

Auburn City Council Meeting, July 6, 2023

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 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 Terry Cuddy, Councilor Tim Locastro and Mayor Michael D. Quill were present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Deputy City Clerk, Coleen LaMay
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Tim Brennan
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz

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 –

Notice is hereby given that the Auburn City Council has called a public hearing to be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. regarding Local Law #1 of 2023 Amending Sections of the "Housing Standards" Chapter of the Auburn City Code. This public hearing will be held during the regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, first floor, Auburn, NY 13021.

Ceremonial Presentations – Ceremonial pinning of new Firefighter Joseph DeJoy Badge – with Mayor Quill, Scott DeJoy and Bridget Fogarty.

Public to be heard: The City Clerk read the rules for Public To Be Heard and the following individuals spoke: Ms. Edith Love spoke about matters she has encountered on Franklin Street where she resides.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – none

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Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- The city of Auburn Civil Service Office has announced the following exams:
 - Police Officer – Entry Level Exam Sept. 9, must sign up by Aug. 10
 - Keyboard Specialist – Exam Aug 26, must sign up by July 28
- Last week we were notified of another successful grant application. The city has been awarded \$900k from the NYSDOH under the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Our application was ranked number 2 in NYS.
- This week we were notified of an additional \$2.565m in funding to replace the Aurelius Ave. Bridge. This brings our total funding to about \$8.1m of the estimated \$10-11m project.
- Staff is compiling an update on our use of NYS Touring Route funds to date, as well as allowable uses for funds moving forward. We are planning a work session with Council July 27 to discuss the use remaining funds. Staff will present some identified projects and answer Council questions related to potential application of the funds.

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Reports from members of Council –

Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions –

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #71 OF 2023 AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

By Councilor Kent

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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 20th day of July, 2023 at 5:00 pm concerning the Program Year 2022 and 2023 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan Amendment.

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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	

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #72 OF 2023

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THALER REILLY WILSON FOR THE AUBURN CITY COURTS EXPANSION PROJECT

By Councilor Giannettino

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WHEREAS, the City of Auburn issued a Request for Proposals to solicit professional consulting services to provide architectural and engineering related services for the Auburn City Courts expansion project located at 157 Genesee Street; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2023, the City received proposals from four (4) qualified professional architectural firms; and

WHEREAS, a committee was formed to review and score the proposals against the criteria outlined in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Thaler Reilly Wilson Architecture & Preservation, LLP (TRW) of Albany, NY is recommended as the highest ranked firm to provide scoping & design, bidding and construction admin and inspection services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that TRW Architecture & Preservation, LLP be awarded the contract for professional consulting services for the Auburn City Courts Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award a contract to TRW Architecture & Preservation, LLP of Albany, NY for professional consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$185,000 and charged to the City Courts Expansion account (#HA 8760 440 COURT); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or appointed designee, is authorized to sign the agreement and all other documents relating to the agreement on behalf of the City of Auburn.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

**AWARD RESOLUTION #73 OF 2023
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 REVOLVING
LOAN SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

By Councilor Cuddy

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WHEREAS, the Revolving Loan Sidewalk Program allows City property owners to request that the City contractor install sidewalks and/or curbing on their property, which they are then able to finance over a five-year period as a special assessment charged on their City taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Revolving Loan Fund Account is replenished by previous participants' yearly installment payments; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, bids were opened for this year's program and the following bid was received:

1. DiGeorge Construction Services, LLC \$ 139,745.00
Canastota, New York

; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Auburn City Council award the bid for the 2023 Revolving Loan Sidewalk Program to the lowest qualified bidder which was DiGeorge Construction Services, LLC pursuant to their low bid of \$139,745.00;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award the contract for the 2023 Revolving Loan Sidewalk Program to the lowest qualified bidder, DiGeorge Construction Services, LLC for their low bid of \$139,745.00 and the cost of Resolution is to be charged to Revolving Loan Sidewalks Account #HA 5497-440-001; and

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

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #74 OF 2023

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) FUNDING UNDER THE 2023-24 GUN VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) INITIATIVE PROGRAM

By Councilor Kent

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WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYS DCJS) established a program entitled the “*Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative*” with the purpose of providing state funding to local law enforcement agencies for equipment, overtime, personnel, as well as focused training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County GIVE Partnership, a task force consisting of the Auburn Police Department and various Cayuga County agencies, applied for and were awarded funding under the NYS DCJS 2023-24 GIVE Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Police Department has been awarded \$121,277 to cover over-time and equipment costs associated with implementing the GIVE Initiative with no local match required over the 1-year grant period starting July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn, NY needs to accept the grant funding and execute all necessary documents in connection therewith prior to commencing the GIVE Initiative.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, hereby accepts grant funding from the NYS DCJS GIVE Initiative in the amount of \$121,277 to cover equipment and overtime expenses for the Auburn Police Department for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to recognize grant revenue in the amount of \$121,277 into revenue account A99 359 GIVE and to appropriate the funds into the Police Department accounts A3120 150 GIVE and A3120 440 GIVE; and

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

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	

E. Staff or Vendor Presentations –

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS – none

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

- Two matters pertaining to collective bargaining agreements.
- One matter made confidential under attorney client privilege.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Coleen LaMay, Deputy City Clerk