing solid from the league or Minor League Baseball yet. Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Anyone else? Thank you. Reports from members of council, councilors. Oh, jump in there. We had a visitor yesterday. Lieutenant Governor, Kathy Hochul made another trip to Auburn. She's always a pleasure to speak with and she's always so upbeat. And the reason for her visit I takeaway is that she's encouraging people, it's going to take time to open up but we will be be up and running and be better than ever and it was nice to see her and have a short chat with her. So, Councilor McCormick was there and Councilor Giannettino and Councilor Locastro. I don't believe we'd seen you there, nor Councilor Cuddy, so anyone else? Very well. Resolution, Award Resolution Number 69 of 2020. Approving a contract for the landfill disposal services. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AWARD RESOLUTION #69 OF 2020**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE  
LANDFILL DISPOSAL SERVICES**

**By Councilor McCormick**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn has owned and operated its own landfill since the 1950's, but the currently permitted Landfill 2 is nearing capacity in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a transfer station was built to process and ready city garbage for disposal at another facility and, as a result, the City of Auburn must contract with another facility for disposal services; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff prepared bid documents and issued a formal bid for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were advertised for the Project and on May 14, 2020, the following bids were opened and received;

	<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Bid</u>
1.	Seneca Meadows	Year 1	\$29.00/ton
	Waterloo, New York	Year 2	\$32.00/ton
		Year 3	\$35.00/ton
		Year 4	\$39.00/ton
		Year 5	\$43.00/ton
2.	Waste Management of NY	Year 1	\$33.00/ton
	West Seneca, New York	Year 2	\$35.50/ton
		Year 3	\$38.00/ton
		Year 4	\$40.50/ton
		Year 5	\$43.00/ton

3.	Casella Waste Management	Year 1	\$35.00/ton
	Stanley, New York	Year 2	\$39.00/ton
		Year 3	\$43.00/ton
		Year 4	\$50.00/ton
		Year 5	\$55.00/ton

and;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that the Auburn City Council award the initial three year bid for Landfill Disposal Services to the lowest qualified bidder, **Seneca Meadows**, in the amount of **Year 1- \$362,500, Year 2- \$400,000 and Year 3- \$437,500**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby award the contract for the initial three year Landfill Disposal Services to **Seneca Meadows** for their low base bid of **Year 1- \$362,500, Year 2- \$400,000 and Year 3- \$437,500**, and the cost of the Resolution is to be charged to the account entitled Transfer Station Services (#EM 8171.440); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in reference to the award of this bid.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

**Mayor Quill**

Counselor, please.

**Councilor Giannettino**

I have a couple questions. Mr. Talbot, if he could entertain them for me. The first question is, I see that the per ton amount goes up every year. Can we just get an explanation of the reason for that? I'm sorry, the cost per ton per year goes up or a year. What is the justification for that?

**Mike Talbot**

Well, they cut their cost of doing business, just like ours, you know, and, you know, the analysis we did with the controller's office, we took into all those factors, even weight times and all that. And it's still considerably less to contract with Seneca Meadows simply because they're close proximity.

**Councilor Giannettino**

The reason I ask that question is, I know that often times people are critical of the fact that we charge for refuse collection. This shows that it's an expensive business, and that really for the \$10 a month that has been charged for the last several years that it really is a bargain for the service that people are getting.



The second question I have is, it's forecasted for five years. But we're only contracting for three. Why is that?

**Mike Talbot**

The initial bid, what the Comptroller's office, what we did, is we thought we would get our best value by offering an initial three year bid with two one year options on top of that, okay. And I think really, it came to fruition because you see, it's actually, they're charging less than what we charge ourselves. So, you know, and I think everyone has to remember also as part of our refuse collection service, what the people are also paying for that's not reflected in these numbers, is the Monday yard waste collection that everybody enjoys. I mean, this past Monday, we pulled, I believe, 35 tons of containerized and bagged yard waste. So, that's not reflected in here, but that is part of the service people are paying for.

**Councilor Giannettino**

And entering into this contract, will that allow us to still collect refuse at the current rate that we're charging homeowners?

**Mike Talbot**

Yes, you know, and in all honesty we will probably have to look at those numbers pretty closely over the next year. Because as you see here, I mean, our cost of doing business goes up also. So, it's still considerably less than private companies and the value of the service we provide is worth a lot more than what we charge. Not that we were out to make money, but it's what the service we provide our residents is really, there's no comparison between what private sector offers and what we do.

**Councilor Giannettino**

Yeah, and I mean, the thing is, this is going up \$3 a year per ton. But we hadn't raised the refuse collection fee in five years.

**Mike Talbot**

No, you know, what, that's also a tribute to the people who work in our collection department, you know, they're always cost conscious and, you know, resourceful. So, you know, it all goes hand in hand. But, you know, at some point I think we're all living in reality, at some point we will have to increase that cost. And I know people, including myself, you always hate the pay more for something you're getting right now, but it's just everything goes up, you know, loaf of bread goes up.

**Councilor Giannettino**

Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Councilor Locastro.

**Councilor Locastro**

How did you determine the tonnage?

**Mike Talbot**

Well, you mean the amount? Yeah, because that's what we're permitted for at the transfer station. 12,500 tons. So, to compare apples to apples, that's the tonnage we used.

**Councilor Locastro**

Can that 360 to 500 go up or down. If we happen to have more trash? Say you want to take more than 12,500 what happens that number will that will that go up?

**Mike Talbot**

No actually in what we did is for the bid, put 15,000 tons, I'm sorry, I kind of misspoke. We're allowed 12,500 tons for our transfer station, but as an option for us to possibly raise some additional revenue, that option is always there for us to collect our garbage in the garbage trucks, weigh it at the landfill and immediately turn around and drive it over to Seneca Meadows. So that would not go against our 12,500 tons. So that also can accommodate for some, if we're raising any structures here in town, because, you know, the Codes Department or Planning does have funds for sometimes to take vacant buildings down. That would also account for that tonnage.

**Councilor Locastro**

Is there a penalty if we don't reach that amount of 12,500?

**Mike Talbot**

No, we worked with the corporation Counsel's Office, we sent them a contract and they said it looks fine. We put in there that there's no minimum tonnage. Thank you,

**Mayor Quill**

Mike. I don't know if Councilor Cuddy has anything. All set Councilor?

**Councilor Cuddy**

Councilor Locastro asked the questions I was going to ask.

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. Thank you. Mike, I think I had this right. He said there was 37 tons of yard waste picked up this past week. Did I get that? Will that be transferred to this to Seneca Meadows? Or do we have a separate area for that?

**Mike Talbot**

No, we have a separate registered compost facility. Okay, and what we do, that's where and you know, we have to get a little better, I'll be the first to admit, we have to get a little better for us to advertise for our residents that there's topsoil that's generated down there from the decaying, and that's why we, if you remember, a couple years ago, no more plastic bags, right? So they're all biodegradable paper bags, and you know, once a year, we grind our street trees and we grind some of the brush and it's really a decent kind of mulch, but if you let it sit and we, you know, the requires we have to turn it we have to take temperature of it, and it turns into some fairly decent topsoil and we've actually used it in the parks. But you know, I think I need to get better about getting a better program to make it, or make sure that residents are aware of it. It's not that they have to use it, but just that they're aware of it. I'll make sure we do a better job about that.

**Councilor Cuddy**

Mr. Talbot? Yes. So I mean, you know, Pete Kramer and Erin Humphrey. I mean, they've mentioned interest in and I guess promoting that option. I think that they would be interested in helping you do that as far as the compost pile for the people of Auburn have access to it. They will surely come up with suggestions on the best facilitate that too.

**Mike Talbot**

Yeah sure. Actually, they're our best customer for the Permaculture Park. You know, we bring several loads several times a year down there. So yeah, that's a good idea and I will definitely be in touch with Pete. Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Thanks Mike. Thank you. With no further discussion, Clerk, call the roll for Resolution Number 69. Please.

**Mayor Quill**

Mr. Dygert, City Manager's report, please.

**City Manager Dygert**

**Mayor Quill**

Okay, thank you. Any questions?

**Councilor Giannettino**

Mr. Dygert, this 11 County coalition? Is there any representation from private business that you know of?

**City Manager Dygert**

I believe so. I believe that that's a significant part of what goes on and, and I guess I couldn't tell you off the top of my head.

**Mayor Quill**

Financial Resolution Number 53 of 2020. Authorizing various operating capital budget transfers. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Locastro.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AWARD RESOLUTION #69 OF 2020**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE LANDFILL DISPOSAL SERVICES**

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

**Mayor Quill**

Agreement Resolution Number 70 of 2020 Authorizing a professional services contract for electrical safety services. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #70 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY SERVICES**

By Councilor Locastro

**WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the City has been working to come into full compliance with development and implementation of an electrical safety and electrical maintenance program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Municipal Utilities maintains and operates a multitude of high risk electrical equipment to provide its Water/Wastewater Treatment and Hydro Electric Power services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Municipal Utilities issued a Request for Proposals seeking to solicit professional firms that would provide electrical safety services such as ARC Flash analysis, low voltage breaker inspection, transformer oil testing, and infrared thermograph studies for the City of Auburn on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020 the City of Auburn received proposals from four (4) qualified professional electrical service firms; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn Department of Municipal Utilities and the City Safety Office reviewed and scored the proposals against the criteria outlined in the RFP; and

**WHEREAS**, the scoring criteria used to rank each firm included a total possible score of 100 and was as follows:

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Cost                   | (70 points)  |
| 2) Responsiveness of Firm | (10 points)  |
| 3) Qualifications of Firm | (20 points), |

; and

**WHEREAS**, the following average scores for the firms who responded to the request for proposals were as follows:

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| 1) Integrated Energy Concepts Engineering PC | Score: 100   |
| 2) HMT                                       | Score: 72.25 |
| 3) Matco Electric Corporation                | Score: 72.25 |
| 4) O'Connell Electric Company                | Score: 69.25 |

; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with the highest ranking firm, Integrated Energy Concepts Engineering PC for the aforementioned scope of work including future annual electrical maintenance and testing of necessary equipment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the City to enter into an agreement with Integrated Energy Concepts Engineering PC for professional electrical services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents associated with the agreement.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

**Mayor Quill**

Discussion Council.

**Chuck Mason**

And Mayor I believe this is why Tim O'Brien is on the line for us tonight.

**Mayor Quill**

Tim, are you there? Tim, can you hear us all right? He's got electrical problems.

**Councilor Cuddy**

Tim, Can you hear us? Are you there?

**City Manager Dygert**

What Tim would probably tell you, is that this is a requirement we have from our insurance carrier. It's also recommended best practice for any of our facilities that utilize high energy. It's even recommended here at City Hall. So we have some, some pretty powerful stuff coming into City Hall and some three phase stuff. But the water and wastewater facilities utilize a lot of energy. Some of you may be familiar with an incident we had at the wastewater facility several, quite a few years ago, that injured an employee, so, you know, these are things, this Electrical Safety Program is highly recommended by our insurance carrier and the Department of Labor just to make sure our employees are safe.

**Mayor Quill**

It was this an annual inspection did I hear that correctly?

**City Manager Dygert**

What they'll do is they come in, they do, I don't remember the specifics of it, they'll come in, they'll do an overall evaluation and they do annual updates to that.

**Mayor Quill**

Very well, any questions Council? Clerk could we call the roll please.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #70 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY SERVICES**

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

**Mayor Quill**

Financial Resolution Number 71 of 2020 Authorizing financing for the revolving loan programs. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor McCormick, second by Councilor Locastro.

**City Clerk Mason**

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #71 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR THE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAMS**

By Councilor McCormick

June 18, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn maintains a revolving loan program, which allows property owners to finance the cost of sidewalk and/or curb installation and the cost of water and sewer line repair or replacement over a five year period; and

**WHEREAS**, Attachment A contains a list of all property owners who have requested to participate in the revolving loan programs; and

**WHEREAS**, approval is required in order to process the property owners' requests to participate in the program(s) for 2020 year and the cost of the programs are detailed in Attachment A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the expenditure of \$116,637.78 to be charged to HA5497.440.001 to fund the sidewalk and curbing revolving loan program, \$46,710.00 to be charged to HF8340.440.002 to fund the water repair and replacement revolving loan program, and \$158,343.50 to be charged to HG8120.440.003 to fund the sewer repair and replacement revolving loan program.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

**Mayor Quill**

Discussion Councilors? Questions? Councilor.

**Councilor Locastro**

Is the program, was it exhausted last year? If there are people that still want to do it, but there was no money available?

**City Manager Dygert**

Not sure where we are. Theresa, do you have the answer to that question?

**Mayor Quill**

Hold on Theresa, will you get to the microphone, please.

**Theresa Adams**

About a month ago, Rachel came to Council to have the Sewer Fund increased by \$200,000. So we don't turn anybody away as long as their taxes are current. We don't turn people away for this program.

**Councilor Locastro**

Same thing with the sidewalk program?

**Theresa Adams**

Correct.

**Councilor Locastro**

Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Thanks. Thank you. No further discussion. Clerk, call the roll. Please.

**City Clerk Mason**

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #71 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR THE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAMS**

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		



**Mayor Quill**

Agreement Resolution Number 72 of 2020 Authorizing an agreement with TLC, Emergency Medical Services, Inc. for ambulance services. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor McCormick, second by Councilor Locastro.

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #72 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH  
TLC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC**

June 18, 2020

By Councilor McCormick

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2013, the City of Auburn entered into an Ambulance Service Agreement (the “Agreement”) with TLC Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (“TLC”), which established a municipal ambulance service in the City based on a Certificate of Need issued to the City by the New York State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement expired on June 30, 2018, but was subsequently extended and amended to reflect a change in fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties now propose to the attached Agreement, which incorporates an amendment to the Agreement made on August 19, 2019, and renews the service for a one (1) year term, commencing on July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve an Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, with TLC Emergency Medical Services, Inc., which shall commence July 1, 2020 and expire on June 30, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out this Resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

**Mayor Quill**

Discussion Councilors? Please call the roll.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #72 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TLC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC**

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

**Mayor Quill**

Council Resolution Number 73 of 2020 Changing the City Council meeting calendar for the month of July of 2020. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Giannettino, second by Councilor Locastro.

**City Clerk Mason**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #73 OF 2020**  
**CHANGING THE COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020**

By Councilor Giannettino

June 18, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Rules and Procedure of the Auburn City Council state that the Council shall meet the first four Thursdays of each month and for months containing a fifth Thursday, the Council shall pass a resolution to determine if a fifth meeting of the month will be held or not held; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of July 2020 contains five Thursdays, and the Council shall set the following meeting schedule for the month of July:

- July 2, 2020 the regular Council meeting will be canceled,
- July 9, 2020 the regular Council meeting will be a Business Meeting,
- July 16, 2020 the regular Council meeting will be a Work Session Meeting,
- July 23, 2020 the regular Council meeting will be a Business meeting, and
- July 30, 2020 the regular Council meeting will be a work session meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby make the above stated changes to the Council meeting calendar for the month of July 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall notify the public of the change in the Council meeting calendar as set forth herein.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

**Mayor Quill**

Discussion Councilors? Mr. Clerk as long as we're talking about our schedule, when do we know when our meetings will be open to the public once again, for public participation? We have that or no?

**Chuck Mason**

Corporation Counsel might be able to speak to it better than I. She's more familiar with our Governor's executive orders.

**Stacy DeForrest**

At this time, Mayor, the executive orders extend the restrictions through July 6 and we do not have any further extensions at this time. I am, I'm keeping tabs on them and we'll provide updates as we get closer.

**Mayor Quill**

From Albany, it's a definite maybe.

**Stacy DeForrest**

Exactly. Okay.

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. Councilor Cuddy, did you have something?

**Councilor Cuddy**

Well, so that means that probably the first public meeting will be the July 9 meeting, which will be the business meeting. So, that that makes sense.

**Mayor Quill**

If all goes according to schedule from Albany, is that correct?

**Stacy DeForrest**

That's correct. I think the one caveat is, even if those restrictions expire, we will still have other restrictions in place, such as capacity and gathering. So, those things will have to be taken into account. Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

No further discussion, call the roll. Please.

**City Clerk Mason**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #73 OF 2020**

**CHANGING THE COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020**

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

**Mayor Quill**

Agreement Resolution Number 74 of 2020 authorizing an agreement with the Auburn YMCA WEIU for the operation of the Casey Park pool. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #74 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE**

**AUBURN YMCA-WEIU FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CASEY PARK POOL**

By Councilor Locastro

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the City's Casey Park facility and pool were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced that local governments are now authorized, at their discretion, to open public pools, provided that they comply with the guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health for operations during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to open and have the Y operate the Casey Park pool for the 2020 season pursuant to the proposed Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Y has provided services and staff for programming at the Casey Park pool since 2009, which provides a source of summer fun for City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Agreement, the YMCA will provide services and staff for programs at the Casey Park pool, while complying with the New York State Department of Health Interim Guidance for Pools during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will pay the Y the sum of \$48,000 in full satisfaction of all personnel and expenses incurred by the Y and the City will continue to supply pool chemicals and maintain the pool and premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed pool opening is Monday, July 6, 2020, and it's closing would be on August 30, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the attached Agreement between the City and the Auburn YMCA-WEIU, whereby the City agrees to pay to the Auburn YMCA-WEIU the sum of \$48,0000 for services provided during the 2020 pool season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to finalize the contract.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. Discussion Councilors? Clerk, call the roll. Please.

**City Clerk Mason**

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #74 OF 2020**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUBURN YMCA-WEIU FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CASEY PARK POOL**

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

**Mayor Quill**

Thank you. Other business from the Council. Councilors? Councilor Giannettino.

**Councilor Giannettino**

Thank you, Mayor. I have a couple of things. I'm wondering if there's been any further communication from our congressional delegation regarding a possible fourth stimulus. Have we heard anything?

**City Manager Dygert**

We've heard nothing in my office. I'm not sure about the City Clerk's office. Okay.

**Chuck Mason**

Nothing directly. Just what we hear in the media that they plan to take things up again after the Fourth of July recess.

**Councilor Giannettino**

It's my understanding that as an organization, we're keeping track of the financial impact of this on us.

**City Manager Dygert**

Yeah, as a matter of fact, I just signed paperwork to go back to FEMA today for a reimbursement request for some of the things you know, in the first couple months of the situation. So, we'll see how that application goes.

**Councilor Giannettino**

Recently, the Planning Board approved the project at 70 South Street, which was subsequently denied at the Historical Resources Review Board. My understanding is that's going to come before us now. Do we know when that's going to happen?

**City Manager Dygert**

I don't know when it will actually be before you for your discussion and a decision. We will likely get you information as we get it. The property owner has not, to my knowledge as of yesterday, had not applied to take that next step, which would be to put the matter before the council.

**Councilor Giannettino**

So it's up to the property owner to request that. Is there a time limit on that?

**City Manager Dygert**

I don't know that off hand.

**Stacy DeForrest**

There is. It's 30 days from the decision they have to take action. Next week, the plan, hopefully will be for Assistant Corporation Counsel Nate Garland to discuss with council some of the aspects of the process of all of that.

**Councilor Giannettino**

And I have just a general question in terms of Planning and Zoning. I don't need an answer right now. But if staff could get an answer to it. When somebody goes before Planning or Zoning with a project like this, and say they own other property in the City of Auburn. Is their track record, as a property owner, whether there's any outstanding code violations, things of that nature, is that ever taken into consideration? Or, can it be taken to consideration for approval for additional projects in the city?

**City Manager Dygert**

I'm gonna withhold a comment on that until I find out exactly. Okay. And that's fine. That works or certainly there are things that we do in the city that if someone say has delinquent taxes, or they have outstanding violations that we will hold things up until they get their affairs in order. Whether or not, I don't know if Stacy can address that. Not sure whether or not we have the ability to do that in all cases.

**Councilor Giannettino**

I don't need an answer tonight and that's kind of an off the wall question. I get that. It's just a question that was posed to me. And it's actually a question that I've asked myself like, I've seen other projects happen, and I've kind of questioned, you know, Planning and Zoning exist for a reason and Council stays out of that for a reason. That's just a question that I have.

**Stacy DeForrest**

We can certainly look into that and get you a more definite answer. But what I can explain tonight is that the ZBA, and the Planning boards have very different functions. So the Planning board looks at applications and their job is to make sure that that application falls within the realm of the city code. The ZBA, on the other hand, what they do is they have much more discretion because their decisions allow for variations outside of what the code provides. So, someone usually comes to the ZBA and says, "I need an exception to the code for these reasons". So they, the two boards have very different functions. So, depending on the type of application, those code violations that you're referring to, may be a factor in the decision, but it may really come down to the actual kind of application that's being considered. So I know that's kind of a messy answer, but we can try to give you a more definitive one.

**Councilor Giannettino**

Thank you.

**Mayor Quill**

Very well. Do we have a request for Executive Session? Entertain a motion real quick for Adjournment. So, Councilor McCormick, seconded by everyone else. Clerk, if you would call the roll?

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Auburn City Council Meeting, June 18, 2020

Minutes submitted to the City Council on July 9, 2020 by Charles Mason, City Clerk