## **SEQR RESOLUTION #124 OF 2019**

## PRELIMINARILY CLASSIFYING THE NEW SHARED SERVICES PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT AS A TYPE I ACTION UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY

By Councilor Giannettino

November 7, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn (the "City") has identified multiple problems and deficiencies with the existing facilities and buildings that house the Auburn Fire Department ("AFD"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City is considering a project to create a new shared services public safety building on a vacant parcel in the City, where the AFD would be relocated, together with other emergency services including those provided by Cayuga County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is an action subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), as set forth in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Section 617 (the "Regulations"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to comply with SEQRA and the Regulations with respect to the Project;

WHEREAS, as sponsor for the Project, the City has prepared Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF") for the SEQRA review of the Project, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of State are considered involved agencies for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cayuga County Office of Emergency Services and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation are considered interested agencies for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the scope and nature of the Project in light of the actions described as "Type I" under Section 617.4 of the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Auburn (the "City Council") desires to serve as lead agency for purposes of conducting a coordinated review of the Project and to classify the type of action for which the Project qualifies under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to provide a copy of Part 1 of the FEAF and other pertinent materials containing information about the Project to the involved agencies and the interested agencies for their review and comment.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The City Council hereby declares its desire to serve as lead agency for purposes of a coordinated review of the Project under SEQRA;
- 2. The City Council hereby preliminarily classifies the Project as a "Type I action," pursuant to the Regulations;
- 3. The City Council directs City staff to send correspondence to the involved and interested agencies for the Project, including copies of the pertinent Project materials and the FEAF Part 1, to request their comments on the Project, and to request the concurrence by the involved agencies in the City Council acting as lead agency;
- 4. City staff is authorized to take such additional steps as may be necessary to carry out this Resolution; and
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor McCormick	Х		
Councilor Giannettino	Х		
Councilor Cuddy	Х		
Councilor Carabajal	Х		
Mayor Quill	Х		
Carried and Adopted	Х		

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, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, including the Resolution contained therein, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the same 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.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the full Council of the City consists of five (5) members; that five (5) members of the Council were present at such meeting; and that five (5) of such members voted in favor of the above Resolution.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Council had due notice of the meeting, (ii) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), such meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of such meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, and (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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

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