

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 3, 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 Mayor Quill.

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

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- City Engineer, William Lupien

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 –

Mayor Quill Proclaimed February 2022 as Black History Month in the City. Courtney Rae Kasper, Visitor Experience Manager for the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center presented to the City Council about the upcoming Harriet Tubman Bicentennial celebration that will take place in Auburn with events throughout 2022. Historians identify 1822 as the year of Tubman's birth. A website www.HarrietTubman200.com has been launched that will contain all information about events associated with the year long celebration. Kick-off ceremonies are being planned for Harriet Tubman Day which is March 10, 2022.

Public to be heard: Mayor Quill asked the Clerk to read the public to be heard rules. No speakers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

January 20, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes by Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

Motion to approve carried 4-0.

Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report –

- This week we received notice that the American Public Works Association's Central New York Branch has recognized the City of Auburn's State Street Bridge Replacement Project with its Transportation Project of the Year Award. We want to thank all our city staff, C and S Engineers, Slate Hill Contractors, and Finger Lakes Railway for their contributions to this transformative project.

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 #19 of 2022

**AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2022, WHICH
ADOPTS REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION 458-B AND ELIMINATES THE 10-YEAR
LIMIT ON THE COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION**

By Councilor Cuddy

February 3, 2022

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 February 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm at City Council Chambers, 1st floor, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, New York regarding the local option to eliminate the 10 year limit on Cold War Veterans Exemption.

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 Locastro

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #20 of 2022

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

By Councilor Kent

February 3, 2022

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn is an Entitlement Community for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and is required to submit a Five Year Consolidated Plan with an annual statement of objectives and uses of the CDBG Entitlement Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has prepared 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan outlining the community development activities, objectives and budget for use of funds; and

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn has held public meetings to solicit participation and input into the preparation of both the proposed Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn held a Public Hearing in Council Chambers on December 9, 2021 and the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York held a Public Hearing on January 27, 2022 during the Public Comment period; and

WHEREAS, The City of Auburn published the Notice of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan on January 5, 2022 to start the local comment period.

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

1. The City Council does hereby approve the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan; and
2. The City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and submit the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG entitlement grant to complete the objectives of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan; and
3. The City Council does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Funding Approval and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development necessary to further the objectives of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan and all related Subrecipient and other agreements necessary to further the objectives of the Annual Action Plan; and
4. The City Council does hereby authorize the City Comptroller's Office to recognize grant revenue and appropriate funding into the correct departmental budget.

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		

GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #21 OF 2022

ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

By Councilor Cuddy

February 3, 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Police Department is an agency committed to improving law enforcement interactions with the public by advancing work that increases access to justice, supports crime victims and protects the public from crime and evolving threats; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021 the City of Auburn submitted an application to the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (US DOJ BJA) for funding assistance to acquire 60 Body-Worn Cameras and to implement a Body-Worn Camera policy and program to support law enforcement in the City of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2021, the US DOJ BJA notified the City of Auburn of an Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program grant award in the sum of \$120,000 with a required local match amount of \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, post-award the US DOJ BJA has determined that awardees may not utilize US Department of Treasury American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as an eligible source of local cash match for the Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program; and

WHEREAS, based upon this post-award notification the Auburn Police Department has identified allowable expenses to include in-kind personnel and fringe benefit costs that will be incurred as part of the program development and implementation as well as local cash in a combined amount up to \$120,000 over the period of the grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn hereby accepts the FY 2021 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grant from the US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$120,000 and authorizes an allowable local in-kind and cash match of \$120,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Comptroller is authorized to create a capital project account and recognize grant revenues from the US Department of Justice in the amount of \$120,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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		

GRANT ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION #22 OF 2022

ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE JUSTICE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION (JRSA) FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM SPECIALIST PROGRAM

By Councilor Cuddy

February 3, 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn New York Police Department desires to be an agency that

places a high priority on addressing the needs of victims of crime and providing the most effective services to this population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Police Department in partnership with Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. (CCS) applied for and received funding to implement a Law Enforcement Based Victim Specialist (LEV) in 2019 from The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Office of Victims of Crime (OVC); and

WHEREAS, in December 2021 the City of Auburn submitted an application to the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) for funding assistance to conduct a joint research project that will focus on studying the culture of the Auburn Police Department and perception of their role in victim response; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2022 the City of Auburn was notified of a LEV mini-grant from the JRSA in the sum of \$14,955; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Auburn or a designated representative 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 hereby accepts a research mini grant from the JRSA in the amount of \$14,955 to conduct a joint research project that will focus on studying the culture of the Auburn Police Department and perception of their role in victim response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is authorized to create a project account with a total project budget of \$14,955 and to recognize grant revenue from JRSA in the amount of \$14,955; 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 Kent

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

E. Staff Presentations –

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk