

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #28 OF 2019**

**SUPPORTING THE CITY OF AUBURN'S PRIORITY PROJECTS IN THE  
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN**

By Councilor Carabajal

March 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn is the recipient of the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program award, which will invest \$10 million into projects that transform Auburn's downtown into a vibrant place where the workforce will want to live, work and raise families; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last six (6) months, the City of Auburn has supported NYS Department of State and project consultant efforts in the formation of a Local Planning Committee (LPC) and numerous community engagement strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, Auburn's DRI program consisted of an engaged community participatory process with six (6) LPC meetings, four (4) public workshops, a presentation at the Wednesday Morning Roundtable program, and discussion at the CEDA 101 for Lenders event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's DRI application outlined 14 initial projects however through a second "Call for Proposals" and a "Call for Concepts" the LPC received 21 additional new project proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the LPC was ultimately required to review a total of 29 viable projects requesting \$21.7 million in DRI funding assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, with guidance from NYS agencies and the project consultants the LPC confirmed a ballot of 18 projects requesting a total of \$13.5 million in DRI funding assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn was successful in moving forward two (2) public improvement projects that will be eligible for DRI funding, these projects are the Shared Public Safety Building and State Street Event Plaza requesting a total of \$2.2 million of DRI funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shared Public Safety Building project proposes to reinvigorate a downtown neighborhood by relocating essential fire and emergency services which will repurpose a vacant parcel and building; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Street Event Plaza project would also repurpose a vacant lot within the State Street Creative Corridor for community event space that will support the greening of our downtown; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City's Priority Projects are included in the Auburn Strategic Investment Plan which will be submitted to NYS and Governor Cuomo for final review and funding consideration at the end of March 2019; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Auburn City Council supports the Auburn Strategic Investment Plan and the City's Priority Projects and urges NYS and Governor Cuomo to strongly consider funding these public benefit projects; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to be included in Auburn's DRI Strategic Investment Plan.

Seconded By Councilor McCormick

	Ayes	Noes	Abstain
Councilor McCormick	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Carabajal	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

City of Auburn, New York

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
                                      ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF CAYUGA     )

I, CHARLES MASON, Clerk of the City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York (the “City”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed abstract of the minutes of the meeting of the Council of the City (the “Council”), held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2019, including the Council Resolution #28 of 2019 contained therein, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the attached is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mason', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Charles Mason, Clerk  
City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York