

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 22, 2021 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 5:00 p.m. from the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY by Mayor Quill.

ROLL CALL – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy, Councilor Tim Locastro and Mayor Quill were all present. Councilor McCormick was excused.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForest
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- City Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- New Police Chief James Slayton

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 – none

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS –

WHEREAS, On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act ratifying the world's first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a landmark piece of civil rights legislation that bans discrimination against people with disabilities and guarantees access to employment, state and local government facilities and services, public accommodations, telecommunications and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act serves as an example of the importance of ensuring that all people in the United States are guaranteed their civil rights under law and that those rights will be more than words on paper, but will be respected and protected; and

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn strives to work with ARISE to attain a barrier-free community where everyone is valued regardless of disability status; and to promote human dignity, self-sufficiency, and inclusion for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2021 as

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY
in the City of Auburn, New York.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn, New York to be affixed this Twenty-Second day of July 2021.

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

The Mayor presented the proclamation to Sara Douglas representing ARISE. Ms. Douglas addressed the Council.

Public to be heard: Mayor Quill asked the Clerk read the public to be heard rules. The following individual spoke:

Zach Ciopello of 65 South Street spoke to express his dissatisfaction with license plates used on the APD vehicles.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

- July 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the July 1, 2021 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 4-0.
- July 8, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

The City of Auburn is seeking bids for the following projects:

- Bulk chemical supplies due August 10.
- More information on these projects is available on the City of Auburn webpage under the tab "Bids/RFPs"
- Our Civil Service Office is accepting applications for our next Police Officer Exam that is scheduled for Sept. 18. Applications are due back by August 19.
- The Civil Service Office is also accepting application for Special Patrol Officers. These part time positions will fill roles as School Resource Officers and must have minimum law enforcement background and credentials.
- The Civil Service office is also accepting application for Paramedics and EMTs. We will be providing additional information on the full benefits package for these positions very soon.
- More information on these exams and positions is available on the City web page by clicking on the tab "Departments" and then "Civil Service" and then "Job Opportunities".

B. Reports from members of Council

Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions – none

E. Staff Presentations

NYS Touring Route Funding with the City Manager and William Lupien, City Engineer

The following list was presented for projects to be completed under this new funding program.

Possible List for Transportation Touring Funds

\$1,540,275.44 Available

City ROW Improvements to be completed include:

1. Allen Street, Commerce Way, Tech Park – Street Lighting ≈ \$100,000
2. South St – Replace Streetlight poles ≈ 60 Poles ≈ \$200,000
3. South Street – Re-paint Removed Streetlight Poles for Inventory ≈ \$60,000
4. Fix guide rail at various locations in the City ≈ \$50,000

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5. Installation of Traffic Lines and Markings ≈ \$60,000
6. Update Traffic Controllers @ 6 intersections ≈ \$30,000

Highway Transportation Projects to be completed in the City include:

1. John St–Storm Sewer Extension, Mill & Fill, Sidewalk and Curb ≈ \$197,000
2. East Genesee St-Mill & Fill (Bridge to Fulton St.) ≈ \$725,000
3. Lansing St – Mill and Fill (North St to Nelson St) ≈ \$175,000

The following streets will be on the waiting list:

4. Standart Ave-Re-alignment & Widening (North St. to Vista St.) ≈ \$150,000
5. State St – Mill and Fill (Munro St. to Union St) ≈ \$370,000
6. S. Fulton St – Mill and Fill (Walnut to Genesee) ≈ \$140,000
7. Perrine St – Mill and Fill (State St to Railroad Tracks) ≈ \$85,000
8. Holley St – Mill and Fill ≈ \$110,000
9. N. Fulton St – Genesee St to East Bound Arterial ≈ \$120,000
10. N. Seward Av – Mill and Fill (Genesee to Capital St) ≈ \$170,000
11. Lafayette Pl – Mill and Fill (Columbus to West End) ≈ \$115,000
12. Seminary St. – Mill and Fill (North St. to Nelson St.) ≈ \$100,000

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Councilor Cuddy discussed feral cats and their presence in City neighborhoods and asks that the City consider developing a program to address the matter.

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

One matter 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 6:06 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m..

Minutes submitted by:

Chuck Mason, City Clerk