

Auburn City Council Meeting, May 4, 2023

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 2023 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. Councilor Ginny Kent, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Tim Locastro and Mayor Quill were present. Councilor Terry Cuddy was excused.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Tim Brennan
- Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Director of capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike T
- City Engineer, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- Assistant Comptroller, Theresa Adams

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 –

Ceremonial Presentations –

WHEREAS, treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and
WHEREAS, there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide that are breaking the cycle of addiction and crime, providing hope and healing through recovery to people with substance use disorders; and

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WHEREAS, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve. The Auburn City court is saving lives and reducing crime by offering evidence-based treatment and accountability to people struggling with substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, we're celebrating the lifesaving work of veteran's treatment courts across the U.S. the entire month of May. Most veterans return home strengthened by their service. But for those who struggle with the transition, the Auburn City Court provides accountability, treatment, and peer mentoring to help get their lives back on track.; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing, and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council do here-by proclaim that

DRUG TREATMENT COURT & MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Be established during the month of May 2023, recognizing the significant contributions drug courts have made toward reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism while saving valuable resources.

**In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and caused the seal of the City of
Auburn to be affixed this Fourth day of May
2023.**

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

WHEREAS, the travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Cayuga County's economy, development and workforce.; and

WHEREAS, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.6 trillion in 2022, supporting 14.5 million American jobs; and

WHEREAS, travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in the City of Auburn and across the United States by generating \$84 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

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WHEREAS, in Cayuga County tourism generates \$131 million in direct sales, including \$16.3 million in state and local taxes, demonstrating a 117% recovery in direct sales and 125% recovery in local & state taxes from 2019; and

WHEREAS, in Cayuga County tourism generates supports 1502 jobs and provides \$528 in tax relief per Cayuga County household; and

WHEREAS, the outdoors product in Cayuga County, including fishing, hiking and boating played a major role in the pandemic recovery and will continue to play a leading role in tourism marketing; and

WHEREAS, the travel industry cannot recover without the full return of leisure, business and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives America forward to a more prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, the travel industry's success will grow the City of Auburn's economy and workforce, since, prior to the pandemic, small businesses accounted for 60% of leisure and hospitality employment; and

WHEREAS, travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses and fosters mutual understanding

WHEREAS, the spirit of travel is a necessary and prominent component of our return to everyday life from the pandemic, and must be supported and protected.

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 proclaim May 7-13, 2023 as

NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

in the City of Auburn and urge the citizens of City of Auburn to join me in recognizing the critical role of the tourism industry in our city and county.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Fourth day of May 2023.

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

Public to be heard – The City Clerk read the rules for the Public to be Heard. None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

April 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 20, 2023 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Kent.

Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

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- This week, crews began working on permanent patches along city streets where excavation work was necessary during the winter months. Crews are also working on some curbing and sidewalks in advance of the next road program.
- Staff is ready to go with a Council Resolution for this year's road program, however we are waiting on the adoption of the NYS Budget to ensure funding remains at the anticipated level.
- This week staff met with representatives from the Rochester Association of Realtors. They had viewed Jenny Haines' presentation on the Housing Committee and were motivated to meet and offer their services and experience as we continue to pursue housing opportunities.

Reports from members of Council –

Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) - SEQR RESOLUTION #2 OF 2023

DETERMINING THAT THE AUBURN COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW FACILITIES REHABILITATION & SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

By Councilor Giannettino

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WHEREAS, the City of Auburn (the “City”) is the sponsor of a proposed project to upgrade and improve the City's existing Combined Sewer Overflow (“CSO”) treatment facilities and the storage and release facility as well as complete sewer separation in the tributary areas of the North Interceptor Sewer by constructing new storm and sanitary sewers as well as the rehabilitation of existing sewers and manholes by trenchless construction methods within the City of Auburn, New York (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”) with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared and completed Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) for the Project and compared the impacts that may reasonably be expected to result from the Project to the criteria for determining significance as identified in Section 617.7(c)(1) of the Regulations, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the New York State (“NYS”) Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, the NYS Historic Preservation Office, the NYS Department of Transportation and the US Army Corps are the “involved agencies” (as the quoted term is defined in the regulations) for this Project; and

WHEREAS, correspondence was sent to the aforementioned Agencies on March 3, 2023 requesting consent to the City acting as lead agency for the review of the Project and providing a copy of the EAF Part 1 and no objection has been made to the City acting as lead agency; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and 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 that based upon an examination of the EAF and other available supporting information, the knowledge about the area surrounding the Project, and such further investigation of the Project and its potential environmental impacts, the City Council makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

1. The Project is classified as an “Unlisted” action, as that term is defined in the Regulations; and
2. The City has completed Parts 2 and 3 of the EAF and compared the impacts that may reasonably be expected to result from the Project to the criteria for determining significance identified in Section 617.7(c)(1) of the Regulations; and
3. The City hereby approves and adopts the attached EAF for the Project (Parts 1-3 with its supporting written elaboration), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein and will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the Project; and
4. The City hereby authorizes the EAF to be signed and a Negative Declaration to be filed for the Project and posted to the NYS DEC Environmental Notice Bulletin; and
5. The City Clerk and City staff are authorized to take such additional steps as may be necessary to carry out this Resolution; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded By Councilor Kent

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

B. Ordinances – Bond Ordinance #5 of 2023

By Councilor Kent

BOND ORDINANCE #5 OF 2023

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**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,049,500 SERIAL BONDS TO
FINANCE THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO COMBINED SEWER
OVERFLOW TREATMENT FACILITIES AND SEWER SEPARATION
PROJECTS**

BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York (the "City Council") as follows:

Section 1. The City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York (the "City") is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Treatment Facilities and sewer collection and separation system including, but not limited to, the rehabilitation of CSO buildings, replacement of manholes and sewer lines, the acquisition and installation of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required, costs of surveys, maps, plans and environmental, engineering, feasibility and other design studies, at an estimated maximum cost of \$22,099,000 and to issue an aggregate \$11,049,500 in serial bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law to finance the estimated costs of the aforesaid object or purpose.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$22,099,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of \$11,049,500 in serial bonds (the "Bonds") of the City; and by the expenditure of \$11,049,500 grant-in-aid monies to be received from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation authorized to be issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific class of objects or purpose described in Section 1 is forty (40) years pursuant to subdivision 4 of Section 11.00(a) of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(3)(l) of the Local Finance Law, current funds are not required to be provided prior to issuance of the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the City, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 6. The Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, shall be general obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the City without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the City by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

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Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes, and the power to sell and deliver the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, and the power to issue bonds providing for level or substantially level or declining annual debt service, is hereby delegated to the Comptroller, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City.

Section 8. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be from the City's Sewer Fund. It is intended that the City shall then reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this Ordinance and that the interest payable on the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This Ordinance is intended to constitute the declaration of the City's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this Ordinance with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this Ordinance, no moneys are reasonably expected to be received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 9. The serial bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized to be issued by this Ordinance are hereby authorized to be consolidated, at the option of the City's Comptroller, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City, with the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by other bond Ordinances previously or hereafter adopted by the Common Council for purposes of sale in one or more bond or note issues aggregating an amount not to exceed the amount authorized in such Ordinances. All matters regarding the sale of the bonds, including the date of the bonds, the use of electronic bidding, the consolidation of the serial bonds and the bond anticipation notes with other issues of the City and the serial maturities of the bonds are hereby delegated to the Comptroller, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City.

Section 10. The City Comptroller, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the City, is further authorized to sell all or a portion of the Bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (the "EFC") in the form prescribed in one or more loan and/or grant agreements (the "Agreements") between the City and the EFC; to execute and deliver on behalf of the City one or more Agreements, Project Financing Agreements, and Letters of Intent with the EFC and to accept the definitive terms of one or more Agreements from EFC by executing and delivering one or more Terms Certificates; and to execute such other documents, and take such other actions, as are necessary or appropriate to obtain a loan or loans from the EFC for all or a portion of the costs of the expenditures authorized by this Ordinance, and perform the City's obligations under its Bonds or bond anticipation notes delivered to the EFC, the Project Financing Agreements and the Agreements.

Section 11. Any federal or New York State grant funds obtained by the City for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be applied to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds or to the extent obligations

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shall not have been issued under this Ordinance, to reduce the maximum amount to be borrowed for such capital purposes.

Section 12. The validity of such bonds authorized by this Ordinance and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Ordinance or a summary hereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 13. The City Comptroller, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the City, is hereby authorized to enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, requiring the City to provide secondary market disclosure as required by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

Section 14. The City Comptroller, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the City, is hereby authorized to file an application with the New York State Comptroller pursuant to Section 124.10 of the Local Finance Law to exclude the proposed indebtedness authorized herein from the constitutional and statutory debt limits of the City.

Section 15. This Ordinance, or a summary of this Ordinance, shall be published in the official newspapers of the City for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the City in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 16. This Ordinance is not subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum.

Section 17. The Common Council hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 18. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and be published in official newspaper of the City, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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	Ayes	Noes
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 –

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #46 OF 2023

**AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED
BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR**

By Councilor Cuddy

May 4, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, that it does hereby authorize that a Public Hearing be held before the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York on the 18th day of May, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, New York, concerning the City Manager’s Recommended Budget 2023-2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution in the official newspaper of the City of Auburn in accordance with the governing State and local requirements.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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

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**GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #47 OF 2023
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MUNICIPAL ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR EV CHARGING STATIONS**

By Councilor Kent

May 4, 2023

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation offered the 2022 Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn applied to the ZEV Infrastructure Grant Program for the purchase and installation of three dual-port electric vehicle charging stations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the application to the ZEV Infrastructure Grant Program, the City of Auburn has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$80,288.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Auburn must be authorized to accept the grant funding and execute all necessary documents in connection therewith prior to commencing the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, hereby accepts grant funding from the ZEV Infrastructure Grant Program in the amount of \$80,288 for the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Comptroller is authorized to recognize grant revenue in the amount of \$80,288.00, and to appropriate the funds into the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Auburn, or a designated representative, is authorized to execute the grant contract and all other documents necessary for the acceptance of the grant, and otherwise act on all matters related to the grant.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

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

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**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #48 OF 2023
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS OPERATING AND
CAPITAL BUDGET TRANSFERS**

By Councilor Giannettino

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WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, there is \$300,000 of Sewer Fund - Fund Balance being requested for these transfers.

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 2022-2023 fiscal year; and,
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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		

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Attachment A: 22-23 FY					
5/4/2023					
Amount	Account to		Account From		Reason
\$3,000	G8130.412	Operating Supplies	G8130.220	Office Equipment	To cover the cost of chemicals
\$8,600	G8130.412	Operating Supplies	G8130.250	Other Equipment	To cover the cost of chemicals
\$300,000	G8130.440	Services	G 909	Fund Balance	To cover the cost of sludge hauling
\$4,000	F8330.130	Temp/PT	F8330.250	Other Equipment	To cover the cost of Temp PT worker
\$6,000	F8330.150	Overtime	F8330.250	Other Equipment	To cover the cost of OT
\$10,000	G8120.412	Operating Supplies	G8120.250	Other Equipment	To cover the cost of grates & frames
\$7,000	F8340.412	Operating Supplies	F8340.250	Other Equipment	To cover the cost of stone & asphalt

AWARD RESOLUTION #49 OF 2023

AWARDING A BID FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

By Councilor Cuddy

May 4, 2023

WHEREAS, the 2023 Road Improvement Program involves streets to be improved by asphalt resurfacing including partial reconstruction, patching, crack sealing, micro-surfacing, milling the road surfaces, and installing asphalt trueing and leveling and top courses; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, bids were opened for the 2023 Road Improvement Program and the following bid was received:

1. Paul F. Vitale Inc. \$2,053,790.00
Auburn, New York

; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Auburn City Council award the 2023 Road Improvement Program to the lowest responsible bidder, namely, Paul F. Vitale Inc., which has submitted a low bid of \$2,053,790.00;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award the contract for the 2023 Road Improvement Program to Paul F. Vitale Inc., the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,053,790.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the Resolution in the amount of \$2,053,790.00 is to be charged as follows:

- \$2,023,790.00 is to be charged to 2023 Road Improvement Program Acct. #HA5110.5442.LK;
- \$30,000.00 is to be charged to Revolving Loan Sidewalk Acct. #HA5497.440.001 for property owner curb & sidewalk installations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary in reference to the award of this bid.

Seconded by Councilor Kent

	Ayes	Noes
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.

David Stiegerwald discussed recent action by the State of New York to mandate the use of electric in new construction rather than natural gas. Karen Kuhl, Executive Director of Cayuga County Office of Tourism discussed EV Charging stations and their importance for the tourism industry.

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Members of Council discussed the upcoming City budget. Councilor Giannettino discussed vehicles for Auburn Police Department; Councilor Kent discussed funding for Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council; Councilor Cuddy discussed the Summer Camp for Children that will be environmentally focused.

Councilor Giannettino discussed the recent meetings that were scheduled between city officials and staff representatives of the State Department of Health pertaining to the State's approval of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations. Unfortunately the State officials cancelled the meeting at the last minute which was the second time in recent weeks.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk