

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2019 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 5:00PM 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, Cuddy, Giannettino, and Carabajal were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- 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 – Councilor McCormick opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. No speakers.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

July 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the July 2, 2019 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Carabajal. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The sewer system work on Genesee St. near Hunter's Diner may last a few days.
- I attended a Cayuga County Shared Services meeting last night with Mayor Quill. Representatives from towns and villages throughout the county discussed progress on projects proposed in last year's plan and discussed ideas for new ideas to be included in this year's plan.
- The final coating for the tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts at Casey Park is scheduled to be applied next week weather permitting.
- The City will be releasing a Request for Proposals tomorrow for professional real estate services. We are seeking a realty service to assist us in marketing a wide range of city owned buildings and parcels in an effort to maximize the potential revenue as compared to an auction and to proactively get these parcels back on the tax rolls, cleaned up, and contributing to the local economy. More information will be available on the City webpage under the left hand tab "Bids/RFPs" – proposals are due back by Friday August 9.

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 –

LAND SALE RESOLUTION #91 OF 2019

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT
CHAPMAN AVENUE TO BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COMMUNITY
CENTER OF AUBURN, INC**

By Councilor Carabajal

July 25, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is the owner of real property located at 22-24 and 25 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York (the "Property"), which is the location of Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, Inc. (the "BTW Community Center"); and

WHEREAS, the City has leased the Property to the BTW Community Center since on or about February 20, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained the Property and made improvements, through the use of the Community Development Grant Block Program, including the installation of fire alarm upgrades, new carpets, a new boiler and heating system, new exterior lighting and doors; and

WHEREAS, BTW Community Center would like to assume ownership of the Property so that it can continue to improve and enhance the Community Center by making more improvements, including replacing the existing roofing system, removing and replacing all of the windows, replacing the gym floor and repairing and repaving the parking lot;

WHEREAS, BTW Community Center has presented a written offer to purchase the Property from the City, in consideration of the value of the improvements, which are estimated as being \$553,000; and

WHEREAS, a sale of the Property would help support the growth and development of the Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, Inc., so that it can continue to be an invaluable resource to Auburn's residents and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve a sale of real property located at 22-24 and 25 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York, to Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, or other appointed designee, is authorized to sign the Purchase Offer and Sale Contract together with any and all documents necessary to carry out this resolution.

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		

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #92 OF 2019
SUPPORTING A 2019 NYS CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION
(CFA) FOR THE OSBORNE LIBRARY EXTERIOR STABILIZATION
PROJECT**

By Councilor Carabajal

July 25, 2019

WHEREAS, the Osborne Library located at 3 Fitch Avenue in Auburn is owned and operated by the Osborne Center for Social Justice, a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) has released a request for proposals for the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Historic Preservation Program and the Osborne Center for Social Justice will be applying for a grant titled the “Osborne Library Exterior Stabilization Project”; and

WHEREAS, grant funding would provide for the restoration of the Osborne Library roof and exterior walls; and

WHEREAS, these improvements will allow the Osborne Library to be stabilized and eventually restored to preserve the building as a contributing structure to our South Street National Historic District; and

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Auburn supports the Osborne Center for Social Justice with its request to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Historic Preservation Grant Program for a grant titled the “Osborne Library Exterior Stability Project”; and
2. The City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Osborne Center for Social Justice to include the resolution in its grant application.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

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

STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

10. Other Business –

Councilor Giannettino asked the Council to write a letter to Auburn Community Hospital Board of Trustees to encourage them to complete negotiations with the union AFSCME Local 3124. Council members stated they would be willing to send such a letter.

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

Two matters pertaining to the sale, lease or acquisition of real property.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:29 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 22, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk