

Auburn City Council Meeting, October 19, 2023

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 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 and Councilor Terry Cuddy were present. Councilor Terry Locastro was excused.

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
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot

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 –

Public to be heard: The City Clerk read the rules for Public To Be Heard and the following individuals spoke:

Mary Nellenbeck of Chase Street spoke to comment on the positive impact the downtown flower program has been and she recognized those involved with making the project happen

Pam O’Casik of Chapman Avenue spoke to discuss situations in her neighborhood with dog complaints.

Tim Lattimore of 63 South Street spoke and discussed a visit he made to Genesee Elementary for Halloween.

James Udall of Osborne Street spoke.

Jackie Reilley spoke regarding matters that were before the Nuisance Abatement Committee during the October meeting.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes – none

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- Over the last several weeks city staff has joined county staff and a variety of other stakeholders to discuss economic development efforts, expansion of municipal water systems, and housing. Last night Jenny Haines and I were joined by Shareen Ondrosko, the County Operations Officer and Paul Viggiano of CEDA at a round table discussion at the MOST in Syracuse. The meeting was conducted by the Micron Community Engagement Committee and supported by the CNY Regional Economic Development Council. The event was designed to gather more input from the CNY community to determine areas of need to help direct future funding intended to improve the overall quality of life in CNY. All residents are encouraged to take about 4 minutes to complete an online survey at microncec.org/survey, or visit the City Web page or the CEDA web page for links.
- I did follow up with the administration from Auburn Community Hospital this week regarding last week's comments on parking. We will be meeting soon to discuss, more in depth, their next steps in addressing some of the issues.
- This week Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities and I attended a joint meeting of the Town of Owasco, as a water provider, and the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority to discuss their plan for a second water source from Cayuga Lake and how the systems would interact operationally and financially.
- Bombardier: City staff continues to have regular meetings with the real estate firm handling the sale or redevelopment of the Bombardier property. Our staff has been providing guidance related to zoning, utilities, grant funding opportunities, etc to interested developers so they can make better informed proposals.

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

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**AWARD RESOLUTION #98 OF 2023
AWARDING 2023 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

By Councilor Giannettino

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WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has impacted the lives of thousands of individuals in Auburn and Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, residents have suffered in various and sundry ways from the harms concomitant with the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, to address this epidemic, in 2019 the City of Auburn retained Napoli and Shkolnik, PLLC and joined class action litigation in order to pursue relief for the damages that it and its residents had suffered; and

WHEREAS, settlements have been reached with several of the defendants in this action, resulting in 2023 in the flow of settlement funds to the City to address the harm associated with the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has received approximately \$87,000 of Opioid Settlement Fund Regional Abatement monies to expend for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the received funding shall be accepted and result in a budget increase to accounts A99.3002 and A1230.440; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports has advised that municipalities in receipt of settlement funds pass those funds along to local agencies that provide certain designated services to address the harms concomitant with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Nick's Ride for Friends and Confidential Help for Alcohol and Drugs provide such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award %50 of the 2023 settlement funds to Nick's Ride for Friends and %50 of the 2023 settlement funds to Confidential Help for Alcohol and Drug Addiction respectively to be paid out of account No. A1230.440.

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

Seconded by Councilor Kent

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

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #99 OF 2023

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #4 TO POPLI DESIGN GROUP FOR THE LINCOLN STREET PARKING GARAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By Councilor Kent

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WHEREAS, on April 8, 2021, the Auburn City Council authorized Agreement Resolution #46 of 2021, which awarded Popli Design Group Change Order #2 for Construction Inspection Services for the Lincoln Street Parking Garage Improvement Project (the “Project”) in the amount of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2022, the Auburn City Council authorized Agreement Resolution #36 of 2022, which awarded Popli Design Group Change Order #3 in the amount of \$40,000 for continued inspection services through September 1, 2022, for the Project; and

WHEREAS, due to additional concrete deck repairs and vendor/ product delays that are weather-dependent for installation, the project work extended from September 2022 through September 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Popli Design Group has continued to provide inspection services during this last year incurring additional professional services costs of \$30,000 and now a final change order is necessary to close out the project; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the additional professional services is to be charged to the Welcome Center Project capital account #HA 1620 440 IM in the amount of \$30,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award Change Order #4, in the amount of \$30,000 to Popli Design Group for additional professional services related to the Lincoln Street Parking Garage Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of this Resolution shall be charged to the Welcome Center Project capital account #HA 1620 440 IM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following budget transfer be made to fund the change order:

Increase *HA99 359 IM State Aid – Equal Rights Heritage (ARPA)* \$15,204.73

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Increase *HA1620 440 IM Building Services*

\$15,204.73

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or appointed designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements and reimbursement requests on behalf of the City of Auburn for said Project.

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		

E. Staff or Vendor Presentations –

TABLED ITEMS – none

Second Public to be Heard: none

OTHER BUSINESS – none

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

- 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 5:57 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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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