

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019 6:00 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 6:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Quill.

1. Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy and Carabajal were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Deputy Police Chief, Roger Anhony
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Fire Chief, Joe Morabito

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. Public Announcements

The City Clerk read the announcements.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

6. 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. There was no speakers.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February 28, 2019 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor McCormick abstained.

March 7, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor

Carabajal. Motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor McCormick abstained.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Staff met today with contractors and our engineering consultants to review the plans for work on Lincoln St and William St. These projects will be kicking off soon and will include resurfacing Lincoln St. in front of the Equal Rights Heritage Center and the parking garage as well as widening William St, adding some additional street parking along William St. and new street lighting which will finally resolve the issues associated with defective underground wiring near the YMCA. We are targeting late May or early June for wrap up of that work.
- Mayor and Councilors, you should have received a copy of the proposed Capital Improvement Program. The CIP will be on next week's agenda for your approval. If you have any questions or comments please forward them along to me so that we can address them.

B. Reports from members of Council

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions – None

15. STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

Downtown Revitalization Initiative Final Plan by Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants On Friday July 27, 2018 Governor Andrew Cuomo visited the community to announce the City of Auburn as the \$10 million Central New York Region Winner of the 3rd Round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant program.

Since the award announcement, City officials and staff have worked collaboratively with NYS Department of State regarding the selection of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) Members and project consulting team lead by Bergmann Associates out of Rochester, NY. Over the course of nearly 6 months the 14 member LPC met six (6) times to review projects that were submitted as part of the City's initial application as well as through one round of Call for Projects and one round of Call for Concepts. The Auburn DRI also consisted of four (4) public workshops which were geared towards public engagement, feedback and education about the DRI process. All LPC and public meetings for the Auburn DRI were well attended.

The City of Auburn initially included 5 projects in the May 2018 DRI application which were:

- State Street Event Plaza- total project cost of \$1,700,000
- Greening East Hill- total project cost of \$560,000

- Shared Services Public Safety Facility- total project cost of \$10,000,000
- NPS Hart Corridor Enhancements (streetscape)- total project cost of \$300,000
- Downtown Wayfinding Signage Program- total project cost of \$70,000
- Market Auburn Initiative- total project cost of \$200,000

Following the announcements of the 2018 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) and the completion of the DRI LPC project evaluations, the City of Auburn will be moving forward with the following projects:

- Shared Services Public Safety Facility- total project cost of \$11,000,000
- State Street Event Plaza- total project cost of \$1,600,000
- Market Auburn Initiative (CFA 2018 award)- total project cost of \$200,000

A total of 18 projects with an aggregate DRI request amount of \$13.5 million will be presented in the City's DRI Strategic Investment Plan. Since this is more than the \$9.7 million NYS will be allocating to projects, the City is still competing for NYS funding for the Public Safety and State Street Plaza projects. Therefore, City staff will be requesting a resolution supporting the submission of these projects and reaffirming the City's need and request for NYS aid to complete these projects.

F. Tabled Items - None

10. Other Business

Councilor Giannettino asked the City Manager to look into paving on Fitch Avenue. The street was just repaved last fall and is already in disrepair in some areas on the east end of the street near the entrance of the Fort Hill Cemetery.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on March 28, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk