

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, October 28, 2021 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 Councilor Giannettino.

**ROLL CALL** – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor Deb McCormick, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy, Councilor Tim Locastro were all present. Mayor Quill was excused.

**The following City Staff was present for the meeting:**

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Asst. Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities
- Joe Sliwka, Plumbing Inspector
- Tim Clark, Water Meter Service Worker

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

**Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection** – Councilor Giannettino asked for a moment of silent prayer.

**Public Announcements**

**City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant - 2022-2023 Program Year Community Input** The City of Auburn is looking for community input on distributing Federal Community Development Block Grant funds to help low to moderate income city residents and areas. Funding priorities are based on community input from public meetings and survey responses. There is a community survey available for residents to complete. To fill out a survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AuburnCDBG2022>

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If you have questions or need any further information please contact the Office of Planning and Economic Development by phone at 315-253-3513 or by email at [rjensen@auburnny.gov](mailto:rjensen@auburnny.gov)

The City of Auburn, NY Transfer Station has announced the **2021 Fall Cleaning Days** for Auburn CITY RESIDENTS ONLY will be held:

Dates: Saturday, November 6, 2021 and Saturday, November 20, 2021

Hours: 7:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

Location: City of Auburn Transfer Station, 311 North Division Street

All Rules are listed at [auburnny.gov](http://auburnny.gov) and Will Be STRICTLY ENFORCED. For more information or questions call: 315-252-6441

### **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS –**

City Manager Dygert announced the following new hires within the City:

- Emor DeCann, Lead Paramedic for Auburn City Ambulance part-time and started October 12, 2021
- Linda Griffiths, Paramedic for Auburn City Ambulance started October 12, 2021
- Ronald Kenney, Lead Paramedic for Auburn City Ambulance started October 12, 2021
- Noah Martin Leone started October 11, 2021 part-time for Refuse Collection
- Ezekiel Sliwka, started on October 18, 2021 as an Operator Trainee for Municipal Utilities

**Public to be heard:** Councilor Giannettino asked the Clerk read the public to be heard rules. There were no speakers.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

October 21, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 21, 2021 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Locastro. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

### **Reports of City Officials**

#### **A. City Manager's Report**

#### **B. Reports from members of Council**

Councilor Giannettino reported on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Public Safety Building at 31 Seminary Street that was held earlier in the day.

**Matters to Come Before Council**

**A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)**

**B. Ordinances – none**

**C. Local Laws – none**

**D. Resolutions – none**

**E. Staff Presentations –**

- VEPO Cross Connex Presentation – by Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities and Joe Sliwka, Plumbing Inspector – 6 Month Update on VEPO implementation
  - Interactive website of VEPO Cross Connex
  - Currently have 347 devices tested out of 407 devices for 2021
  - Introduced Tim Clark as the new Water Meter Service Worker/Backflow Coordinator
- Bar Graph Reports for September 2021 – by Jeff Dygert, City Manager

**TABLED ITEMS – None**

**Second Public to be Heard - None**

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

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

- One matter pertaining to potential litigation

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk



**October 22, 2021 For Immediate Release**

## **Auburn City Council Adopts Changes to the Council Meeting Calendar Due to Upcoming Holidays**

The rules and procedures of the Auburn City Council require that the Auburn City Council meet on the first four Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m. to conduct regular business. Due to the upcoming holidays in November and December 2021 the City Council approved the following changes to the Council meeting calendar at its October 21, 2021 City Council meeting:

- The meeting scheduled for, Thursday, November 11th at 5:00 p.m. is canceled and rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 commencing at 5 p.m.;
- The meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 25th at 5:00 p.m. is canceled and rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 commencing at 5 p.m.;
- The meeting scheduled for the fifth Thursday of December, December 30, 2021 is canceled; and
- A special meeting to administer the oaths of office to newly elected members of Council will be scheduled for Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 12:00 p.m..

The calendar for City Council meetings for November and December 2021 will be as follows:

- Thursday, November 4, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Business meeting);
- Tuesday, November 9, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Work Session meeting);
- Thursday, November 18, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Business meeting);
- Tuesday, November 23, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Work Session meeting);
- Thursday, December 2, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Business meeting);
- Thursday, December 9, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Work Session meeting);
- Thursday, December 16, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Business meeting);
- Thursday, December 23, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Work Session meeting);
- Saturday, January 1, 2022 beginning at 12:00 p.m. (Special meeting).

All meetings of the Auburn City Council are held in the City Council Chambers, first floor at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021. Agendas are posted by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting at [www.AuburnNY.gov/agenda](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/agenda)

For more information contact the Office of the City Clerk at Memorial City Hall 315-255-4100 or by email [cmason@auburnny.gov](mailto:cmason@auburnny.gov).



STATE OF NEW YORK  
**EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**  
ALBANY 12224

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
GOVERNOR

October 28, 2021

City of Auburn  
Public Safety Building  
31 Seminary Street  
Auburn, NY 13021

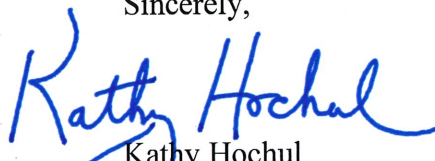
Dear Friends:

It's my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new City of Auburn Public Safety Building.

We are very grateful to those who keep us safe and secure during emergencies of all kinds, including fires, floods, and natural disasters. Auburn's new Public Safety Building will house Station #1 of the Auburn Fire Department and some Emergency Management Facilities for both the city and the county. When the need arises, these agencies will help to restore a sense of order and safety to the community.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I acknowledge the outstanding efforts of everyone who has helped to make this ribbon-cutting a reality. You can be proud of this innovative emergency management resource, protecting the citizens of today and generations to come. I congratulate Mayor Michael D. Quill and the members of the Auburn City Council for their vigilance and advocacy on behalf of the public they serve and safeguard.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Hochul  
Governor

THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK



SENATOR  
**PAMELA A. HELMING**  
54TH DISTRICT

**RANKING MINORITY MEMBER**

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AND RECREATION

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Hon. Michael D. Quill, Mayor  
City of Auburn  
Memorial City Hall  
24 South Street  
Auburn, NY 13021

October 28, 2021

Dear Friends:

Please accept my apologies for not being able to join you this afternoon. This is certainly an exciting day for the City of Auburn and for the residents and families who will be served by this new Public Safety Building.

Thank you to Mayor Mike Quill, Fire Chief Mark Fritz, City Manager Jeff Dygert, City Clerk Chuck Mason, City Council members, and all those who had a hand in this project. I know how hard you have worked to get here.

We need only look to the recent flooding to be reminded of the breadth of services provided by the Auburn Fire Department and emergency responders. Please know how grateful I am for your service and the service of all our public safety professionals who answer the call to help their neighbors in need.

It is my honor to support the City of Auburn and Cayuga County by advocating for the necessary state funding to see these projects through to fruition. As always, you have my continued partnership and support.

Congratulations to all of you! Thank you for your steadfast commitment to the citizens of Auburn. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam".

Pamela A. Helming  
Senator, 54th District

