

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020 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 5:00PM in the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Quill.

Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, Councilor Debra McCormick, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present. Councilor Cuddy was present via teleconference.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- Interim Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines (by teleconference)

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.

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, any public announcements?

City Clerk Mason

We do have one announcement this evening, Mayor. The next meeting of the Auburn Civil Service Commission will be held next week on Monday. The meeting will be Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm. The

meeting will be held here at City Hall but will be live streamed on the city's website and people can find more information at the calendar page of the city website. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Councilors we do have one proclamation it probably does not appear on your agenda, it was a late entry. So, Mr. Clerk if you'd read that, please. Thank you.

Chuck Mason

WHEREAS, June 6, 2020 marks the 76th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy, and is the day that marked the beginning of the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, on D-Day an estimated 156,000 American, British and Canadian troops landed on the beaches of the Normandy region of France for what would be one of the largest military assaults in history; and

WHEREAS, our service men showed courage, dedication, compassion and self-sacrifice as they fought for freedom for the world and the end of the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their country during World War II with 6, 600 casualties on D-Day alone; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1943 over sixty young men from the Auburn area missed the final months of their senior year of high school as they were drafted to join the U.S. Army reporting to Fort Niagara to begin their service, eventually assigned to the 299th Combat Engineer Battalion; and

WHEREAS, the 299th Combat Engineer Battalion was comprised of these service men from Auburn, New York and hundreds others all from towns and cities from across upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, the service men of the 299th Combat Engineer Battalion were some of the first American soldiers to set foot on the beaches of Normandy; and

WHEREAS, the following men who became known as the Auburn boys served as part of the 299th Combat Engineer Battallion's mission on June 6, 1944: John Brannick; Claude Brown; James Burke; Anthony J. Butera; Giacomo Cappello; Anthony T. Contrara; Steve Cook; Joseph M. Costello; Joseph H. Coyle; Daniel G. Cristodero; Nicholas Vincent DeAngelis; Dominick A. DeBenedetto; Anthony N. DeTomaso; Chester W. DiBari; Sam J. DiFabio; Byron E. Dustman; Nicola A. Falcicchio; Wallace F. Filkins; Edward Galbally; Anthony N. Gasparo; John H. Gleason; Harold E Green; Charles W. Hawelka; Charles W. Hurlbut Jr.; Leo A. Indelicato; Melchior LaRosa; Joseph C. Leonti; Harry L. Lull; Angelo Manna; Frank J. Morabito; Joseph J. Morabito; Richard L. Nash; Wilson J. Near Jr.; Larry Netti; Thomas J. Netti; William L. O'Brien; James F. O'Byrne; Thomas G. O'Connell; Carmen D. Ottaviano; Raymond C. Painter; Henry J. Pearson Jr.; Anthony A. Petrosino; Thomas Phillips; James B. Ramage;

Carl H. Reese; Lawrence A. Roberts; Steven Rusinko; Sam V. Scolaro; William J. Secaur; Carmelo Signorelli; Charles W. Smith; Dominic A. Spano; John Spinelli; Herbert M. Steigerwald; Bruce A. Stigner; Anthony Surace; William J. Titus; Saverio G. Trinca; Samuel J. Vella; James Walter; Francis C. Weirich; and George J. Wilson Jr.; and

WHEREAS, on D-Day, the following Service men from the Auburn, NY area gave their lives on the beaches of Normandy in the liberation of Europe : Claude D. Brown; Nicholas Vincent DeAngelis; Leo A. Indelicato; Thomas J. Phillips; Lawrence A. Roberts; and John R. Spinelli.

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 do proclaim June 6, 2020 as

**D-Day National Remembrance Day
and
299th Combat Engineer Battalion Day**

in the City of Auburn, and we encourage our citizens and visitors to take time to remember our fellow Auburnians and all who fought and died so men and women they had never met might know what it is to live in freedom.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Sixth day of June 2020.

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

Mayor Quill

Approval of meeting minutes from May 21 of this year.

City Clerk Mason

- Approval of the May 21, 2020 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor McCormick (aye), Councilor Giannettino (aye), Councilor Cuddy (Yes), Councilor Locastro. (Yes), Mayor Quill (aye). Carried. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Mr. Dygert, City Manager's report, please.

City Manager Dygert

Thank you, Mayor. Just a couple of quick updates city of Auburn is currently accepting bids for the biosolids processing and drying design, construction administration and construction Inspection Services. Bids are due back on June 26. And more details can be found on the city webpage under the tab bids and RFPs. Also under that bid tab, or under that spot on the web page, the City of Auburn is accepting funding applications for the CDBG CV program. For not for profit human service agencies. Those applications are due back tomorrow, June 5, and more information can be found under that bid tab. Jenny Haines, our Director of Planning gave me an update just prior to this meeting so far we've received two applications in that category. We're expecting a handful more. But that's the status of that, currently. The City of Auburn is accepting applications also for the COVID-19 economic recovery support. Those applications are also due back tomorrow June 5. And again, additional information can be found on the city webpage under the bid tab, or under the tab bids and RFPs. To date, we have received 44 business applications and just for public consumption, we know we've received those applications. We don't know what they are, what the details are, but we know we've received those applications. The City of Auburn continues to work with SUNY ESF and the Cayuga County Health Department for COVID-19 testing at our wastewater treatment facility. To date, no tests have indicated any reportable traces of COVID-19 that would raise any concern. And lastly, this week city staff has been working diligently to provide support to our local restaurant businesses. Late yesterday, New York State gave restaurants the go ahead to open outdoor dining areas with significant restrictions. Last night, the New York State Liquor Authority provided additional guidelines for municipalities and businesses. And today staff conducted several meetings with BID and numerous downtown business owners to navigate these updated rules and procedures. We've also been in communication with a few other restaurants in the community, and are working to quickly develop plans that will support our local restaurants if they choose to take advantage of the early opportunities to get back to business. So I suspect in the coming days, you'll see some restaurants opening up. Again, they're limited to outdoor seating areas with social distancing, masks in use, if you're not seated at a table and a host of other things, but we're trying to work through the details of that and let some of our local businesses stretch their legs a little bit and maximize the outdoor space so that they can conduct a little more business. That's it. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Questions for the manager? Reports from members of council, Councilors? Councilor Giannettino, please.

Councilor Giannettino

Thank you. I want to start by saying that on May 25, George Floyd, a 46 year old African American male, was murdered by Derek Chauvin, a uniformed police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. By now this is common knowledge nationwide. And people are probably wondering why I'm saying that out loud. I just think that sometimes you need to say things out loud. What is also common knowledge is that the response nationwide to this tragic incident has been varied, for lack of a better word. There have

been peaceful protests there have been violent protests. I want to talk a little bit about what happened here in the City of Auburn on Sunday. We had a protest in the city of Auburn, and it was peaceful. And in large part, I believe was peaceful because good people live in this community. And we have good police officers in this community. And that example of good police officers is, you know, set at the top. And I want to acknowledge Chief Butler, Deputy Chief Anthony and Sheriff Brian Schenck, not only for their leadership on Sunday, but for their leadership and their entire tenure in those positions. I believe that while systemic racism exists in this community, I also believe that we have a strong foundation for change. We have leadership throughout the city and throughout this community is willing to change, is willing to listen. And thankfully we have community members that are willing to engage with us to make their concerns known in a positive manner and to move forward with us. So I just want to acknowledge everybody that showed up, especially the young people I was heartened by the words of the young people that spoke, some of them graduated with my son. They sat around my dinner table, I gave them rides home from football practice. And I was really taken aback by the leadership that they're showing. So, you know, the work continues. We're all dedicated to that work. But I just wanted to take a minute to acknowledge those people. Thank you. Thank you,

Councilor Cuddy

Mayor.

Mayor Quill

Councilor Cuddy, please.

Councilor Cuddy

I'd like to second Councilor Giannettino's you know, praise for the Auburn support, and County Sheriff's and their show of bravery and solidarity with an issue that is happening all over the country. And I just wanted to also think that, one of the things that we've done is proved to the world around us that this isn't a an issue where there are two sides. It's not an us versus them issue. We are all in this together and one of the things that I wanted to talk about with what we could do as the beginning what we could do as a city is to work more with the Human Rights Commission. So that there would be a much more, robust relationship. So that there needs to be a more robust relationship to follow through on our commitment to the the African American community. I think we as a city can do more to promote the Human Rights Commission. And also to give them the kind of leadership and city support. I do think it may be a good idea to have the corporation counsel work with the the Human Rights Commission to begin to help them on, be more accessible to the community. And I think that with that legal advice, I think this would help the healing to start in our community. And I just wanted to put that out there and say that we are committed to social justice. We are committed to everything that has been started by the city through the implicit bias training that Chief Butler has committed to, and I just know that we will do the right things with our partners in the community to show that we're going to take this issue continue to take this issue very seriously.

Mayor Quill

Thank you, Council. Anyone else? Thanks. Very well. Thank you all. SEQR Resolution Number 5 of 2020. Determining that proposed activities are a type two action for purpose of New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. Do we have a sponsor Councilor McCormick seconded Councilor Giannettino.

City Clerk Mason

SEQR RESOLUTION #5 OF 2020

**DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES ARE TYPE II ACTIONS
FOR PURPOSES OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

By Councilor McCormick

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York (the “City”) is the sponsor of a zebra mussel control project, which includes the purchase of machinery and apparatus and repairs and maintenance of the Upper Pump Station for the Department of Municipal Utilities (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), as set forth in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and the regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”) with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the City has reviewed and considered the Project in light of the actions included on the Type I and Type II lists specified in Sections 617.4 and 617.5, respectively, of the Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn as follows:

1. The Project constitutes a “Type II Action” (as the quoted term is defined in the Regulations) because each of the Project activity falls within the ambit of one or more of the following actions included on the Type II list specified in Section 617.5 of the Regulations;
2. The Project is not subject to further review under SEQRA; and
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Thank you. Discussion Councilors. Very well. Councilor Cuddy anything? Thank you. Can you call the roll please?

City Clerk Mason

SEQR RESOLUTION #5 OF 2020 - DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES ARE TYPE II ACTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

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

Mayor Quill

Budget Resolution Number 61 of 2020 Adopting the City of Auburn Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor McCormick, second by Councilor Locastro.

Chuck Mason

**BUDGET RESOLUTION #61 OF 2020
ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUBURN BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

By Councilor McCormick

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the City Manager has presented to the City Council a final proposed budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, which encompasses the various funds of the City; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this final budget was duly held on May 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt said recommended budget.

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

1. Adopts the 2020-2021 General fund budget in the amount of \$35,618,116, with the amount of \$12,892,440 to be raised by property taxes based upon the 2020-2021 taxable assessed

valuation of \$1,047,957,173 which will produce a tax rate of \$12.302449 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation; and

2. Adopts the 2020-2021 BID levy in the amount of \$141,409 to be raised by special district taxes based upon the 2020-21 taxable assessed valuation of \$57,471,940, which will produce a tax rate of \$2.460490 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation within the Business Improvement District (BID); and
3. Adopts the 2020-2021 Power Utility fund budget in the amount of \$1,092,021; and
4. Adopts the 2020-2021 Refuse Collection fund budget in the amount of \$1,631,303; and
5. Adopts the 2020-2021 Transfer Station fund budget in the amount of \$787,545; and
6. Adopts the 2020-2021 Solid Waste fund budget in the amount of \$1,492,181; and
7. Adopts the 2020-2021 Water fund budget in the amount of \$5,681,795; and
8. Adopts the 2020-2021 Sewer fund budget in the amount of \$8,080,278.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

Mayor Quill

All set? Councilors? Councilor, please.

Councilor Giannettino

Thank you Mayor. The budget process during normal years is a stressful time for everyone, staff and council. Let alone during a pandemic. This year's budget cycle presented some unique challenges. I'd like to acknowledge and thank staff for overcoming those challenges, for working with us, for the clerk, you know, making all the technology available to the public so if they wanted input, they could have it. We repeatedly asked for and received an austerity budget. We all believe that there will be a downturn in sales tax which is vital to our budget, and we have acted accordingly. If you look at this budget and what has been cut from it, we are providing basic services that the people of Auburn need and deserve on a daily basis. I was on this morning's bi weekly call for the COVID response, and to listen to the discussion, and the intricacies and nuances of everything that's discussed in those calls, and what takes place on a daily basis to keep the city running, to keep the people safe, whether it's public safety, whether it's the streets, whether it's the water, whether it's trash pickup. It is complicated. And everybody is tasked with their departments, and in providing those services and they all do it very well. And this budget allows us to continue doing that. We just spoke of a peaceful protest in downtown Auburn on Sunday, where a dozen or more police officers were there if they were needed, they were there to interact with the public. That's what this budget pays for. At the same time, we had an entire

Fire Department on standby in case there was an incident. In case somebody got hurt. That's what this budget provides for Wednesday, my trash was picked up. That's what this budget provides for. This morning, I took a shower, I drank water today. That's what this budget pays for. And I just think it's important to remember that these services are required. And that's what this budget is paying for. So again, thank you to the staff for putting it together. Thank you for being open to our suggestions. And I'm hopeful that by tightening our belts we'll get through this year, and that next year will be a better year for everybody. Thank you.

Councilor McCormick

Yeah, I just want to say every year I know that staff works diligently for months before they present us with a budget and I wholeheartedly know they present us with the best budget they think we should have in their professional and ethical opinion. And this year they were working on it, unbeknownst to us, the pandemic was coming. But they also still presented a well thought out and a lot of hard work went into it. And we did have to make some requests for changes in order to be able to anticipate the unknown so that that'll be a lot of fun to watch and look forward to. But I really do sincerely, like what Councilor Giannettino just said is perfect. Again, it's all about our services, not equipment, its people. Everything you've got, there's a person behind, whether it's the obvious ones or police and fire, but your sewer, your water, everything is a person behind it. The infrastructure and the people and that's what tax dollars pay for. This year, hopefully, we can get by with this budget but time will tell. And I am going to vote in favor of the budget, knowing that things could change, maybe for the better, hopefully. But we'll just have to see what happens because there's a lot of places that have had to make some hard decisions. So I just wanted to be sure, I thanked all the people behind the budget for all the work they do, and the way they handled some of the changes. Sometimes we asked for changes, it turns out, we get the same result anyway and just we feel better because we made the suggestion. but the fact that people don't come to the public hearing, and it's not because of COVID, but the citizens of Auburn, rarely, come to city council about the budget. That must mean they aren't very happy. And I hope that's what it is. But I think we need to participate more in our government in order for it to work right. And I really wish even if it's something you do like that you would come the public get more involved in we're active in what we do. And with that, I will be quiet. Thank you,

Mayor Quill

Councilor Cuddy, anything to add? anything add in regards to this discussion?

Councilor Cuddy

I just want to echo my colleagues response regarding that how the budget unfolded, and the fact that we had to really look at the sales tax downturn, to make the kind of cuts that we did to our original budget. And I just hope that we can, you know, fair the storm and come out on the other side so that we can get back to doing what we were doing before. So to have the events to have all the things that make Auburn so special in the summertime and throughout the year. It's just going to be a tight year, an austerity year, and I look forward to getting back to normal.

Mayor Quill

Thank you. To Mr. Dygert. To department heads, all our employees. Thank you very much for an uphill struggle working through the COVID and the state of our country or state, or county in our city. You've worked long and hard. Past councils, you had many midnight sessions around here, where they would cut, cut, cut. And then one year, they cut all the salaries at the part timers. Literally they realize that was their salaries they were cutting. So thankfully with this council and a few past few councils, we have let the city manager and department heads do what they should do. They know their part, their business, they know what they need to perform these tasks. And they all work within their means. So thank you for that. Hopefully next year, it's never going to be perfect. But hopefully next year, we'll be over this hump and we'll get on about our business. So thank you for that. Mr. Clerk, just for the record, and I'd like this in the minutes, where there any calls from individuals in regards to the budget that were not read into the record, or councilors never notified?

Chuck Mason

None to the to the clerk's office or the council's phone number or email, collective email

Mayor Quill

And the same to the Mayor's office. I just want everyone to understand we did our best with what we had to work with in regards to engaging the public. So I did want it on the record. So in closing, Mr. Dygert, your staff, Thank you very much. For department heads, you have somewhat of a lull for six months because around the holiday season, usually the budget comes back out. So enjoy your time away for a bit. so no further to discussion? Did you want to add anything? Okay, thank you. No further discussion. Clerk, call the roll. Please.

City Clerk Mason

**BUDGET RESOLUTION #61 OF 2020
ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUBURN BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

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

Mayor Quill

Budget Resolution number 62 of 2020 Adopting the 2020-2021 City of Auburn Consolidated Fee Schedule, do we have a sponsor, Councilor Giannettino, second by Councilor McCormick.

Chuck Mason

BUDGET RESOLUTION #62 OF 2020

**ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 CITY OF AUBURN
CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE**

By Councilor Giannettino

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council annually adopts a consolidated fee schedule in June of each year; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Department Heads have reviewed the consolidated fee schedule and have determined that no modifications are needed; and

WHEREAS, the consolidated fee schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein is proposed for adoption for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby adopt the consolidated fee schedule attached hereto for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Discussion in regards to the fee schedule.

Councilor Giannettino

Mayor, as far as I understand there are no changes to the fee schedule this year. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Corporation Counsel, I'd like to ask you a question. Because the budget, the fee schedule is a big part of the budget. Am I correct, in regards to the income from the fee schedule, the fees, wouldn't that be passed before the budget? I'm not an attorney. You know that very well. I'm just thinking that way.

Stacy DeForrest

I'm actually gonna defer to the comptroller because I have to refer it out to the comptroller, but in terms of how the fees come together, I think she would be more able to answer.

Rachel Jacobs

That's a very good point. Yes. There are portions of the fees that are collected from there that go into the budget. So in the future, it might make sense to pass that prior to the budget. But I mean, I don't know if you're looking for like, percentage wise how much it impacts or anything, but?

Mayor Quill

It's like the argument what came first the chicken or the egg. Right? So, just thinking if we slash this, this resolution, and we cut here, cut there, then how do we make it up in the budget, so?

Rachel Jacobs

It's a very good point. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Further discussion? Please call the roll.

City Clerk Mason

BUDGET RESOLUTION #62 OF 2020 ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 CITY OF AUBURN CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

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

Mayor Quill

Financial Resolution Number 63 of 2020 authorizing various operating and capital budget transfers. We have a sponsor Councilor Giannettino second by Councilor Locastro

City Clerk Mason

Financial Resolution #63 of 2020

Authorizing Various Operating and Capital Budget Transfers

By Councilor Giannettino

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the fiscal 2019-20 year as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, there is no fund balance being used for these transfers.

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

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1. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment A for the 2019-20 fiscal year; and,
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

Attachment A: 19-20 FY					
6/4/2020					
Amount	Account to		Account From		Reason
\$ 2,200.35	A3120.460	Police - Travel & Training	A3120.150.CECIT	Police - OT Comm Events City Sponsored	Transfer funds for academy tuition due 6/1 for 4 new recruits
\$ 1,600.00	A3120.460	Police - Travel & Training	A3120.140	Police - Holiday Pay	
\$ 1,100.00	A3620.220	Codes - Office Equipment	A3620.456	Codes - Demolitions	Transfer funds to purchase new monitors for Codes
\$ 800.00	A3620.210	Codes - Furniture & Fixtures	A3620.456	Codes - Demolitions	Transfer funds to purchase new chairs for Codes

Mayor Quill

Thank you, discussion councilors. Please call the roll.

City Clerk Mason

Financial Resolution #63 of 2020 Authorizing Various Operating and Capital Budget Transfers

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

Mayor Quill

Council Resolution Number 64 of 2020 Approving ARISE to use the facilities at Casey Park for Freedom Camp in 2020. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

City Clerk Mason

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #64 of 2020

APPROVING ARISE TO USE THE FACILITIES AT CASEY PARK RECREATIONAL FACILITY
FOR FREEDOM CAMP 2020

By Councilor Locastro

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, for the past 39 years Freedom Recreational Services, now merged with ARISE, has provided the Freedom Camp summer program for developmentally disabled and handicapped individuals at the Casey Park Recreational Facility; and

WHEREAS, Freedom Camp successfully provides opportunities for young people to enjoy recreational programs during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, for the summer of 2020, ARISE requests the use of Casey Park Recreational Facility from July 6th through July 31st during the program times from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and that all fees associated with this use be waived; and

WHEREAS, ARISE will provide requisite insurance coverage to the City and coordinate its activities with the City Administration and the Department of Public Works Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must approve the requested use of the Casey Park Facility and a waiver the fees for the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby grant permission to ARISE to conduct the Freedom Camp summer program at the Casey Park Recreational Facility for the purpose of providing a summer program to children with special needs, from July 6, 2020, through July 31, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all fees imposed for the use of Casey Park Recreational Facility by Freedom Recreational Services for Freedom Camp are hereby waived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is conditional upon both ARISE and Casey Park Recreational Facility being lawfully able to open and operate, pursuant to New York State Executive Orders relating to COVID-19.

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

Mayor Quill

Questions Councilors? Councilor?

Councilor Giannettino

I just want to clarify that they will work with the city to get permission based on the current COVID situation.

City Manager Dygert

It's my understanding summer day camps were given permission to open. How that impacts our specific program we don't know, but we'll certainly have to have discussions. Most of the reopening that have happened come with certainly a list of conditions. So we'll have to work out with them if we find out we're able to accommodate the reopening of Casey Park for use for Freedom Camp, who will be responsible for those guidelines and following those guidelines. Things like disinfecting cleaning facility and things like that. We'll work through all that.

Councilor Giannettino

Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Councilor Cuddy. All set sir.

Councilor Cuddy

I'll set Mayor. Thank you. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

No further discussion. Clerk if you call the roll in regards to Council Resolution Number 64.

City Clerk Mason

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #64 of 2020 - APPROVING ARISE TO USE THE FACILITIES AT CASEY PARK RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR FREEDOM CAMP 2020

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		

Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

Mayor Quill

Appointment Resolution Number 65 reappointing a member of the Civil Service Commission. We have a sponsor? Councilor Giannettino second by Councilor McCormick.

APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION #65 OF 2020

RE-APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

By Councilor Giannettino

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2014, John C. Hardy of 72 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York was appointed as a Civil Service Commissioner of the City of Auburn for a term of six (6) years, said term expiring on May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardy has served the City as Civil Service Commissioner since his original appointment on May 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn City Council wishes to re-appoint Mr. Hardy to another term as Civil Service Commissioner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that John C. Hardy of 72 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York if hereby re-appointed as a Civil Service Commissioner of the City of Auburn effective June 1, 2020 for a term of six (6) years, terminating on May 31, 2026.

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

Councilor McCormick

If we were not in the COVID shut down mode. I would have asked Mr. Hardy if he could come tonight because he, all of our board members, volunteer their time. And well, civil service gets a minimal compensation but in the last few years, there's been a lot of changes to what we do and how we recruit. People inform and educate to get people to take tests for any civil service position. And I know for sure that Mr. Hardy, Jack Hardy, is out there, representing the city, going to schools, high schools, community centers, and he does it with his heart, really. He loves Auburn. And like my father, I have to say this in case Jack is watching, his dad was a fireman, and so was mine. So, we're like sister and brother in a certain way. And that's not the only reason he's a great guy. It's just that, at this time in our world, having somebody like Jack Hardy to be out there, helping our community try to learn how to go

through the civil service process is really a gift. And I just want to tell him how much we appreciate it. And I will be voting yes. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Anyone else? No further discussion, Clerk, call the roll in regards to our Resolution Number 65.

City Clerk Mason

Appointment Resolution #65 of 2020 Appointing a Member of the Civil Service Commission

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

Mayor Quill

Agreement Resolution Number 68 of 2020 authorizing an agreement with the Auburn Downtown Business improvement district for operations of the New York State Equal Rights Heritage Center. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Giannettino.

Mayor Quill

Award Resolution Number 66 of 2020 authorizing change order number one for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant CDBG sidewalk program Do we have a sponsor? Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Locastro.

AWARD RESOLUTION #66 OF 2020

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SIDEWALK PROGRAM

By Councilor McCormick

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, the Auburn City Council passed an Award Resolution for the 2020 CDBG Sidewalk Program in the Bid amount of \$110,985.00, which provides sidewalk replacement in designated CDBG areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2020 CDBG program, \$165,000 was programmed for the installation of sidewalks and/or curbs in this year's project areas: and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize the remaining available 2020 CDBG Sidewalk Program funds of \$54,015.00, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$54,015.00 to Concrete Slipform Inc. is now requested ; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this Resolution is to be charged to the Community Development Account #CD 8672-2210-2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award Change Order #1, in the amount of \$ 54,015.00 to Concrete Slipform Inc. for additional work for the 2020 CDBG Sidewalk Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the Resolution in the amount of \$54,015.00 is to be charged to the Community Development Account #CD 8672-2210-2020 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is contingent upon the City of Auburn receiving an executed fiscal year 2020 contract from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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 Locastro

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Discussion councilors? Councilor, please.

Councilor Locastro

Will this project be completed this year?

City Manager Dygert

Yes

Councilor Locastro

Okay, thank you.

Mayor Quill

Anyone else? Very well please call the roll. Regards to Resolution Number 66

City Clerk Mason

AWARD RESOLUTION #66 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SIDEWALK PROGRAM

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

Mayor Quill

Agreement Resolution Number 67 of 2020. Authorizing funding for master agreement with New York State DOT For the North Hunter Brook Bridge project. Do we have a sponsor? Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

Agreement resolution #67 of 2020

Authorizing to fund ALL DESIGN AND Construction Phases for North Hunter Brook Bridge Replacement Project- NYSDOT PIN #375598

By Councilor Giannettino

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the City has completed a Project to design and reconstruct two (2) bridges over the North Hunter Brook in the City of Auburn, NYSDOT P.I.N. 375598 and this Project is eligible for funding under Title 23 US Code, as amended, and the Locally Administered Federal Aid Program (LAFAP) that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal Funds and 20% non-federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution is required for the authorized execution of a Final Master Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation regarding all phases of the Project and the total Project costs which are a total of \$231,990 for the funding of Design (Phases I-VI) and a total of \$1,570,417 for the Construction Phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn desires to close out the Project by confirming that the City made a commitment of 100% of the first instance payments of the total project costs in the amount of \$231,990 for Design, and \$1,570,417 for the Construction and/or Construction Supervision and Inspection phases for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby approve the final Master Agreement for the Project, and it is hereby

RESOLVED, to approve the close out of the Project and confirm that the City of Auburn did pay in the first instance 100% of the costs of Design, Construction and/ or Construction Supervision and Inspection work for the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Auburn be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and reimbursement requests for Federal Aid/ and/ or New York State Marchiselli Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the closeout of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and confirmation of the municipality's first-instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-aid and State-aid-eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project.

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

Mayor Quill

Discussion Councilors?

Councilor Locastro

Where exactly are these bridges?

Mayor Quill

Mr. Lupien. Could you come forward please?

Bill Lupien

One is over Schwartz Drive in the Standard Woods Apartments and the other one is at Macintosh Drive just below behind it, between Murray Street and the plaza there.

Councilor Locastro

When were they last redone roughly?

Bill Lupien

Well, there actually were culverts there, metal pipes, they'd have like three pipes, and they're all one, it was collapsing on the bottom. And we actually had to close down half the road on Schwartz drive, because the road was, the one culvert pipe was deforming and the bottom was gone. So, now the top was, you know, concaving inward, and the whole sidewalk was dropping down on the edge of the road, so, we actually had to close off half the road until we could get this. We were lucky that we knew about this project a long time ago and had put in for grant applications and it just happened that we got the structural deficiencies against the culverts there and there we were scheduled and like within a year later to be able to replace these.

Councilor Locastro

Are there any drainage issues in that area?

Bill Lupien

Well, both these pipes, they were catching a lot of debris because there are three culvert pipes. Now it's actually they call it a bridge once it's 20 feet. So, now it's a big wide rectangular one, we increase the floodway capacity for both this, the Schwartz Drive one, and, as well as, the Macintosh. A lot of people never realized the Macintosh was surcharging, and the water would be way up above the pipes. And sometimes it was almost coming into the back door of a couple of those two buildings on the Standard Woods, the ones closest to the west there. But by doing the two, taking the culvert pipes out, putting a larger rectangular opening, now we've increased the floodway and have a lot less chance of flooding.

Councilor Locastro

Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Thanks, Mr. Lupien. No further discussion. Clerk call the roll in regard to Resolution Number 67 please.

City Clerk Mason

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #67 of 2020 - Authorizing to fund ALL DESIGN AND Construction Phases for North Hunter Brook Bridge Replacement Project- NYSDOT PIN #375598

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

City Clerk Mason

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #68 OF 2020

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR OPERATION OF THE NYS
EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER**

By Councilor McCormick

June 4, 2020

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2018, the New York State Equal Rights Heritage Center (the “NYS ERHC”) opened at 25 South Street, Auburn, New York, as a part of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Central New York Upstate Revitalization Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the NYS ERHC includes the following attractions and offices: I Love NY Equal Rights Heritage Tourism Promotion Center; Taste NY Market; Local visitor information center for Auburn, Cayuga County and the region; Offices of the Cayuga County Office of Tourism, the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District and the City of Auburn Historic & Cultural Sites Commission; and

WHEREAS, the BID’s operations of the NYS ERHC has been successful since the Center’s opening and the City would like to continue this established partnership; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, outlines an operations plan for the NYS ERHC that will commence on July 1, 2020, and last through June 30, 2021, with an ERHC operations budget of \$110,000, and a Historic and Cultural Sites Commission budget of \$30,000 which are both allocated in the City budget’s Equal Rights Heritage Center Account (A-10-1621-21-440); and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement will become effective upon approval of the BID Board of Directors and will expire on June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn hereby approves an Agreement with the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District for services related to operating the New York State Equal Rights Heritage Center and the City’s Historic and Cultural Sites Commission for a term commencing on July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2021, together with all of

the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Auburn hereby authorizes the City Comptroller to make payment to the BID as outlined in the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Auburn hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the Downtown Business Improvement District, and any and all documents necessary to carry out this Resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

Mayor Quill

Thank you, Councilor.

Councilor McCormick

A question. I serve on the board of the BID and I'm not sure if I can, because I'll be voting on this there too. Can I vote?

Stacy DeForrest

My recommendation would be that you would vote on this and abstain from the vote with BID.

Councilor McCormick

Good deal. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Mayor Quill

Discussion. Council, we have Chief Butler who is here with us if we have any questions for him.

Mayor Quill

Nothing further Council. Clerk would you call the roll please?

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #68 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR OPERATION OF THE NYS EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		

Mayor Quill	X		
	Carried and Adopted	X	

Mayor Quill

Councilors any other business this evening?

Councilor Giannettino

Something I wanted to mention earlier and I forgot, this afternoon I had the opportunity to visit the landfill, I'd do anything to get outside these days, to tour the new transfer station. So, I just wanted to acknowledge Eric Lepak from the sanitation department for taking the time to take me through it. Mr. Dygert, you mentioned that city staff has been busy working with local businesses on expanding outdoor cafes. I want to say thank you for doing that. I had received some calls. I don't really have any input because sometimes too many cooks in the kitchen aren't good and I think that there's been enough people involved to move that along. How many local businesses do you think have been involved in those conversations?

City Manager Dygert

Off the top of my head? Probably a dozen over the last couple of days.

Councilor Giannettino

And how many calls have there been in the last couple of days? How many calls and meetings have there been the last couple of days?

City Manager Dygert

I couldn't tell you, several, I mean, we had three today, directly related to just the restaurant aspect of things, if that puts things into perspective,

Councilor Giannettino

Right? And that's what I what I'm trying to get at, it was kind of a softball question I was throwing to you, okay, a bit of a loaded question. These things come up, right, especially now, Governor's office issues an order, this comes up, our local people are looking for answers or looking for help and who do they call? City staff. So, again, this is a great example of how this budget funds that city staff to help the people of this city and it's a partnership and we appreciate that partnership. And I just wanted to highlight that as an example of how it's good for business to have a staff that's engaged, educated, and willing to work with the businesses in town. So, thank you.

Councilor McCormick

Can I add to that?

Mayor Quill

Did you want to explain?

City Manager Dygert

I was going to just add to that, sorry, Councilor. Again, as I mentioned earlier, the CDBG CV program, where we have 44 applications as of today, we expect with the deadline being tomorrow that there will actually be a significant number more, and it's our hope that next week, staff, in conjunction with CEDA, can go through and start to organize those applications. We expect that we'll probably have probably 50 or 60 easily, and then the following week, for probably for the following two weeks, our internal committee for reviewing those grants will be hard at work trying to get those grant applications turned back around and get the money back out to those businesses as soon as possible. It's going to take some time, because there are quite a few. That's all, it isn't, you know, to your point that we are working as quickly as we can. And again, on a daily basis, we have changes from New York State that we are trying to navigate through and make sure we're doing the right thing.

Councilor Giannettino

And right, so there's another example \$523,000 comes to the City of Auburn to deal with a crisis. We all thank Senator Gillibrand, Senator Schumer and Congressman Katko, they get the praise and rightfully so. But then city staff has to do the work and there are requirements that go along with that. And we have to follow those requirements. So, thank you for mentioning that because that's another example.

Councilor McCormick

It is. I just wanted to add, at the risk of leaving someone out. I believe Dawn Schultz from Prison City has been involved speaking on behalf of the other downtown businesses, she's been working overtime. I can't imagine, owning a business and she's been organizing phone calls and getting everybody together to try to figure out how we can best get Auburn back up and going, along with Stephanie DeVito, the executive director of BID. As Councilor Giannettino said, there's a lot going on behind the scenes and I think those two people, plus the people at CEDA, are all working above and beyond what they normally would do at this time of the year when it's busy with events and things going on. But they're taking care of all of our smaller businesses and I think they appreciate it. And I think Dawn, she stands out to me because she's kind of taken charge. It's helpful to have somebody working with BID to get out front of it to help communicate with the other businesses so I'm appreciative of Dawn. Good neighbor. And I hope she comes right back as strong as she was, Prison City, that is.

Mayor Quill

Thank you. Anyone else? Mr. Dygert request for Executive Session?

City Manager Dygert

No Mayor

Mayor Quill

Auburn City Council Meeting, June 4, 2020

Anyone else? Motion to adjourn?

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 18, 2020 by Charles Mason, City Clerk