

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 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 Councilor Giannettino.

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

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy Tamburrino
- Grants Coordinator, Onea Kloster

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 –

- The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.
- Seymour Public Library District will conduct a trustee election and referendum on its proposed 2023 budget on Friday, October 28, 2022. Absentee Ballots are available. Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at Seymour Public Library during its regular hours, Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information on the absentee ballot process can be found on the library's website. If you have questions, please call Lisa Carr, Director, at 315-252-2571, ext. 425.
- City of Auburn Parks & Recreation and the Auburn Doubledays present Homerun Halloween 2022 to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 beginning at 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Falcon Park on N. Division Street in Auburn. Presenting sponsor is Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY. The rain date will be Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the same time. Free admission; Free Cider & Donuts; Free Trick or Treat Bags; Bounce House; Face Painting; Balloon Artistry with Jeff the Magic Man; Special Halloween Guests; Food & Beverage Concessions also will be available; Fireworks; & more!
- City of Auburn, NY Transfer Station Fall Cleaning Days 2022

Auburn City Council Meeting, October 20, 2022

- CITY RESIDENTS ONLY
- All Rules Will Be STRICTLY ENFORCED
- Date #1 Saturday, October 29, 2022
- Date #2 Saturday, November 5, 2022
- Hours: 7:00 am - 11:30 a.m.
- Location: City of Auburn Transfer Station, 311 North Division Street
- For more information or questions call: 315-252-6441
- Requirements/Rules/Regulations:
 - City residents will need to deliver the material directly to Auburn Transfer Station
 - No transfer station permits will be required in order to participate.
 - Driver's license and vehicle registration will be required as proof of residency for participation (the address on both must match and will be strictly enforced).
 - No trailers, no box vans, no u-hauls and all loads MUST BE TARPED.
 - All garbage must be containerized (can or bag) NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Materials That Will Be Accepted At NO COST To City Residents
 - GARBAGE, RECYCLING, MATTRESS/BOX SPRING, BRUSH/YARD WASTE, and FURNITURE.
 - Yard waste/brush in brown leaf bags. (Plastic bags are no longer acceptable for this material).
 - Car tires (accepting 4 tires per residence).
- Materials That Will Be Accepted AT COST To City Residents
 - FREON CONTAINING UNITS \$45.00 EACH (Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers).
 - ELECTRONICS (LIMIT 2) \$20.00 EACH (Computer, Monitor, Microwave, DVD, VCR, Printer, TV's).
- Materials That WILL NOT Be Accepted at the Transfer Station Fall Clean-up Days are as follows:
 - HAZARDOUS WASTE;
 - ASBESTOS;
 - MOTOR OIL;
 - LIQUID WASTE;
 - FLUORESCENT TUBES;
 - GREASE;
 - SOLVENTS;
 - PAINT;
 - COOKING OIL.
- Registration for the Cayuga County Household Hazardous Waste Collection event that will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 is now open. Pre-registration for this event is now open and

information has been added to the City website.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS –

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to a pattern of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly.

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial, cultural, and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

WHEREAS, this year’s campaign theme, #EveryIKnowsSomeI, strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more than physical violence.

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence have and deserve federal and state rights to information, notification, protection, restitution, child support, participation in criminal justice proceedings; and referrals to supportive services; and

WHEREAS, there are over 2,000 local domestic violence programs and thousands of professionals and volunteers in America that serve victims of domestic violence and their children, provide safety, support, and victim assistance, and

WHEREAS, America has joined together annually since 1987 to commemorate October as “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” and 2022 marks the 44th year anniversary of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home, and

WHEREAS, by observing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month during October of each year, we show our ongoing commitments to and support for victims of domestic violence, and reaffirm America’s commitment to end domestic violence against women, men, and children;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Quill, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Auburn, in recognition of the important work done by victim advocates and allies.

Additionally, I urge all citizens to actively participate in scheduled awareness activities, and in programs that work to improve victim safety and hold perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims, and our society as a whole.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Twentieth Day of October 2022.

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

Councilor Giannettino presented the proclamation to Hope Albanese of the Cayuga Action Program, CAP. Ms. Albanese 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 –

October 13, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes by Councilor Kent, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

Motion to approve carried 4-0.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- Testing of the raw water at the filtration plant has shown decreasing levels of microcystin, even no trace at times. The Powder Activated Carbon System (PAC) is in operation but is being dialed back, and our finished water has been testing with no microcystin.
- Staff has developed a Request for Proposals for Architectural and Engineering services for upgrades to the Auburn Police and Auburn Ambulance Headquarters Buildings. The RFP should be viewable on the city webpage tomorrow and responses are due back November 10.
- Introduced the Auburn Enlarged Central School District's new Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Renee Burgess. Ms. Burgess addressed the Council.

Reports from members of Council – none

Matters to Come Before Council

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

SEQRA RESOLUTION #4 OF 2022

DECLARING TYPE II ACTIONS UNDER SEQRA FOR HOOPES PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By Councilor Locastro

October 20, 2022

WHEREAS, the City intends to undertake maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation improvements at Hoopes Park including, but not limited to, dredging the pond, and repair to the pond wall and outlet control structure; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations"), with respect to the project; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the Regulations establishes a list of Type II actions that have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and are not subject to further review; and

WHEREAS, § 617.5 (c) 1 states “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility”; and § 617.5 (c) 2 “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4”.

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

1. The proposed action corresponds with the parameters identified in § 617.5 (c) 1 and § 617.5 (c) 2 of the Regulations; and
2. The Hoopes Park Improvements Project constitutes a "Type II Action" under 6 NYCRR § 617.5 and no further action under the SEQR Act and the Regulations is required; and
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Kent

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor Kent	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill			X
Carried and Adopted	X		

B. Ordinances –

ORDINANCE #3 OF 2022

REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 254 ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE”

Motion by Councilor Locastro

October 20, 2022

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1991, the Auburn City Council enacted and established the Ordinance which adopted Chapter 72 of the Auburn City Code, which is now Chapter 254 of the City Code, entitled “Solid Waste”; and

WHEREAS, in light of the closure of the City of Auburn Landfill and the new operation of the City of Auburn Transfer Station, and a renewed focus on keeping the City clean for the health and benefit of residents, City staff recommends an update and revision to City Code Chapter 254; and

WHEREAS, City recommends repealing the existing City Code, Chapter 254, entitled “Solid Waste,” and replacing with the updated Chapter 254, also entitled “Solid Waste, which is attached and incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Auburn City Council does hereby repeal Chapter 254 in its entirety, passed on March 28, 1991, which was originally adopted as Chapter 72 of the City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Auburn City Council does hereby adopt Ordinance #3 of 2022 as Chapter 254 of the Auburn City Code entitled “Solid Waste”; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Auburn City Council hereby directs codification of Chapter 254 of the Auburn City Code entitled “Solid Waste”; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the foregoing repeal and adoption of this shall take effective immediately upon adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor Kent	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill			X
Carried and Adopted	X		

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions –

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #111 OF 2022
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS OPERATING AND
CAPITAL BUDGET TRANSFERS**

By Councilor Locastro

October 20, 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the fiscal 2021-2022 year as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, there is no fund balance being requested for these transfers; and,

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

1. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment A for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and,
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Kent

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor Kent	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill			X
Carried and Adopted	X		

Attachment A: 21-22 FY					
10/20/2022					
Amount	Account to		Account From		Reason
\$1,019.26	A3410.481	Fire – Fuel	A3410.250	Fire – Other Equip	Fiscal Year End Clean-up for closing books as of 6/30/22
\$15,000.00	CL8161.901	Refuse - Transfer	CL8161.110	Refuse - Wages	
\$9,000.00	CL8161.901	Refuse - Transfer	CL8161.130	Refuse - PT	
\$760.40	A3510.440	Animal Control	A1450.450	Elections	

**LAND SALE RESOLUTION #112 OF 2022
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 67 BARBER STREET**

By Councilor Cuddy

October 20, 2022

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2017, the City of Auburn acquired title to real property commonly known as 67 Barber Street (the “Property”) by tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Property is approximately .22 acres and consists of a vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, an adjacent property owner, Domingo Santiago, has proposed a Purchase Offer and Sale Contract, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the purchase of the Property at a price of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) together with payment of all title and closing costs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City’s Land Sale Policy, all adjacent property owners have been notified of this purchase offer and have not expressed any interest or concern; and

WHEREAS, the Property is a surplus parcel and not needed for City purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Auburn does hereby approve the Purchase Offer and Sale Contract from Mr. Domingo Santiago, which is incorporated herein, for the sale of 67 Barber Street, for the sum of \$600, on the conditions that the City provide only a Quit Claim Deed at closing, that the buyer pay all title and closing costs, and, subject to the remaining conditions and terms set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Purchase Offer and Sale Contract together with any and all documents in order to finalize the closing of this sale.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor Kent	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill			X
Carried and Adopted	X		

E. Staff or Vendor Presentations – none

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Second Public to be Heard. No speakers.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk