

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 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 Councilor McCormick.

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
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Deputy Police Chief, Roger Anthony
- Assistant Comptroller, Theresa Adams
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot

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

3. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Councilor McCormick 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.

Ron Semple spoke. Mr. Semple has worked for the City as a Police officer and as an attendant at the City parking garage for nearly 40 years. He stated that he did not think the automated machine that has been installed at the parking garage was going to work and that it frequently experiences outages due to malfunctions.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

March 28, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 28, 2019 minutes by Councilor Carabajal, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Work at Falcon Park is continuing. The new turf is mostly complete at this point, the clubhouse and main office roofs have been replaced, and site work for a new storage building has been completed.
- The structural steel for the North Division St. Bridge was delivered this week and equipment to place it was being setup this morning.
- On May 2nd, Holly Glor from Planning will be presenting on the church located at Wall and Washington St. The historic church has fallen into severe disrepair and the city been unable to get the current owner to address the issues. Holly will update Council on both options and obligations the city will be faced with very soon as the structure continues to deteriorate.
- Bids are currently being accepted for a Combined Sewer Overflow Engineering Study. Bids are due Monday April 29, 2019.
- Bids to supply material for residential water service replacements are out now and due Thursday April 18, 2019.
- Bid and RFP information is available on the City webpage under the left hand tab "BIDs/RFPs"
- A dilapidated house at 49 Chase St. should be demolished in the coming weeks. Consistent and repeated efforts from Codes and Corporation Counsel have persuaded the bank that owns the property to take action.
- Auburn Police in cooperation with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department are hosting a Prescription Drug Take Back Program.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick reported on the most recent Owasco Lake Watershed meeting that was held in Syracuse with various NYS agencies. She also reported on two stakeholder meetings that were held on April 8 and April 9 regarding the update to rules and regulations of the Owasco Lake watershed.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

Agreement Resolution #36 Authorizing Change Order No. 4 to the General Construction Contract for the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center was pulled at the request of city staff.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #37 of 2019
CHANGING THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE DUE TO THE EASTER
HOLIDAY**

By Councilor Carabajal

April 11, 2019

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council meets on the first four Thursdays of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 is Holy Thursday and the City will be closed for business the following day due to the Good Friday holiday; and

WHEREAS, due to the Easter holidays the Council is desirous of changing the start time to 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2019 Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby change the start time of the Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. for Thursday, April 18, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall notify the public of the change in the meeting dates as set forth herein.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes	Abstain
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Carabajal	X		
Mayor Quill			X

Carried and Adopted	X		
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STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

- A. State of the Hospital Update - Scott Berlucchi, President and CEO of Auburn Community Hospital
- B. Office of Planning & Economic Development and Code Enforcement 2019-2020 Budget Presentation - Jenny Haines, Director of Planning & Economic Development
- C. Department of Public Works 2019-2020 Budget Discussion - Mike Talbot, Department of Public Works
- D. Engineering 2019-2020 Budget Presentation - Bill Lupien, Engineering
- E. Police Department 2019-2020 Budget Presentation - Shawn Butler, Chief of Police
- F. Finance Department 2019-2020 Budget Presentation - Rachel Jacobs, Comptroller
- G. City Manager 2019-2020 Budget Presentation - Jeff Dygert, City Manager

10. Other Business

Councilor Giannettino asked that resolutions be prepared for the Council to request of our local NYS representatives that they support legislation in Albany that would address increasing arterial highway maintenance reimbursement rates and that would address the length of time a municipality has to wait to foreclose on an abandoned property due to delinquency in taxes.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on April 25, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk