

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 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, 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 Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- 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. City Manager Jeff Dygert presented awards to members of City staff that achieved over 25 years of service to the City.

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.

Alicia Procino, Wilbur Avenue spoke to encourage the public to support our local food pantries.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

September 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Tonight we had planned on a presentation by Dr. Durant of Cayuga Community College on their new Community Child Care Center located in the former Neighborhood House on Wall St. Unfortunately Dr. Durant was not able to make it tonight. This morning Mayor Quill, Councilor Giannettino, several members of City staff and I attended a ribbon cutting for this project that is already in operation. The project is another great example of collaboration, communication, and cooperation between several agencies to advance an important initiative that will help address the critical need for quality child care, breathe life into a vacant building, and subsequently improve the neighborhood.
- Last evening I was invited and spoke with the Cayuga County Legislature's Judicial and Public Safety Committee about the City's Public Safety Building project and some opportunities for collaboration between our two governments. I will be working with our staff to develop some cooperative agreements that if approved by both bodies, may improve our eligibility for Shared Services funds through NYS, but regardless would improve our ability to provide emergency services to the residents of Auburn and Cayuga County at no additional expense to either government.
- I was approached last evening by Legislator Bennett whose district cover the former Neighborhood House, about designated the area and marking it as a school zone for the safety of everyone in the area. Staff would like to move ahead with that request and Council's approval will ultimately be requested when we do our annual update of the Local Laws related to Vehicle and Traffic.
- This evening I've asked our new Human Resources Benefits Coordinator, Todd Webb, to introduce himself and provide the Council with a brief update on the projects he is working on to improve the relationship we have with our employees and maximize the programs our employees are entitled to.

B. Reports from members of Council

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

SEQR RESOLUTION #110 of 2019 ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 31 SEMINARY STREET

By Councilor McCormick

September 5, 2019

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, intends to purchase approximately 2.2 acres of real property located at 31 Seminary Street, Auburn, New York,

which is also known and designated on the Cayuga County Real Property Tax Map as No. 116.37-1-14; and

WHEREAS, the Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 617, known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act (collectively, the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the City has completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Project in compliance the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, said review has resulted in a reasoned determination that the proposed action will NOT result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant negative impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, as lead agency, that a NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the proposed City of Auburn purchase of real property located at 31 Seminary Street, Auburn, New York, be issued in full compliance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #111 OF 2019

**AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR NYS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT FUNDING**

By Councilor McCormick

September 12, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Department of Municipal Utilities is responsible for the collection, filtration and distribution of drinking water in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a need for a zebra mussel control project for the raw water intake at the Upper Pump Station located at the north end of Owasco Lake; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) provides grant funding to assist municipalities with water quality infrastructure projects that protect water quality and protect public health; and

WHEREAS, City staff proposes submitting an application for funding for the zebra mussel control project under the NYS EFC Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Program, which would secure FY 2020 funding assistance in the amount up to \$541,200 for a total estimated project cost of \$902,000; and

WHEREAS, the non-grant portion of the project would be funded with municipal contributions of \$360,800 to be made available from the City Water Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, applications for the foregoing grant program are due on September 13, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK:

1. That the Mayor, or approved representative, is authorized to submit a City of Auburn Water Grant application to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount up to \$541,200 for a total estimated project cost of \$902,000; and
2. Upon award notification, that the Mayor, or approved representative, is authorized to execute the grant assistance contract, submit project documentation, and otherwise act on all matters related to the project and state assistance; and
3. That the City Comptroller is authorized to create a capital expense account and recognize grant revenue, transfer up to \$360,800 from the City Water Fund to the project account and to appropriate the funds into the correct capital project budget.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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

Tabled Items - none

STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS - none

10. Other Business –

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 pending litigation .

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 26, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On September 26, 2019 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor , seconded by Councilor .

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 12th day of September, 2019 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: