

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 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 Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present. Councilor Deb McCormick was excused.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Deputy Police Chief, Roger Anthony
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- City Engineer, William Lupien
- Assistant to the Mayor and Council, Rhonda Miller

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.

Public Announcements –

- Tuesday, September 8, 2020 is the next meeting of the Historic Resources Review Board and the meeting will be held here in Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall.

Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations - none

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Mayor Quill opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules.

David Moskov. My name is David Moskov. I am a city resident. I live at 1 Highland Street. I'm a teacher and football coach, here at Auburn and I just wanted to take a few minutes just to share a really great experience I've had on two ride alongs with Officer Major of the APD (Auburn Police Department). And I went into the car, just kind of very curious what things were like from

the perspective of an officer and how they deal with things in our streets. And I really had no idea and I certainly don't think I know the inner workings of the police department after two ride alongs but I did notice some things that I was, I think, were very remarkable. I think the first thing was the level of support from the community and that was crystal clear. As we rolled around, I did an evening shift, I did a daytime shift, and it just any neighborhood we went through. The number, and it wasn't just kids on the street corner waving, every single neighborhood that we went through there was somebody waving saying hello, people on their porch, a man coming out of the gas station in a jumpsuit covered in grease, saying hello just waving "Thank you". People in their backyard, people on porches, every neighborhood, every nook and cranny of our City was represented. And it was widespread and pervasive in terms of the number of people who just acknowledge the police officers and said thank you. Thanks for being here. The second thing that I might take away was the level of professionalism from our APD. And just on all the calls they went to, and there was obviously, you know, there's a level of duress on any call that they the officers are going through. And I very quickly noticed that within a minute, the officers, in particular Officer Major, got to respond to the person they're responding to, to smile, just by the way, they approached them the way they talked to them. The way that they handled the situation, they de-escalated a lot of the stress and they were able to manage the problem in a way that was based on conflict resolution. In almost every case. There certainly were some situations where maybe a dangerous person had to be removed from the street, but the overwhelming majority of the time, it was about conflict resolution. I also was able to watch and listen to the conversations between officers in the cars, watching the officers how they interacted with each other on calls. The way they communicated with each other. And it wasn't just these police officers doing their job, it was clear that there was a level of camaraderie and trust that I truly believe that Chief Butler has built with his staff. And they built this understanding, how they look out for each other, they work with each other, they back each other up on calls. I also noticed it with several of the rookie officers who are being trained. One was a former football player, it was great to see them interacting with these young officers. And I think bringing them up in the culture that the chief and his staff have established, here in Auburn. Third thing I think, is just the networking that I that I really didn't understand existed between on certain calls, you know, the State Police were involved, on certain calls you had the County, the EMTs, ambulance services, and just the coordination between all the different departments and everyone working together. Again, on conflict resolution, making sure that people are safe on our streets, and kind of an extension of that is I have a privilege of seeing the SRO program at the high school, which is, I think kind of laid the seed work of so much of what's happened. A lot of the kids, some people, a lot of residents now came up through the system, working with our officers in the school setting, building trust, and understanding that they're there to work with us and that we are community. And that was evident at many of the calls. And the officers knew some of the kids from when they were in high school, and that is stuff, they appreciate the work the APD and everyone here does for the city. Thank you.

Joe LeoGrande

Good evening. I'm Joe LeoGrande 161 East Genesee street, corner of North Seward and East Genesee. In the 1950's the Chinese decided to do a dam on the Three Rivers gorge. By 1994 they were starting to flood the town. 1.9 million people were displaced. They let them know year by year which house would be displaced. So, they started to move. But the Communist Party did pay these people for their property. In 2012, you have the largest dam in the world. The Three Gorges Dam has locks and everything. It's probably a couple of miles wide. But I'm here to talk to you about 20 feet. A friend of mine runs the Auburn Laundry. He's been there seven years. He also ran the ChinaWok restaurant for 20. He opened

this business with his own money. Spent \$100,000 just in electrical, plumbing, flooring. But another 100 to 200,000 on washing machines and dryers. So, he's got to have almost a half a million dollars invested in this laundry. Come 2020 the City's gonna build a Firehouse. We're talking about 20 feet at the end of the firehouse construction, not in the middle of the fire truck base, not anywhere. I saw plans where the plans surround the laundry. And that area is only for offices, sleeping quarters and things like that. Now we do have some advocates here for the Fire Department. And I'm an advocate for the Fire Department too but I'm also an advocate for my friend and my neighbor, and really good family who lives across the street from me that runs the Auburn Laundry, my friend Jackie, has come to the City. I've talked to City Councilors. I haven't seen anything, any kind of accommodation. We're talking 20 feet. I would like to let him stay there. It's gonna cost him over \$100,000 to move anywhere. New electric, plumbing, flooring, anywhere. He could move around the corner. But that won't happen unless the other parcels that have been rented by the old Save-A-Lot were rented. We talked to the landlord yesterday. He said it may not even happen. So he has no place to go. They offered to put his property, laundry equipment in Save-A-Lot where it's warm and protected from the weather. The City offered to offer a container he would have to rent the container but they could keep it on the property, but as you know, water freezes in the winter. So I'm here to ask you to let him stay. There's nothing in the plans that I saw that absolutely needs that 20 feet, on the hundreds and hundreds of feet of the construction. They have a fence up, lucky they're letting people go into the laundry to do the laundry. So I'll just beg you to please let him stay in his laundry as it is. He's going to pay rent, the City will earn money.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

- August 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the August 20, 2020 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Our City Planning staff has been working with CEDA to develop and administer a new Minority Owned Microenterprise Grant Program. Funding for the new project will come from our CDBG programming. Later this month Planning Department staff will be presenting a full overview of our CDBG Program.
- Work to repair the fire damage in the municipal parking garage will begin soon. The contractor has started to stage materials on site. Traffic patterns in the building will need to temporarily change to accommodate the reconstruction and at times there will be two way traffic in portions of the garage. New temporary signage will be installed to advise drivers of the new patterns.
- The swearing in ceremony for the Auburn Police and Fire Departments that was scheduled for last week but postponed due to inclement weather has been rescheduled for next week, Sept. 10. That week's Council meeting will begin with a regular session at City Hall and upon completion the ceremony will take place at Falcon Park. Due to restrictions on the size of public gatherings, the event is by invitation only. No official business will take place at the ceremony.

- As time passes and our seasons change we continue to work through new questions and challenges related to Covid and restrictions put in place by NYS. Staff is currently working with Auburn School District staff and representatives from the Auburn Hockey Club to discuss a variety of issues. Before any decision is made related to the maintenance of ice for skating or hockey we need more information from NYS regarding what sports or activities will be permitted for both the public and as part of school programs, what additional public health precautions are mandated or suggested related to these types of facilities and activities, what restrictions are put on the gathering of individuals which could impact open skating and competitive events, and the overall economic impact of potentially reduced use and increased staff time necessary to remain safe and compliant.
- The Auburn Civil Service Commission has announced that there will be an entry level Firefighter Examination given on October 10. Individuals interested in testing to become an Auburn Firefighter must apply to take the test by September 25. More information is available on the City webpage under “Departments” then “Civil Service” then the tab “Job Opportunities.”
- Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2020 the City’s Municipal Utilities Department will be conducting the replacement of underground utility hole covers on South Street between Grover Street and Fitch Avenue. There are a total of 11 covers to be replaced in this section and the work is expected to take a few days to complete. The road will remain open during this project, however, traffic lane reductions may be in place when needed and we ask drivers to use caution when traveling through the work zones.
- Beginning the week of September 7th the 2020 Water Main Improvement Project contractor will begin to mobilize for the project that will continue through the month of September. This project will impact Dunning Avenue and West Clymer Street to include water main connections at the West Clymer Street intersections of Arlington Ave., Kensington Ave., and Lexington Ave.
- Parking enforcement in the Downtown Auburn area over the past 5 months has been minimal due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In recent weeks we have issued several courtesy notices rather than parking tickets as we transition back into regular parking enforcement. We have targeted September 15, 2020 as the date that we will return to normal parking enforcement throughout the downtown area.
- Earlier this week on Tuesday evening, September 1, 2020 the Mayor, Councilor Cuddy and City staff joined several members of the community to cut the ribbon on the Living Willow Installation at the Permaculture Park on Garrow Street. This was the latest park investment made possible by the Federal government Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding that the City receives annually. The project’s CDBG coordinators from the City were Senior Planners Tiffany Beebee and Renee Jensen and they report that there were a total of 50 different members of the community that volunteered their time over the month of July and August to complete the installation, as well as, our City DPW and the organizers of the Auburn Permaculture Park.

