

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 5, 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 Deb McCormick, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy, Councilor Tim Locastro and Mayor Quill were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

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

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 –

The City Clerk announced Founders Day Events would be held in the City on Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th. The complete listing of events was made available on the City's website.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS –

Public to be heard: Mayor Quill asked the Clerk read the public to be heard rules. The following individual spoke: Zach Cuipyo of 65 South Street spoke to express his dissatisfaction with license plates used on the APD vehicles.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

- July 15, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the July 15, 2021 minutes by Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor

Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

- July 22, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the July 22, 2021 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

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.
- The Civil Service Office is accepting applications for a Planner position.
- 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".
- Reported on the South St. Reconstruction.
- Reported on the State St. Public Plaza project.
- Reported on the Public Safety Building project.
- Sales tax report: collections up 45.13% for the 2nd quarter compared to 2020; June collections down 2.47% compared to 2020.
- Borrowing Rate Update: Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) at 0.106% and Bonds at 1.555%.
- Casey Park Skate Park. Grindline Skateparks was selected as the Casey Park Skate Park design build firm. Grindline Skate parks has local experience in the design and construction of the skate park in Springville, NY; Jamestown, NY; and Rochester NY. They will be conducting a site visit, site analysis and holding the first community meeting within the next month. The Community meeting will be asking for residents, skaters, scooters, and park patrons for their ideas and creativity for the design of the 8,000-12,000 square foot concrete skate park. Thank you to Councilor Cuddy and other members of our skate park committee for their assistance through this process.
- St Francis Tree Planting. Twenty-three trees of varying species were planted at St. Francis Park at the end of July with CDBG funding. Trees were planted along the pathways and near the playground and pavilion.

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 –

GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #94 OF 2021

AUTHORIZING GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY

By Councilor McCormick

August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is part of the Tree City USA program and is committed to managing and expanding public trees through active urban forestry management of the City's tree-lined streets and nearly 100 acres of parkland; and

WHEREAS, due to various invasive plants and insects negatively impacting the City's urban forest, additional tree planting is needed to continue supporting the growth and health of urban trees; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, the City of Auburn submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) for funding assistance to plant 200 trees over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2021, the NYS DEC awarded the City of Auburn an Urban and Community Forestry Program grant in the sum of \$23,000 with a required local match amount of \$6,210; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Auburn must be authorized to accept the grant funding and execute all necessary documents in connection therewith prior to commencing the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN hereby accepts an Urban and Community Forestry Program Grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$23,000 to complete an urban forestry tree planting project in the City of Auburn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is authorized to create a project account with a total expense budget of \$29,210 and to recognize grant revenue from NYS DEC in the amount of \$23,000; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Auburn, or a designated representative, is authorized to execute the grant contract and all other documents necessary for the acceptance of the grant, and otherwise act on all matters related to the grant.

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		

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #95 OF 2021

AUTHORIZING VARIOUS OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET TRANSFERS

By Councilor Giannettino

August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the fiscal 2020-2021 year as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the fiscal 2021-2022 year as outlined in attachment B; and,

WHEREAS, there is no fund balance being requested for these transfers; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York:

1. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment A for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and,
2. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment B for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and,
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

Attachment A: 20-21 FY					
7/1/2021					
Amount	Account to		Account From		Reason
\$63,000.00	A3410.803	Fire – Retirement	A3410.160	Fire – Salaries	Fiscal Year End Reconciliation and Clean Up
\$6,500.00	AL9730.790	Landfill - BAN Interest	AL9710.790	Landfill - Bond Interest	
\$8,000.00	E9730.790	PUF - BAN Interest	E9710.790	PUF - Bond Interest	
\$30,000.00	CL8161.901	Refuse - Transfers	CL8161.110	Refuse Collect – Salaries	
\$10,000.00	EM8171.801	Transfer Stat – Retirement	EM8171.440	Transfer Stat - Contracts	
\$7,100.00	F9010.801	Water Fund – Retirement	F8330.811	Water Filt – SS/Med	
\$2,000.00	A9812.901	GF – Transfers	A9050.831	Unemployment	
\$2,000.00	A1930.453	Judgements/ Settlements	A9050.831	Unemployment	

Attachment B: 21-22 FY			
7/1/2021			
Amount	Account to	Account From	Reason

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\$ 167,679.60	A3620.456	Code Enforcement – Demolitions	HA8760.440.ARP	American Rescue Plan Act	Demolition of 71 Wall Street in Qualified Census Tract (QCT) neighborhood

AWARD RESOLUTION #96 OF 2021

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE 2021 ROAD PROGRAM

By Councilor Giannettino

August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2021, the Auburn City Council authorized Bond Resolution #2 of 2021 to fund the 2021 Road Program, which provides for streets to be improved by asphalt resurfacing, including partial reconstruction, patching, milling the road surfaces, and installing trueing and leveling and top courses; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2021 Council authorized Award Resolution #50 of 2021 in the amount of \$1,225,965.00 to Paul F. Vitale, Inc. for the 2021 Road Program; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that the City Council award this Change Order #1, in the amount of \$395,000 to Paul F. Vitale, Inc. so that the City can mill and pave Thornton Ave. between Clymer St. and St. Anthony St. and Perrine St. from State St. easterly to the railroad tracks. Also, included in this Change Order #1 will be the milling and paving of Lansing St. between North St. and Nelson St.; and

WHEREAS, the milling and paving of Lansing St. between North St. and Nelson St. is an estimated amount of \$ 175,000 and is to be paid from out of the NYS Transportation Touring Route Funds, the spending plan for which was authorized on July 22, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award Change Order #1, in the amount of \$ 395,000, to Paul F. Vitale, Inc. for the 2021 Road Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the Resolution in the amount of \$395,000 is to be charged as follows: \$175,000 is to be charged to the 2021-2022 Touring Route Acct. # HA5110.440.KV, \$170,000 is to be charged to 2021 Road Program Acct. #HA 5110-440-KR, \$30,000 is to be charged to Sewer Slipline & Manhole Replacement Acct. #HG 8120-440-KB for repairs to pavement, manholes and catch basins, and \$20,000 is to be charged to 2020-2021 (City) Sidewalk Program Acct. #HA 5497-440-KJ for installation of ADA handicap accessible ramps.

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		

LAND SALE RESOLUTION #97 OF 2021

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT JOHN WALSH BOULEVARD

By Councilor Giannettino

August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2019, the City of Auburn acquired title to 11.22 acres of vacant commercial real property located at John Walsh Boulevard (the “Property”) through a tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, RJC Development Inc. (“RJC”), has proposed a Real Estate Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”), attached hereto and incorporated herein, which offers to purchase the Property from the City for a price of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) together with all the costs of developing and improving this Property with a commercial facility, as set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City has received no other offers to purchase this Property and understands that the owner of the adjacent parcel has no interest in this Property; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Auburn City Council approve the Purchase Agreement proposed by RJC Development, Inc., on the condition that the development comply and adhere to all Planning Board site plan approvals or revert back to the City within two (2) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Auburn does hereby approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the sale of vacant commercial land commonly known as John

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Walsh Boulevard to RJC Development, Inc., for the sum of \$10,000 together with all of the costs of improvements and development of the property and subject to the condition that the purchaser develop the property and comply with all City of Auburn Planning Board site plan approvals within two (2) years or the title of the Property shall revert back to the City; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in order to finalize the closing of this real estate transaction.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

E. Staff Presentations –

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Councilor Cuddy stated that he had been discussing with Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities for the City action the City Council could take in the form of a Council resolution at a future City Council meeting to send to the State regarding the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations process for approval by the State.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m..

Minutes submitted by:

Chuck Mason, City Clerk