

Auburn City Council Meeting, August 24, 2023

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 24, 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. Mayor Quill and Councilor Ginny Kent, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- Police Chief, Jim Slayton

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 – summer event calendar events were read.

Ceremonial Presentations – none

Public to be heard: The City Clerk read the rules for Public To Be Heard and there were no speakers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

August 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes by Councilor Kent, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.
Motion to approve carried 5-0.

August 17, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the August 17, 2023 minutes by Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.
Motion to approve carried 4-0. Mayor Quill voted present.

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Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- The City of Auburn has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for design construction documents and construction administration for the Wall St Park improvement project which is part of our CDBG plan. Responses are due August 29.
- The city is also accepting bids for pipe and materials, due September 6.
- Last week our Water Treatment staff began utilizing the Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) system in low doses as a precaution and based on prior years' experience. Both raw and finished water testing have resulted in non-detect classifications for microcystin. More information and timely updates are available on the city webpage.
- Earlier this week our director of Planning, Jenny Haines, and I attended the CNY Regional Economic Development (REDC) meeting in Syracuse. These meetings are useful in staying updated on regional projects and trends related to economic development overall, as well as progress on the Micron project.
- Earlier this week staff participated in the Cayuga County Housing Committee meeting led by Jenny Haines. These meetings are attended by both local and regional representatives from government and the private and non-profit sector related to housing and residential development. The group anticipates having input and participating in future regional discussions related to housing needs driven by the micron development. The work of this group continues to be helpful and informative regardless of the impact of Micron, as we work to address current housing issues and anticipate more needs as we experience other commercial development.
- Today staff issued a notice to proceed on the Casey Park Skate Park project. The construction kick off has been delayed due to some issues lining up appropriate insurances for the various contractors.
- The City Manager introduced Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen to provide Waste Water Treatment Plant Construction Update:

General work completed to date is as follows:

- 1) Demo of 1970's Trickling Filters (275' diameter, 4 total filters)
- 2) Stone from filters crushed and reused as compacted foundation and trench fill.
- 3) Site subgrade placement for new solids handling building, one digester, and dry product storage canopy
- 4) 90% of stormwater facilities installed including piping and manholes

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- 5) 3 Electrical manholes and ~350' of duct bank placement
- 6) Over 100,000# of rebar tied and placed
- 7) Formwork for solids handling building foundation set

Upcoming next week:

- 1) 50 yards of electrical duct bank concrete encasement
- 2) 170 yards of foundation concrete placement
- 3) Asbestos Abatement and demo of interior of the recirculation building (new digester control building)
- 4) Painting of existing steel in Final Settling Tank (FST) 4 (1 of 4 to complete)
- 5) Continuation of demolition in the existing solids handling facility around operations.

The Project continues to progress within the confines of the construction schedule and budget. No major unanticipated costs/scope alterations so far.

Reports from members of Council – none

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 or Vendor Presentations –

- Update on the Summer Recreation Program – Summer Recreation Coordinator Meg Gremli and Falcon Park Grounds Maintenance Coordinator Brian Rhodes. See attached.
- Auburn Conservation Corps Summer Camp Recap by Councilor Terry Cuddy and Dr. Walt Aikman. Councilor Cuddy showed a brief video he had prepared that recapped the 2023 pilot program. The 2023 week of camp was well received by participants and planning is underway for summer of 2024. The 2023 program received support from the City of Auburn, Cayuga Onondaga BOCES, the Auburn Beautification Commission, the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, and, Dr. Walt Aikman. Staff support was Auburn Junior High School teacher Caleb Bolha and seasonal City parks employee Gracie Giannettino.
- Bar Graph Report July 2023 - Jeff Dygert, City Manager

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TABLED ITEMS – none

Second Public to be Heard: Tim Lattimore spoke regarding the City of Auburn's production of water.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Executive Session: Councilor Kent 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 under attorney client privilege due to potential litigation.
- Two matters pertaining to the sale or lease of real property.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk

2023 Summer Rec Program Recap

Attendance – Lincoln park (Tuesday)

7/11 – 37 – Sunny/80°

7/18 – 77 – Sunny/78°

7/25 – 71 – Cloudy/75°

8/1 – 77 – Sunny/80°

8/8 – canceled due to rain

8/15 – canceled due to rain

Attendance – Clifford Park (Wednesday)

7/12 – 93 – Cloudy/75°

7/19 – 115 – Sunny/78°

7/26 – 90 – Sunny/86°

8/2 – 122 – Sunny/70°

8/9 – 114 – Partly cloudy/77°

8/16 – 136 – Partly cloudy/76°

Attendance – Casey Park (Thursday)

7/13 – 43 – Rain/78°

7/20 – 74 – Sunny/83°

7/27 – 39 – Heavy rain right before start time/75°

8/3 – 74 – Partly cloudy/81°

8/10 – 80 – Cloudy/73°

8/18 – 83 – Partly cloudy/81°

Attendance total – 1,325

478 different kids attended the program

Participant Survey

1. Did you have fun at summer recreation?

100% circled “Yes”

2. Will you come back next summer?

100% circled “Yes”

3. What were your favorite activities?

Top 3 – Culinary, Playground, and sports

4. What would you like added?

Top 3 – Nothing, swimming, and water activities

5. What would you have done if you didn’t come to summer rec?

Top 3 – Nothing, play video games, and watch TV

Parent Survey

1. How satisfied were you with the overall program?

100% circled “Highly Satisfied”

2. How satisfied were you with the activities offered?

100% circled “Highly Satisfied”

3. Will you have your child attend next summer?

100% circled “Definitely”

4. What were your child’s favorite activities?

Top 3 – Culinary, Gaga Ball, and sports

5. What changes/additions would you like to see in the future?

Top 3 – No changes, add more days, and add another park

Daily Activities

Arts & Crafts



Board Games



Reading





Field & Court Games



Gaga Ball



Playground



Special Activities

Culinary (Wednesdays at Clifford)





About Us

Finger Lakes Incubator & Community Kitchen (FLICK), Inc. is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit Inc. whose mission is to support the sustainability of Central New York's regional food systems.

As part of our community engagement efforts, FLICK offers recreational programming focused on nutrition-based education and culinary skill development for both youth and adults.



Fran Daloia, Executive Director

Fran supports all programming, including program planning, community partnership development, and fundraising efforts.

In addition to having experience working on public policy food programs like the NYS Good Food Purchasing Program Coalition and the Food Systems Leadership Network, Fran previously served on the boards of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and Swedish Covenant Hospital's Associate Councils in Chicago, IL where she helped plan and execute several annual fundraising events.



Chef Nick Daloia, Culinary Director

Chef Nick leads culinary and nutrition programming and instruction.

With 10+ yrs. of experience teaching culinary arts, Chef Nick is an expert at engaging elementary to college-age learners. In his previous role at Chicago's Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute at Kennedy King College, he crafted and developed several culinary and nutrition programs in partnership with various community-based organizations and food programs, including the Chicago's Children's Museum's Petite Chefs program, Chicago Park District's Summer Culinary Class series, The Trotter Projects' Culinary Arts Summer Camp, and the 61st Street Farmers Market at the Experimental Station.

Yogurt Parfait



Tomato & Corn Salsa



Cold Noodle Salad



Seasonal Veggie Maki



Stone Fruit Chutney



Smoked Tomato Tapenade



Play Space (Tuesdays at Lincoln)



Seymour Library (Thursdays at Casey)



Wiffle Ball with Doubledays (All 3 parks 7/11, 7/12, 7/13)



Home Depot Tuesday (7/11)



Auburn Field Hockey (Thursday 7/27)



NYS Police Drone (Thursday 7/13)



Healthy Snack from Snap Ed (7/11, 7/18, 8/3, 8/17)



Fire Safety with AFD (All 3 parks 7/25, 7/26, 7/27)



Perform 4 Purpose (Wednesdays at Clifford)



Kids on Wheels sponsored by Cayuga County Health Dept (All 3 parks 7/18, 7/19, 7/20)



Cayuga County Sheriff K-9 (Tuesday 7/18)



Tennis & Pickleball Lessons sponsored by Sports4All (All 3 parks 8/1, 8/2, 8/3)



United Way Day of Caring (Thursday 8/3 at Casey)



Captain Jack Storyteller (Wednesday 8/16)



YMCA Swimming Safety

All 3 parks (8/1, 8/2, 8/3)



NUCOR Safety (Thursday 8/17)



Tie-Dye sponsored by Currier Plastics (Wednesday 8/16, Thursday 8/17)



Egg Drop (Thursday 8/17)











Falcon Park Fun Day (Thursday 8/10)









APD Kickball Game



Thank You to our Partners

- City of Auburn
- NUCOR
- Play Space
- Seymour Library
- Perform for Purpose
- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office
- New York State Police
- City of Auburn Fire Department
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Cayuga County's SNAP Ed program
- Cayuga County Health Department
- Sports 4 All
- Home Depot
- Auburn Doubledays
- Auburn Police Department
- Rotary
- Currier Plastics
- United Way
- YMCA



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