B. Reports from members of Council –

Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) - none

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions

AWARD RESOLUTION #88 OF 2020

AWARDING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS USED BY THE CITY

By Councilor Cuddy

September 3, 2020

WHEREAS, every twelve months the City advertises for bids for the purchase of chemicals to be used on an as-needed basis at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Water Filtration Plant and at Casey Park Pool; and,

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, bids were opened for the purchase of chemicals and the bids set forth in the document attached hereto were received; and,

WHEREAS, City staff have reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the 2020-2021 Chemical bids as follows:

Amrex Chemicals of Binghamton, New York:

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| Item 1 - | Sodium Hydroxide 55-gal drum (WWTP)
\$ 132.00/drum |
| Item 2 - | Alt. 3 – Sodium Hypochlorite 500-gal. truck (WWTP)
\$ 475.00/truck |
| Item 2 - | Alt. 5 - Sodium Hypochlorite 5-15 gal. carboys (WFP)
\$ 7.50/5-gal & \$ 21.00/15-gal |
| Item 2 - | Alt. 6 – Sodium Hypochlorite 1,000-gal. tanker (Casey Park)
\$ 950.00/tanker |
| Item 2 - | Alt. 7 – Sodium Hypochlorite 5-15 gal. carboys (Casey Park)
\$ 7.50/5-gal & \$ 21.00/15-gal |
| Item 6 - | Sodium Bisulfite 2,000 gallon tanker (WWTP)
\$ 2,800.00/tanker |

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Item 6 - Sodium Bisulfite 500-gal. truck (WWTP)
\$ 700.00/truck

Bison Laboratories of Buffalo, New York:

Item 2 - Alt. 2 - Sodium Hypochlorite 2000-gal. Tanker (WWTP)
\$ 1,959.00/tanker

Cabot Norit Americas Inc. of Marshall, Texas:

Item 7 - Powdered Activated Carbon 14,400 lbs. min (16 Pallets) (WFP)
\$ 13,680.00/shipment

Item 7 - Powdered Activated Carbon 21,600 lbs. min. (24 Pallets) (WFP)
\$ 17,280.00/shipment

Holland Co. of Adams, Massachusetts:

Item 3 - Poly-Aluminum Chloride 55-gal. drum (WFP)
\$ 375.00/drum

Item 3 - Poly-Aluminum Chloride 5000-gal. tanker (WFP)
\$ 8,350.00/tanker

JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. of Caledonia, New York:

Item 2 - Alt. 1 - Sodium Hypochlorite 4000-gal. tanker (WWTP)
\$ 2,920.00/tanker

Item 2 - Alt. 4 - Sodium Hypochlorite 5000-gal. tanker (WFP)
\$ 3,600.00/tanker

Polydyne Inc. of Riceboro, Georgia:

Item 5 - Sludge Conditioner (Liquid) 55-gal. Drums (WWTP)
\$ 450.00/drum

Thatcher Co. of New York of Salt Lake City, Utah:

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Item 4 - Aluminum Sulfate 4000-gal. tanker (WWTP)
\$ 3,336.00/tanker

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award the aforementioned bids set forth in this Resolution for the purchase of the 2020-2021 chemicals to be used by the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of this Resolution be paid pursuant to the department budget accounts, as appropriate, and that the above pricing is valid for a period of 12 months, with the option to extend pricing for up to three one-year periods.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

AWARD RESOLUTION #89 of 2020

AWARDING A BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN
UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM FOR THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Councilor Giannettino

September 3, 2020

WHEREAS, the Auburn Police Department is developing a drone program to help provide effective public safety and law enforcement operations for the protection of our City residents; and

WHEREAS, a public safety drone will be used for searching for missing and endangered persons; providing real time situational awareness during critical incidents; vehicle accident scene

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investigation and reconstruction; supporting officers serving warrants; fugitive location and apprehension; crime scene reconstruction and imagery; tactical operations; assistance with firefighting efforts; disaster response; crowd monitoring and safety; investigating armed and dangerous subjects; and observation of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Police Department has created a policy for the drone program so that the privacy of City residents remains well protected, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, on July 24th, 2020, the City of Auburn published a request for bids for the purchase of a public safety drone system, specifically the FLIR R-70; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, bids were opened and the following bid was received:

FLIR Maritime US, Inc. \$ 66,900
; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed this bid and found it to be in line with the fair market value for the requested public safety drone system and now recommends that the City Council approve the bid for the purchase of the FLIR R-70 from FLIR Maritime US, Inc., for the price of \$66,900.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award a bid to FLIR Maritime US, Inc., for the purchase of a public safety drone system, namely, FLIR R-70, in the amount of \$66,900; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or appointed designee, is authorized to sign any agreement or all other documents relating to aforesaid purchase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the public safety drone in the amount of \$ 66,900.00 is to be charged to the Equitable Sharing Account CM.3120.220.APD.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor McCormick			X
Councilor Giannettino	X		

Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #90 OF 2020

**AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SOUTH STREET CORRIDOR
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PIN #395054**

By Councilor Giannettino

September 3, 2020

WHEREAS, in 2009, Auburn City Council authorized an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to proceed with the scoping, design and right-of-way incidentals for the South Street Reconstruction Phase 2 Project (PIN 375378); and

WHEREAS, this Project was intended to reconstruct South Street between Metcalf Drive and the city line in July of 2013, but the funding for this project was discontinued by the NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, Auburn City Council passed Agreement Resolution #38 of 2015, authorizing a master agreement with NYSDOT to proceed with preliminary engineering, design and right-of-way incidentals for the South Street Corridor Enhancement Project (PIN 395054), which was an effort to restore partial funding for the discontinued PIN 375378; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2016, Auburn City Council passed Agreement Resolution #65 of 2016, which combined the two projects into the South Street Corridor Enhancement Project (PIN 395054) as requested by the NYSDOT and set forth that this project would cover all phases of work for the project including scoping, design, right of way incidentals and acquisition, construction, and construction inspection; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT has submitted to the City of Auburn Supplemental Agreement No. 2 of the master agreement with the NYSDOT, which now includes the funding allocations for the construction and construction inspection costs for the total project amount of \$ 7,036,000.00. This Agreement provides funding allocation amounts of \$5,104,000.00 for 80% federal reimbursement, and \$555,000.00 for partially eligible 15% Marchiselli reimbursement, and a local share of \$1,377,000.00; and

WHEREAS, On July 25, 2019 the US Northern Board Regional Commission notified the City of Auburn of a \$500,000.00 of a grant award towards the replacement of the South Street water main which will be used to reduce the City's local share requirement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn desires to advance the above Project by making a commitment of 100% of the first instance payments of the total project costs in the amount of \$7,036,000.00 for all design phases (I-VI), right of way incidentals and acquisition, construction, and construction supervision and inspection phases for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the South Street Corridor Enhancement Project (PIN 395054), Supplemental Agreement No. 2, which will cover all phases of work and authorize the City of Auburn to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of design phases (I-VI), right of way incidentals and acquisition, construction, and construction supervision and inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Department of Transportation Master Agreement, including Supplemental Agreements for this combined project, will be in the amount of \$7,036,000.00 and this amount will be eligible for 80% Federal reimbursement and partially eligible for 15% Marchiselli reimbursement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City of Auburn shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of the Program funding awarded to the City of Auburn for the South Street Corridor Enhancement Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event that the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the City of Auburn City Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the New York State Department of Transportation; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Auburn is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/ or State-Aid on behalf of the City of Auburn with the New York State Department of Transportation and the Northern Border Regional Commission in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project; and it is further
RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

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

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Councilor Locastro

Is there an update on the house on North Street that was bid out?

City Manager Dygert

You know, I don't necessarily have a good update on it. I did see folks there from the owners there taking care of the place and doing landscaping and lawn mowing. I don't know if Jenny Haines, our Director of Planning has got an update on that or not.

Jenny Haines

Other than what the manager just said, I don't have any knowledge of exactly where they are in the process of the rehab, but I will get that for you and send it along.

Councilor Locastro

When did they actually take over?

Jenny Haines

I think we closed maybe six weeks ago. They were maintaining it prior to that though.

Councilor Locastro

Are they living there?

Jenny Haines

It has to have some specific items ready before they can live there.

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Anything else? Councilors? Councilor, please.

Councilor Giannettino

Thank you, Mayor. Just a couple things. Since Mr. Lupien is here, maybe we can get an update on the status of the State Street Bridge Project.

Bill Lupien

As projected that bridge, it's still on schedule to be fully operational by the end of this year. We were probably about two weeks behind, trying to coordinate with Verizon, had to do some work. We've caught a couple days up, but it's still, we were expecting most of the work to be done by the end of November. We will definitely have it done by Christmas. There might be a week or two that we'll go into December, to get that bridge open. Now again, some of the work, like, some of the accessory work, like topsoil and seeding, maybe a couple sidewalk slabs, maybe some blacktop adjustment, might be done the following year. I think the deadline is end of June of next year, but the bridge has to be operational by the end of this year. And we're still on track for that. Right now we're alternating pours, the concrete has to cure after so many days before you can load it. So we're doing the footing, the footing, stem walls, stem walls, back walls, back walls. Probably by the end of this month, we will see steel going up. And so, we're probably, the steel is probably only about a week farther back than what originally was started, projected in the very, very beginning of the job. But this is good news, in a way, because we've gained about a week of that delay that we had in the beginning due to our coordination with Verizon. They had to take, they had to keep their cables operational, so they had to build a suspension. So then when we tore the bridge down, they could still be suspended across and just took them a couple of weeks longer to arrange to get their contractors to get that work done. But we're doing really good. He's got crews working on both sides of the bridge. And again, we're on the City's website. We're putting the two week schedule, it's current we just got a new one for the next two weeks. That'll be on the City's website. So people can see how the bridge is going. Just go to the City's website. We try to keep that on all our capital projects. So very happy with this progress.

Mayor Quill

Bill, before you sit down, the remediation of the old service station is an ongoing or is that waiting for the bridge to be done or?

Bill Lupien

We got a little bonus there, that we weren't sure if we're going to hit one tank, fuel tank there, we thought it was gone. And instead we had two larger tanks, but they've already been removed. DEC has been there. We've removed the contaminant soil around that. That's all been taken care of. So we're doing a little sewer work on one of the outflows. That's a little, you know, one of those field problems you have. But other than that everything, we're almost done digging. Other than their return for the wing walls, you know that's not part of the that's not gonna hold up the steel infrastructure. And they're just being done in phases back and forth like I say they're doing the pours. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Councilor. Yes, Councilor.

Councilor Locastro

Status of the road program?

Bill Lupien

Road program, all the streets are paved. All the driveways are completed. It's been topsoiled and seeded. Some of the seeding didn't do too well, so, they've been out there reseeded again this week. We're doing some miscellaneous patches, that we were going to do for, that were scheduled for the next round, within the next two weeks of doing some more micro surfacing on some additional streets. What we like to do is get into those streets and patch them first and then we will put micro surface on, and then we'll go back and adjust some of the structures. And so that will be happening, again, this month, probably, if not the end of next week, maybe the following week. Suite-Cote will be on here to do the micro surfacing. And in the meantime, we're preparing all of the streets that are going on beyond the micro surfacing. And so when they come in town, they just go ahead and do it. That's the last of all the scheduled work, though, for all the paving. That's all done for this year's road program.

Councilor Locastro

Are we close to the bid price of the program?

Bill Lupien

Oh yeah, it's, we structure it so that we do all the main streets and then we will do patches to maximize the contract for the streets that we're going to do for micro surfacing and if we have a little extra money, we'll spend it on more patches on other streets. So, you know, we maximize the program, but to our award definitely staying within the amount that was awarded, yes. Okay. Anything else? Okay, thank you.

Councilor Giannettino

Mr. Dygert. You mentioned drinking water and microcystins. Do we have any update on the testing of our wastewater for COVID?

City Manager Dygert

That program is continuing, there was just an announcement that there's going to be a Federal program moving forward. So I'm not sure yet exactly how we will interact with that program and if that will start to cover our costs, or how that's going to work. But it's, yes, it's still continuing. And it's, obviously, we're not getting any significant results at this point, but we'll be looking towards that Federal program and how we fit into that book.

Councilor Giannettino

Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Mr. Dygert, on Nelson Street in front of the Dialysis Center. There was a hole in the pavement and I believe it was our DPW that did open it. It was probably 12x18. They've patched it and driving over it you would never know it's there. So whoever did it, they did a great job. So, I go by it, as I've told you, many times a day and it's a terrific job. So, whoever did it I am assuming DPW but I don't know. And I don't even know why it was there, whether it's tied in with the gas line, it was just installed there or whatever.

City Manager Dygert

I'll look into it. I'm not sure, myself.

Mayor Quill

Yeah, well, it's just a compliment to the crews, whoever did it. Anything else, Councilors? Councilor.

Councilor Locastro

If you drive around the City, some of the light poles, the newer light poles, are starting to peel. Is there a program in place to start replacing them or painting them before they get to the point where they?

City Manager Dygert

At this point, no. We have discussed it on several occasions when, what was it two years ago now, when they did Genesee Street. They went down through and they manually in place stripped those poles, or at least the bottom portions, repainted the entire pole. We have discussed that about these poles on South Street are looking really rough. So, it's something we do have to look at and try to figure out whether we slide it into its own maintenance program or part of road program or what we do. You may have noticed around town that some of the fire hydrants have been getting redone. That was something very similar that people talked about for years, about the condition of those, how they looked, what they did to, you know, if it was in front of your home, or whatever. Be a similar situation with the light poles. That's the situation is they're aluminum and with the road salt and all the debris that comes off, especially on South Street/Route 34, just they take a lot of abuse in the wintertime. Refinishing that aluminum is not, you can't just go up and paint over it, it won't adhere. So, there's a lot of preparation that has to go into that. But yes, it's been a point of discussion on several occasions.

Councilor Locastro

I've had people approached me saying that, you know, "just give us the paint and we'll do it" and I tell him, you know, it's more than just that.

City Manager Dygert

Yeah, and it's, aluminum is a little trickier than some other things and if you coat it with something that isn't appropriate, sometimes getting off something that is not appropriate is harder than starting from scratch.

Second Public To Be Heard: Mayor Quill opened the second Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. No speakers

Executive Session. Councilor Giannettino made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

- Three matters pertaining to the sale, lease or acquisition of real property
- Three matters made confidential by Federal or State law. (Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules which establishes that a confidential communication between attorney and client shall be privileged. Pursuant to this section, Council will be receiving legal advice from its attorney which fulfills the requirement provided in Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law allowing this exemption.)

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

Executive session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m..

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 17, 2020 by:

Chuck Mason, City Clerk