

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2022 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 5:00 p.m. from the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY by Mayor Quill.

ROLL CALL – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, Councilor Ginny Kent, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- City Engineer, William Lupien
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines

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

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

Public Announcements –

- The next meeting of the City Zoning Board of Appeals will be held Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7 pm in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.
- The next meeting of the City Planning Board will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS –

WHEREAS, Parent Partnership is a critical and effective way to help families identify and build upon their strengths for themselves and their families and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, authentic Parent Partnership occurs when parents have the opportunity to partner with others and present a "parent perspective and lens" to inform policies and programs that support the growth of protective factors leading to strong families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Trust Fund Alliance, as a national prevention organization, supports, encourages and acknowledges partnerships between parents and community stakeholders, leaders, and policy makers as critical to developing strong communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Parent Partnership can help with building strengths-based communities that thrive based on protective factors; and

WHEREAS, Parent Partnership is successfully achieved when parents are partners in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices, and programs that affect families and communities by receiving support and training and having multiple opportunities to share their expertise; and

WHEREAS, parents each year are partnering with others so together they can build stronger, safer communities where all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, parents can have a powerful impact by sharing their lived expertise and they will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of families across our nation and world; and

WHEREAS, many organizations across the community and state support and provide such partnership opportunities for parents; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month is an opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate these parents. They have a vital role in their local community, state and nation and across the world;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby declare February as

NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

and we encourage our citizens and visitors to acknowledging their wisdom and contributions and show appreciation for Parent Leaders.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Twenty Fourth day of February 2022.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York

Mayor Quill presented the proclamation to Kara Georgi representing the Children's Trust Fund Alliance and Ms. Georgi addressed the Council.

Public to be heard: Mayor Quill asked the Clerk to read the public to be heard rules. No speakers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

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Motion to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Locastro.

Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

City Manager Jeff Dygert: just a couple of quick updates. We've informed Council in the past three collective bargaining agreements that we continue to work on and just wanted to update you that all those discussions are going well. We continue to work on budget development. So, in the month of March and April, department heads will be before council to present their individual department budgets for your consideration. Next Monday, our staff will be having a riveting meeting related to all things trash. Pick-up, codes related to trash, the cost related to trash disposal and all of those things, so, that we can prepare a presentation for your consideration in the near future. Yesterday, staff had a meeting related to summertime city sponsored events and other events going on. Again, that's something that typically happens practically year round and we take a little bit of a break in the fall and the winter. But really, planning for a lot of those events takes all year round. This year there's some partnerships being had for a significant amount of programming around the Juneteenth weekend. So, that was a big thing that we worked on over the last couple of weeks in partnership with Auburn BID and the Chamber and a variety of other community organizations to get that up and going. It sounds like that's going well.

Reports from members of Council –

Councilor Cuddy discussed that he has been working with Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot on a new summer program for tennis for the youth of the city. More details will be forthcoming closer to summer.

Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions – none

E. Staff Presentations –

- Proposed Chapel House Redevelopment – presentation by Chris Trevisani, Vice President, Housing Visions and Jennifer Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

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- Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Strategic Recovery & Capital Plan - presentation by Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Improvement Plan and Grants.
- Road Program 2022 Presentation - presentation by Bill Lupien, City Engineer.

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS – none

Executive Session:

Councilor Cuddy made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Locastro.

Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

One matter made confidential by Federal or State law. (Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules which establishes that a confidential communication between attorney and client shall be privileged. Pursuant to this section, Council will be receiving legal advice from its attorney which fulfills the requirement provided in Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law allowing this exemption.)

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk