

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 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 presiding officer Councilor Giannettino.

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

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Councilor Giannettino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Councilor Giannettino 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 were no speakers.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes by Councilor Carabajal, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

March 21, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- City staff has begun to ramp up facility work now that the weather is finally breaking. Crews have been in the parks doing a quick cleanup from the winter and others are out attempting to deal with potholes. The asphalt plants haven't opened quite yet so our repairs are more temporary at this point but will improve as soon as we have access to better material.
- The new Centro bus shelter has been installed on Dill St.
- A representative from AstroTurf was on site at Falcon Park today to verify field conditions. I hear that he was impressed with the quality and finish to this point and expects that installation will start soon, weather permitting.

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 –

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #33 OF 2019

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE EXISTING N.Y.S.D.O.T. ARTERIAL MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

By Councilor McCormick

March 27, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for arterial highway maintenance and upkeep of the State Arterial highways that pass through the City and said agreement was entered into between the NYSDOT and the City of Auburn commencing December 1, 1961; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Highway Law, Article XII-B entitled "State Arterial Highways Passing through Cities", Section 349-c, the annual State reimbursement rate, is currently \$0.85 per square yard for at grade sections and \$0.95 per square yard for elevated sections. The rates were set in 1987 and have not been adjusted by the State for the past 32 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has joined with 34 other Mayors throughout the State in requesting that the Governor and State Legislature address this longstanding failure to adjust the reimbursement rate and support a proposal that would set the new reimbursement rate to \$1.87 per square yard; and

WHEREAS, as the Governor and State Legislature are in the final week of negotiations on a 2019-2020 State Budget and the Mayor and City Council wish to express to our State officials that the adjustment of the State's reimbursement rate for Arterial highway maintenance is long overdue and necessary to assist the City of Auburn to cover the expense of maintaining the Arterial as it runs through our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council call upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Pamela Helming, Senator Robert Antonacci, Assemblyman Gary Finch and all members of the NYS Legislature to adjust the reimbursement rate for Arterial Highway Maintenance from the 32 year old reimbursement rate of \$0.87 per square mile to \$1.87 per square mile; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor and all of our State representatives.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

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

15. STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

15.A. Road Program Presentation - Bill Lupien and Scott McIntyre, Engineering

Presentation slides: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/328691/2019_Road_Program_Presentation.pdf

15.B. Update on Owasco Lake Watershed Rules & Regulations - Steve Lynch, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the County of Cayuga

Presentation Slides: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/329558/WSRR_Presentation_Aub-Owasco_3-2019.pdf

15.C. Monthly Activity and Bar Graph Reports for February 2019 - Jeff Dygert, City Manger

Activity Report: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/328213/Activity_Report_for_February_2019.pdf

Budget Report Presentation Slides: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/327718/Monthly_Bar_Graph_Report_February_2019.pdf

F. Tabled Items - None

10. Other Business

Councilor Giannettino asked the City Manager to look into having a presentation at a future City Council meeting from Auburn Community Hospital.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on April 11, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk