MAY, 2019

06  City Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❖
06  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
08  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
09  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆  CANCELED
13  Library Board, 7:00 p.m., Auburn Hills Public Library 📚
14  Tax Increment Finance Authority, 4:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❖
15  Beautification Advisory Commission, 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆
20  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
21  Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 6:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❖
28  Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m., Public Safety Building ▲

◆ City Council Chamber (Conf. Rm.) – 1827 N. Squirrel Road
❖ Administrative Conference Room – 1827 N. Squirrel Road
▲ Public Safety Building – 1899 N. Squirrel Road
❖ Community Center – 1827 N. Squirrel Road
● Department of Public Works (DPW) – 1500 Brown Road
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Fieldstone Golf Course - 1984 Taylor Road
📚 Library - 3400 Seyburn Drive
🏥 Downtown Chamber Offices – 3395 Auburn Road, Suite A
🏫 University Center, 3350 Auburn Road, Main Floor, Classroom AHUC-02
JUNE, 2019

03  City Council Workshop, 6:15 p.m., Admin Conference Room

03  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

10  City Council Goals & Objective Workshop, 5:30 p.m., location TBD

10  Library Board, 7:00 p.m., Auburn Hills Public Library

11  Tax Increment Finance Authority, 4:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room

12  Pension Board, 3:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room

12  Retiree Health Care, 3:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room

12  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber

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Meeting called to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Council
4. Approval of Minutes
   4a. City Council Minutes, April 22, 2019
5. Appointments and Presentations
   5a. Proclamation recognizing May 12th – 18th as Police Week.
   5b. Motion - To appoint Sage M. Hegdal to the position of Recreation Director, effective May 28, 2019, as recommended by the City Manager.
6. Public Comment
7. Consent Agenda
   7a. Board and Commission Minutes
       7a1. Downtown Development Authority, April 15, 2019
       7a2. Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Finance Authority, April 15, 2019
       7a3. Beautification Advisory Commission, April 17, 2019
   7b. Motion – To approve the 2019 HIDTA sub-recipient agreement with Oakland County.
   7c. Motion - To authorize procurement of Tucor Irrigation Equipment.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
   9a. Public Hearing/Motion – To adopt new fireworks language to Auburn Hills Fireworks Ordinance
   9b. Motion – To approve and award a three-year contract for HVAC Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement Services to K&S Ventures, Inc.
10. Comments and Motions from Council
11. City Attorney Report
12. City Manager Report
13. Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, Moniz, and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, City Attorney Beckerleg, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Taylor, Police Chief Baker, Director of Community Development Cohen, City Planner Keenan, City Engineer Juidici, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, Mgr of Roads & Fleet See, Mgr of Municipal Properties Torres, Director of Authorities Skopek, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer Farmer

36 Guests

Mayor amended the agenda to move Item 9a (Ridgewood Villas) to 9c (Auburn Hills Outdoor Storage) and 9c was moved to 9a.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4a. City Council Minutes, April 8, 2019

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of April 8, 2019.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.48

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor removed Item 7c from the Consent Agenda as a resident requested to speak on the subject.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes
7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, April 9, 2019
7a2. Planning Commission, April 10, 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes.
7b. Motion - To approve and award the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram 3500 Cab and Chassis and Service Body.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram 3500 Cab and Chassis from Lafontaine CDJR in the amount of $29,831.00 and a service body from Truck and Trailer in the amount of $11,575.00. Funding for this purchase is available via account # 661-442-981.000.

7d. Motion - To receive and file the AndCo Consulting 1st Quarter 2019 Cash Management Summary and Executive reports.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the AndCo Consulting 1st Quarter 2019 Cash Management Summary and Executive reports.

7e. Motion – To Approve the 2019 Used Car Dealers Licenses.

RESOLVED: To approve the Used Car Dealers Licenses.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.49 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7c. Motion - To adopt the annual Arbor Day Proclamation.

Mr. Don Hughes thanked those who have helped promote Arbor Day and the saving of the black oak tree on Squirrel Road.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To adopt the annual Arbor Day proclamation designating Friday, April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills. (Attachment A)

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.50 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan / Auburn Hills Outdoor Storage.

Mr. Keenan presented the vehicle storage lot at 415 Collier Road. This land is zoned I-3 and will be a two phase project. It was noted that a fire hydrant will be installed to help with added fire protection to the property. The site that was previously owned by Great Lakes Container Corporation that suffered contamination and was cleaned up to meet industrial standards by the MDEQ. This project will not have any detrimental effects on the surrounding properties.

Kevin Main of Main Enterprises was present and explained that there will be a six foot perimeter fence surrounding the property, as well as lights and cameras for security purposes. The lot will have two gates; one a pin pad and the other a padlock, to aid in securing the entrance.

Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Knight.
RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan for Auburn Hills Outdoor Storage subject to the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.51

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Motion – To approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Executive Hills North - Unit 10 - Speculative Building.

Mr. Keenan presented a 10 acre T&R building to be located at Executive Hills Blvd and Executive Hills Court. The building will be used for office space and laboratory space. The plans require 700 replacement trees. 135 replacement trees will be placed on the site and the remaining amount will be paid into the City’s tree fund. After construction is completed, Executive Hills Drive will be repaired but will still be classified as a private road.

Christopher Inch, Dembs Development was present.

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for Executive Hills North - Unit 10 - Speculative Building subject to the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.52

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Motion – To approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Ridgewood Villas.

Mr. Cohen presented the site plan for Ridgewood Villas. This condominium site would include 113 detached single family homes on 38.53 acres on the east side of Bald Mountain Road, south of Dutton Road. This development meets the intent of the Northeast Corner Master Plan which requires 25% permitted open space and less than 3 units per acre. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Juidici presented a brief history of the master plan and zoning, the impact of the trees and drainage, and the impact to traffic in the area.

Mr. Cohen explained that in 2001 the Master Plan was approved changing the zoning of this area from R-1 to R-1a. In 2016, the Master Plan was amended allowing 2.5 to 3 housing units per acre. After the Master Plan was adopted, the residents started marketing their property to developers. In 2004, the City developed a tougher woodlands ordinance. The process calls for a developer to survey the site and if regulated trees are taken down, they have to be replaced. The ordinance also states that if a site is not able to physically hold the amount of trees that need to be replace on site, the rest is paid into the tree fund so trees can be planted somewhere else in the City. This development meets the goal of saving 1/3 of the trees on site.

Mr. Juidici explained the storm water management system. He explained that the existing properties drain north to south through the heavy topography. He stated that the proposed development will maintain this drainage pattern to the Galloway drain. This drainage course is on private property and neither the City nor County can perform maintenance. It is the existing property owner’s responsibility. The developer cannot alter the existing drainage pattern and is required to outlet the storm water runoff from this site to the same drainage course that it currently outlets to. This developer will construct detention basins along the southern edge of the site and those basins will outlet to the natural drainage course as the site currently does. The detention basin outlet on the site plan, will be modified and moved to the east to better direct
the outlet to the drainage course. The intention, after the development is completed, is to have the discharge rate mimic that of predevelopment or preexisting conditions. The storm water quality features will be reviewed to help reduce sediments. There are no impacts to the 100 year flood plain, since none exist on or adjacent to the development.

Mr. Juidici also reported that a traffic study was performed. The intersection analysis shows that the following areas operate in an acceptable level of service; Phillips Road and Bald Mountain Road, Phillips Road and Shimmons Road, Bald Mountain Road and Dutton Road. Where there is a poor level of service, the developer has agreed to develop a northbound right turn lane to help reduce the delays. This area is at the northbound approach at Bald Mountain Road and Dutton Road. The other existing traffic concern is at Phillips Road and Bald Mountain Road. The City is currently discussing this issue with MDOT. The new development entrance currently intersects Bald Mountain Road where there is a steep downgrade. The developer has been asked to create a center turn lane on Bald Mountain Road to improve safety for the southbound traffic making a left turn in to the development.

Mr. Cohen presented the concerns of the Heilbrun family regarding the 16ft retaining wall. He explained that the developer will be required install a protective fence.

David Stollman of the Biltmore Development was present. The company is located at 1943 Henrietta Street, Birmingham MI 48009. Mr. Stollman explained that this development will minimize the traffic impact by proposing the project to active adults. The clustered homes will minimize the impact on the trees as well as the impervious surfaces and that over 25% of the site will remain undisturbed. This development will also improve the intersection of Bald Mountain Road and Dutton Road by making the intersection operate better than it does today, making it safer for pedestrians and vehicles. He also stated that the state of the art storm water system meets all legal and engineering standards and will reduce the storm water flow rates by 50% from today's rate. The designers have worked to keep as many trees as possible along the Bald Mountain Road frontage and to maintain and ensure the natural feel of the current corridor keeping a lush and natural setting.

Council sought clarification on issues regarding the changes to the grade of the property, if Council had total discretion to the plans, and if there is a development agreement to assure the plan is completed as designed. It was discussed that the outlet of water would not change no matter the grade. It was confirmed that because it is a PUD, Council would have absolute discretion to approve or deny this plan. It was noted that if this were proposed to be a conventional development then many trees, if not all, could be removed, and City Council would have to approve it. It was discussed that if Council were to approve the project, a development agreement would be finalized with the City Attorney. It was also noted that all sureties that are required by Community Development will be followed and that financial assurances are in the draft development agreement.

Council also sought clarification on the drainage north of the retaining wall, the ability to landscape the retaining wall, and how the development is able to outlet to the drainage course on private property. Further clarification was discussed regarding the drainage and the retaining wall. The north section behind the wall will be a layer of stone and sand, as water comes towards the wall, it will perforate down and the drain tiles will collect it. The development will start with the grading and install the water main for the entire project. Discussion was held regarding the visual aesthetics of the wall and a tiered approach was suggested. The civil engineer stated that they are able to tier the wall but that would reduce the backyards of the units. With regards to the drainage, it was discussed that the improvement will produce a lower rate of water coming from the site since the pond outlet will be restricted and controlled in the detention pond that will be built. It was noted that the City and the County were questioned as to the owner of the ditch and there are no records of ownership. It was repeated that both engineers confirm that the storm water system will not negatively impact the property on the south end, and that the developer cannot block, alter or impede the flow coming from the properties north of his site, but he can improve on it.
The following individuals spoke regarding the issue:

Bonnie Knoppe, 3988 Bald Mountain Road, spoke in favor of the development and feels that this development will improve the water flow issue on the property and the frontage of Bald Mountain Road.

Don Hughes, 3744 Bald Mountain Road, is not in support of this development. He feels the concerns of the residents have not been addressed fully.

Italia Millan, 3744 Bald Mountain Road, is not in support of this development and would like to see a study conducted on the environmental impact of the project.

Brent Fields, 3940 Bald Mountain Road, is not in support of this development and is concerned for the pollutants that will infiltrate the area.

Adam Rabe, 3880 Bald Mountain Road, would like to see a signal at Dutton Road, a softer terraced landscape as opposed to a blunt concrete masonry wall and would like to see a solution to the water concerns.

Cynthia Rabe, 3880 Bald Mountain Road, thanked Council for listening to their concerns. She is not in support of the development due to the environmental impact, inadequate run off plan and traffic concerns.

Philip Clampitt, 3744 Tienken Road, urged a no vote regarding this development.

Vladimir Bacik, vacant land at 3720 Bald Mountain Road, has an interest in the development however is concerned with the drainage, feels the culvert under Bald Mountain Road is inadequate and noted that there are trees down east of the road blocking the waterway and drainage.

Ann Heilbrun, 4260 Bald Mountain Road, shared her concern with the volume of people traveling down the road causing it to be unsafe for walkers.

Nicole Rubino, 3940 Bald Mountain Road, is opposed to this development and wants to ensure that anything that is done, is done with respect to the neighbors and their property.

Earnest Brock, 3620 Bald Mountain Road, asked Council to consider what is at stake with this development and asked that this issue be postponed.

Manuel Ferraiuolo, 4234 Bald Mountain Road, shared that this was community driven and that these concerns should have been addressed during talks of the Master Plan in 2015.

Dave Buchanan, 3085 Pinecrest Way, shared that the ditch was installed in 1963 by Oakland County and at that time there were two men that worked for DPS that installed it; Chuck Chandler and Larry Flanning. He feels that Brent Fields should not have to be held accountable to maintain the drain.

Kim Dunn, 4190 Bald Mountain Road, shared that she is impressed that the development is going above and beyond to save the trees and not just passing the responsibility on to someone to take care of it. She is pleased with the turn lane at Dutton Road and the walkways that will be put in to keep people safe.

Jeremy Dunn, 4190 Bald Mountain Road, is in support of this project and is pleased that the developer is able to salvage 42% of the property with open space making it an enjoyable space to live in.
Diane McDaniel, 4110 Bald Mountain Road, shared that she is pleased with the plans and how it will improve and beautify the land.

Ericka Ferraiuolo, 4234 Bald Mountain Road, shared that this development will enhance the community.

Johnathan Wertheimer, representative from State Representative Brenda Carter’s office, stated that there are several issues that are being looked into as requested by residents. One issue entails three species that live on the property and how the development would affect them. The office is working with Andy Hartz of the Southeast Michigan office of the MDEQ to determine who is responsible to clean the drain and protect the species on it.

Maria Bacik, vacant land at 3720 Bald Mountain Road, shared that 80% of the trees in the area are dead or have fallen down and is concerned that it could be creating diseases and should be cleaned up.

John Knoppe, 3988 Bald Mountain Road, is pleased to see the area improved upon by the proposed walkways being installed and the road being fixed. He stated that by clearing some of the trees the area will look beautiful.

Dave Nothstine, 3396 Bald Mountain Road, did not speak publically but noted that he feels the population and density need more study.

Written correspondence was received from David Heilbrun, Phil Clampitt, Jacqui, Diane, Hannah DeVilbiss, William Hamilton, Jared and Stephanie Rose, and Kate Tuttle.

Council reiterated that this has been master planned for residential development since 2001. By reviewing this as a PUD, Council has more control of what the developer can and cannot do. If this was a conventional development, the case would be different.

**Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To delay consideration of this item to the next Council meeting.**

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Further discussion was held regarding the drainage course and who is responsible for it. Mr. Keenan stated that he has spoken with Glen Appel of OCWR. He stated that the natural drainage course is not owned or operated by the County. There are also no records of drainage easements being established by the City or County. It has also been stated by Susan Tepatti of the DEQ, that if it is a natural drainage course then it is not under the jurisdiction of the City or the County. Because the water does travel through wetlands, the DEQ has some control over the area but not over the drainage. The City Attorney stated that if the course is on private property it will be of no value to state in a development agreement that the developer will fix any problems because they have no authority on private property.

Mayor McDaniel clarified with Brent Fields, property owner, that his only concern is in regards to any ill effects of this drainage onto his property. The property owner wants to make certain that if there are any negative impacts from this development, in terms of flooding or the drain, that he will not be held accountable for it. Mr. Eric Lord of Atwell, civil engineers of the project, stated that it is their obligation to ensure that there are no negative impacts to the properties surrounding the development by reducing the water flow to half of what it is today. The design will show that. Mr. Juidici commented that this process
will require the developer to submit a storm water management maintenance agreement with the City that will be recorded against the property to assure the storm water system for the development continues to operate as designed. If there are any issues in the future, the developer will be responsible to make the property function like it was designed to.

**Moved by Knight, Seconded by Kittle.**

*RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan and Tree Removal permit for Ridgewood Villas subject to the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team.*

Mayor McDaniel shared that the decision he is making is based on all the options that have been presented and that he is doing what is best to preserve 42% of open space as opposed to clear cutting the land.

Ms. Verbeke stated that she would like to see a statement in the developer’s agreement notifying potential buyers that AJAX paving company is nearby and at times emanates loud noises during certain periods of time. She feels that by notifying people ahead of time, they will not be frustrated with the City for not being informed. Mr. Kittle agreed that it would be beneficial to have some type of notice. City Attorney Beckerleg stated that it was not appropriate to impede someone from marketing their property. Mayor McDaniel stated that if a message needs to get out to the residents, there are other successful ways to do so.

**VOTE:** Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz

No: Hammond, Verbeke

**Resolution No. 19.04.53**

Motion Carried (5 - 2)

9d. **Motion - To accept the first reading of the fireworks ordinance amendment and to schedule a public hearing for the second reading and adoption on May 6, 2019.**

Chief Baker presented the recommendation to change the current ordinance. The ordinance currently states that fireworks are allowed to be discharged from 8:00AM-12PM for the day before, day of, and day after ten nationally recognized holidays, equaling 30 days. In December 2018, Public Act 635 was voted into law allowing local governmental units to restrict usage of fireworks to a minimum of eleven days and twelve only if July 5th fell on a Friday or Saturday. Usage of fireworks needs to be properly balance with the residents of the community.

**Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Hammond.**

*RESOLVED: To accept the first reading of the ordinance amending Auburn Hill’s City Code to change Ordinance No. 13-855 to prohibit consumer fireworks usage except on December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1; the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days; June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days; July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.; and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days and to schedule a public hearing for the second reading and adoption at the May 6, 2019 meeting.*

**VOTE:** Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

**Resolution No. 19.04.54**

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. **COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**
Mr. Kittle – Shared that there is an ORV development in Holly Township. They are looking for naming suggestions and would like to see to FCA in the mix on it.

Mr. Moniz – Shared that he appreciated the good conversation this evening on the project. He feels that council and members of the Planning Commission have dug deep into the topic to make sure that the right decisions are made. He thank everybody for their dedication to doing the right thing.

Ms. Hammond – Apologized for missing the last meeting. She discussed the signage in the downtown area as the signs are not visible and this should be looked into. She also shared her concern with speeding on Squirrel Road.

Mr. Knight – Reiterated the signage concerns and their importance. He announced that the Steak and Burger dinner for the Boys and Girls club will be held on May 1st at Meadowbrook Hall.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT
12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe – Reported on the traffic topic that Mr. George from Heritage in the Hills presented several meetings ago. Staff will be meeting on the traffic issue to see if there are any solutions to the concerns that have been mentioned.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion - To meet in closed session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

VOTE: 
Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.55

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

Recessed to closed session at 10:42 PM.

Reconvened in open session at 11:09 PM.

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Auburn Hills and the Auburn Hills Professional Firefighters Union Local 4404 for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022, with the terms and conditions contained therein, and retroactive pay to January 1, 2019. Furthermore, to authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

VOTE: 
Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 19.04.56

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:10 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor
Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk
ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF

Designation of Friday, April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day
in the City of Auburn Hills

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Auburn Hills City Council does hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, the Auburn Hills City Council urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed this 22nd day of April, 2019, at the City of Auburn Hills.

Mayor Kevin R. McDaniel
Mayor Pro-Tem John Burmeister

Council Member Ron Moniz
Council Member Maureen Hammond

Council Member Henry Knight
Council Member Robert Kittle

Council Member Cheryl Verbeke
Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
Submitted: May 3, 2019
Subject: Motion – To Appoint Sage M. Hegdal as Recreation Director

Introduction and History
Immediately upon the retirement announcement of Recreation Director Brian Marzolf, the City began the search for his successor. The City advertised the position on various sites including; Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Indeed, Auburn Hills website, and Handshake which pushes out to the following colleges and universities: Wayne State University, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, The University of Michigan, Oakland University, Baker College, Western Michigan University, Michigan State University, Madonna University, Northern Michigan University and Michigan Technological University. As a result, the City received over 137 applications from interested candidates from throughout Michigan and the country. After an internal review of all application materials, 10 applicants were recommended for evaluation through the City’s assessment process. Based on favorable results of those assessments, three candidates were scheduled for interviews. Following the initial interview, two candidates were deemed qualified and scheduled for a second interview with the City Manager. At the conclusion of this process, Sage M. Hegdal was determined to be the most qualified applicant for the Auburn Hills Recreation Director.

Sage M. Hegdal currently serves as the Executive Director of the YMCA Plymouth Branch. Sage has over 20 years of executive non-profit leadership with the YMCA and has held various positions of increasing responsibility throughout the YMCA organization. Sage has extensive experience in providing recreational activities for children and adults of all ages. In addition to recreational activities, Sage is also very experienced in building community relationships and partnerships with schools, places of worship, businesses and other governmental entities. Sage has a strong background in revenue acquisition, budget building and forecasting, as well as, special events and grant writing.

Sage has all the necessary educational requirements including a Bachelor of Science in Park, Recreation, and Tourism Resources from Michigan State University, as well as, a Master of Science in Public Administration from Oakland University.

Staff Recommendation
In accordance with the City Charter, Chapter VI, The Administrative Service, Section 6.1(d), the City Council shall appoint the Recreation Director with recommendation from the City Manager. It is my pleasure to recommend Sage M. Hegdal for the city’s next Recreation Director.

Motion
Move to appoint Sage M. Hegdal to the position of Recreation Director, effective May 28, 2019, as recommended by the City Manager.

I Concur: __________________________
THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
LOCATION: Auburn Hills University Center, Room 1, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

ROLL CALL
Present: Travnikar, Rasmussen, Young, Gliniecki, Jernigan, Spurlin
Absent: Volk, McDaniel, Wise,
Also Present: Brandon Skopek, Director of Authorities
Guests: Patrick Hassett, TIFA Chairman; Steven Goodhall, TIFA Secretary

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD
Chairman Young welcomed new DDA Board member, Ryan Rasmussen.

Mr. Rasmussen introduced himself to the Board and gave the Board a brief history on his work experience.

CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2019

Moved by Mr. Travnikar to approve the DDA Minutes from February 18, 2019 as presented.
Supported by Mr. Gliniecki.

Yes: Travnikar, Rasmussen, Young, Gliniecki, Jernigan
No: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. FY 2019 Adopted Budget and YTD Summary – March 31, 2019

Mr. Skopek reviewed the financial report for period ending March 31, 2019. He stated that the DDA has received approximately 71% of budgeted property tax revenue to date for a total of $89,611. He stated that less than 1% of expenditures have been utilized to date, but that expenditures will increase as funds are expended for the summer concert series and other downtown events throughout the year. He reminded the Board that per the resolution passed by the DDA Board in July 2018, the Auburn Hills Tax Increment Finance Authority will transfer $160,000 to the DDA in April 2019 for the grant awarded to the Robertson Brothers development on Squirrel Court. The net position of the DDA continues to increase due to conservative spending in the previous two years, bringing the net position of the DDA to $264,091.
There was no further discussion on the financial report.

Moved by Ms. Jernigan to receive and file the financial report for period ending March 31, 2019. Supported by Mr. Travnikar.

Yes: Travnikar, Rasmussen, Young, Gliniecki, Jernigan
No: None

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Direct Marketing Campaign for Downtown Restaurants

Mr. Skopek presented a memo dated April 10, 2019 and stated that the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) has been collaborating on a direct marketing campaign for the downtown restaurants. The objective of the campaign is to attract the Sunday – Thursday hotel visitors to downtown restaurants through the use of print materials placed in hotel lobbies throughout the City and a web presence to be accessed through a QR code placed on the print materials. Staff will be soliciting quotes from marketing/advertising agencies for the creation and replenishment of these print materials in hotel lobbies, and for the creation of a landing page for downtown restaurants. Staff will also be researching the costs to provide these services in house. The TIFA Board has requested staff to approach the DDA Board of Directors about participation in the campaign as the two Boards share district boundaries. The TIFA Board is seeking input from the DDA Board as well as a funding contribution not-to-exceed $200. At this time, costs, design, and length of the campaign have not yet been determined. He concluded by stating Chairman Hassett of the TIFA Board of Directors in attendance to answer any questions the DDA Board may have.

Mr. Hassett stated that the intent of the campaign is to navigate hotel visitors within a few miles of downtown to downtown restaurants. The TIFA Board is seeking participation from the DDA from both a design aspect and a financial aspect. The DDA Board’s participation justifies the promotion of strictly downtown on behalf of the TIFA.

Chairman Young asked what would be listed on the print materials.

Mr. Hassett stated that all downtown restaurants would be listed on the materials.

Mr. Travnikar asked if it would be possible to place the print materials in the rooms in addition to the lobbies.

Mr. Hassett stated the TIFA Board would rather place the materials strictly in lobbies to save on cost.

Mr. Gliniecki stated he was in support of the initiative. He asked if the restaurants could be listed on the print materials and not rely on a QR code to direct users.

Mr. Spurlin arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Mr. Hassett stated that there will be information on the print materials and the QR code serves as an addition to the materials. The web presence would provide restaurant details and location information.

Ms. Jernigan stated that the Chamber of Commerce is collaborating with the City on creating maps of Auburn Hills that identifies select businesses throughout the City. She suggested including the downtown restaurant information generated from this campaign on the maps being created. The Chamber will be distributing the maps.

Mr. Hassett stated the TIFA Board would like to directly focus on downtown and advertising in the hotels within a few mile radius of downtown.
Mr. Skopek stated that there is funding within the DDA’s marketing budget should they wish to proceed with participation in this campaign.

Moved by Mr. Travnikar to participate in the Tax Increment Finance Authority’s direct marketing campaign for downtown restaurants at a cost not-to-exceed $200.  
Supported by Mr. Spurlin.

Yes:  Travnikar, Rasmussen, Young, Gliniecki, Jernigan, Spurlin
No:  None

Motion carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Mr. Skopek updated the Board that Lorenzo Lizarralde, owner of Chateau Aeronautique Winery and Blue Skies Brewery, has received City Council approval for an application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a small wine maker and micro brewer license, and on-premises tasting room permit to be located at 3358 Auburn Road for Blue Skies Brewery. Blue Skies Brewery proposes to open a second location in downtown Auburn Hills and will have 16 taps of Blue Skies beer, cider, and Chateau Aeronautique wine. Blue Skies Brewery is looking at a targeted opening date of late 2019/early 2020. The proposed brewery would be managed by the owners of Michigan By The Bottle.

Mr. Gliniecki asked for an update on the timing for the development of Fountain Circle of Auburn Hills.

Mr. Skopek stated that the developer has initiated site work and proposes to begin construction on the roadway and utilities late summer/early fall.

Mr. Spurlin asked when Primary Place Townhomes proposes to start construction.

Mr. Skopek stated that he spoke with the developer last week and they are working on finalizing their construction loan. The site has been cleared and is ready for vertical construction.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors will be Monday, August 19, 2019, at 5:30 PM at City Hall in the Administrative Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Travnikar to adjourn the DDA Board meeting.
Supported by Mr. Spurlin

Yes:  Travnikar, Rasmussen, Young, Gliniecki, Jernigan, Spurlin
No:  None

Motion carried

The DDA Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Skopek
Executive Director
1. Welcome and introduction by Brandon Skopek, Director of Authorities

Mr. Skopek thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting this evening to collaborate and brainstorm on goals and objectives of downtown Auburn Hills. He stated that staff will be presenting on current marketing trends, Auburn Hills user behavior, and information on the audience we are marketing to.

Mr. Skopek provided an updated on current project and initiatives of the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Increment Finance Authority, as well as downtown developments.

Mr. Skopek introduced the Media Communications Specialist, Torri Mathes.

2. Marketing presentation by Torri Mathes, Media Communications Specialist

Ms. Mathes gave a presentation on marketing tools, current marketing trends, Auburn Hills user behavior, and information on the audience we are marketing to. Below is a brief overview of the presentation. The full presentation is attached.

   a) Marketing overview
      a. Event and Experiential Marketing
   b) 2019 Trends
      a. Integrated online, social, and mobile marketing
      b. Social stories overtake the newsfeed
      c. The growth of micro-influencers
      d. Audiences made part of brand stories
      e. True personalization
      f. QR codes
   c) Auburn Hills User Behavior
      a. Hyett Palma Report
      b. Leakage and Surplus Report
      c. Social presence
   d) Auburn Hills Residents
      a. Who are our residents?
3. Questions, comments, and brainstorming session

Mr. Skopek asked those present what attracts them to other downtowns and why.

Ms. Roberts stated that destination restaurants attract her to other downtowns. She stated that she believes downtown Auburn Hills needs more destination places to attract people from outside the area.

Mr. Rasmussen concurred.

Mr. Klemanski spoke about the different amenities of downtown Rochester and how their downtown has a variety of destination establishments.

Mr. Skopek asked those present to elaborate on what types of destination restaurants they would like to see.

Ms. Roberts stated she would like to see a nice sit-down establishment.

Ms. Mathes asked what type of environment is being sought.

Mr. Rasmussen stated he would like to see a restaurant with a great interior design that creates an experience when you enter the establishment.

Board members discussed examples of restaurants with a great aesthetic and experience.

Ms. Lawrence asked those present what their favorite downtown is and why.

Board members provided feedback on their favorite downtowns. They discussed establishments, public art, public spaces, and streetscapes.

Ms. Roberts stated she would like the parking space next to the DEN transform into a greenspace to add more public uses.

Mr. Rasmussen agreed that a greenspace would fit in well in this area with its close proximity to the DEN and being centralized in downtown.

Ms. Roberts stated that she believes downtown needs to have constant events to attract people on a more frequent basis. She provided examples of downtown Rochester events.

Mr. Kneffel stated that Rochester does events very well and that if downtown Auburn Hills wants to compete, we need to have well planned events.

Ms. Mathes asked for specific examples of events those present would like to see in downtown Auburn Hills.

Mr. Kneffel stated he would like to eventually see a ladies night out event once downtown is built out with additional establishments and retailers.

Ms. Mathes asked for feedback from those present on what they believe the niche is for downtown Auburn Hills.

Mr. Travnikar stated that there will be a better understanding of our core demographic downtown once the residential developments are completed.
Mr. Rasmussen discussed the difficulty with opening a retailer downtown based upon the competition from bigger box stores and online retailers. He suggested working toward creating experiences to draw people in to stores rather than just selling products. Mr. Spurlin suggested coordinating with state and regional bike and canoe/kayak races to bring them through downtown and playing off our existing downtown assets.

Board members discussed different launch points for canoe and kayak users along the Clinton River.

Mr. Grice stated the City has a contract with an individual that will keep the Clinton River clear of debris within City limits to make the river easier to navigate.

Mr. Tanghe discussed the City’s intention to create a kayak and canoe launch point at the corner of Auburn Road and Opdyke Road. A design and grant application was submitted last year to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program; however, the grant was not awarded.

Board members discussed different pop-up events that could incorporate the Clinton River.

Ms. Mathes stated that based upon the conversation, it sounds as though those present believe Auburn Hills serves as a “bridge city” where we partner with other surrounding communities and that Auburn Hills serves as the meeting spot. She asked those present how we can play off this concept.

Mr. Spurlin stated that one of the largest assets of downtown is the trail network. He stated that this network continues to be improved upon and connects to many downtowns. He believes we need to utilize this asset more frequently to serve as both a starting point and an ending point for visitors.

Mr. Kneffel stated we need to work to retain those that meet in downtown Auburn Hills.

Mr. Skopek stated that the goal is to retain patrons in the downtown; however, we need to first work on attracting the patrons to downtown through our existing assets and events.

Mr. Rasmussen suggested programming additional events at the new amphitheater to include other uses in addition to live music.

Staff discussed the different uses that could be held at the amphitheater.

Mr. Skopek discussed the goal for staff is to have events programmed frequently throughout 2020 in order to attract and retain patrons downtown.

Mr. Gliniecki discussed scheduling events during the weekdays in order to capitalize on the daytime population.

Ms. Roberts discussed the need for fall events.

Mr. Skopek discussed the “Septembeerfest” event that staff is planning for this upcoming season. He added that staff’s goal is to make this an annual event moving forward to build upon.

Mr. Kneffel stated that any event needs to be effectively planned in order to build a reputation for downtown Auburn Hills. He added that we need to make a great first impression in order to compete with downtown Rochester events.

Mr. Tanghe stated that Rochester’s DDA has a large funding source and a large staff to assist with event planning. He agreed that events need to be executed effectively to build a good reputation, but he wanted to remind those present that there is not a dedicated DDA staff for Auburn Hills like other communities and many City events are handled in a collaborative effort between City departments.

Mr. Goodhall asked if staff has reached out to Avondale Schools about additional programming at the amphitheater.
Mr. Grice stated that there is some interest on behalf of Avondale Schools for use of the amphitheater and staff will follow-up with them once the amphitheater is open.

Mr. Tanghe stated that many of the developments underway this year will add to the population downtown and generate additional foot traffic in the years to come. This year will be dedicated to planning for the 2020 event season to ensure we have programmed events throughout the year.

4. Conclusion

Mr. Skopek thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting this evening to collaborate and brainstorm on goals and objectives of downtown Auburn Hills. Staff will compile their notes from the meeting and report back to the Boards.

Ms. Jernigan thanked staff for scheduling a joint meeting between the DDA and TIFA Boards.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Skopek
Director of Authorities
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Types of Marketing

Event & Experiential

- This type of marketing is a promotional strategy that involves face-to-face contact between companies and their customers at special events like concerts, fairs, and sporting events.

- Organizations use event/experiential marketing to reach consumers directly through interactive and personalized displays.

- The goal is to create a positive and memorable experience that will resonate with the user.
EVENT & EXPERIENTIAL

HOW & WHY THIS WORKS

- It engages consumers while they’re in a willing, participatory position.

- Activities and programs are valuable methods to showcase what’s going on in an area as well as any improvements taking place.

- Events should cater to the specific market segments that is currently being attracted as well as what future establishments will attract.

  - It creates relationships between downtown business and consumers through activities that draw interest groups downtown. (i.e. car shows, sidewalk sales, music festivals, college student/parent activities, employee appreciation programs, etc.)

- Events also need to fit the needs of the business community. Some businesses seek more foot traffic, while others would prefer actual purchasing incentives. Some business will want events to attract business at a particular time of day, while others may be more interested in events that encourage repeat business.

CURRENT MARKETING TRENDS
2019 TRENDS

INTEGRATED ONLINE, SOCIAL, & MOBILE MARKETING

- 2019 will be all about the integration of online, social and mobile marketing. Many businesses have dabbled in one or all of these marketing strategies, but true success in the year ahead will be marked by a fully integrated marketing program that incorporates all three. This will eliminate redundancies, increase efficiency and fully leverage content across these three major players. - Laura Cole, Vivial

SOCIAL STORIES OVERTAKE THE NEWSFEED

- Social stories have quickly resonated with modern consumers. They’re interactive, authentic and encourage direct engagement over passive consumption. With social story advertising, consumers tend to be more optimistically receptive (data showing a huge increase in click-throughs, ad recall, and purchasing intent).
  - But consumers don’t just want to see new products and brand messaging – they want promotions.
- Brands need to match consumer expectations by building social stories experiences that are mobile-first, not merely mobile responsive. Instant loading call-to-action pages that deliver not only a stunning user experience for the consumer, but yield increased conversions and collect data on behalf of the advertiser.
- 50% of internet users want to see social stories from brands that include promotions

THE GROWTH OF MICRO-INFLUENCERS*

- As influencer-tracking technologies continue to improve, brands are becoming better equipped at fielding and managing large networks of high-engagement, low-following micro influencers for their campaigns.
- This largely untapped market will soon allow for more brands to avoid the significant costs of mid- to high-level influencers and invest in more down-to-earth and relatable influencer marketing.

**Micro-Influencers have an audience follower range of 2,000 followers up until about 50,000 followers on a particular social media channel, usually comprised of a focused passion, topic or niche market.
AUDIENCES MADE PART OF BRAND STORIES

- The ability to engage with audiences (that is, making audiences part of the brand story) will have a huge impact. The less friction there is to engagement, the more connected people feel.

- Brands that are more willing to interact with customers publicly will have a strong impact and brands that can show how this engagement influences their products and services will make an even bigger impact.

TRUE PERSONALIZATION

- Traditional personalization strategies have been derived from looking at previous behavior, evaluating click-stream paths, search terms, purchase history, and other indicators to try and 'second guess' the intentions of the buyer.

- However, by using the right mechanics, and offering a value exchange, consumers will tell marketers what products they desire, what they look for in a service, and what offers motivate them to purchase.

- 52% of consumers would share personal data in exchange for product recommendations
QR Codes are more accessible than when initially launched to the consumer market in 2011. However, deployment of a QR code isn’t enough. The site or content must be optimized for mobile. QR codes also give marketers the ability to view how many people engage with the product offering a chance to tailor their marketing strategies.

Instead of investing in static QR codes, the market is also slowly shifting to dynamic QR codes that can be re-used as the redirect URL or specific action can be changed according to the business’s needs.

Here are a few ways businesses can use QR codes:

- Use it as a virtual business card to share contact information.
- Send a preset text message to a predetermined recipient.
- Draft a complete email with subject and recipient for the user to hit send.
- Use it to call a number.
- Use it to reveal discounts or coupon codes.
- Send location coordinates to an app that uses geolocation.
- Add an event to the calendar along with a reminder.
- Automatically connect to the store’s Wi-Fi.
- Follow a profile on social media.
- Direct users to the app store to download an app.
HYETT PALMA REPORT

- Auburn Hills Downtown Economic Enhancement Strategy 2009 completed developments:
  - Riverside park improvements
    - Splash pad
    - Amphitheater
  - The Den
  - Improved walkability for downtown
  - Free Wifi downtown
  - Infill Construction
    - Student housing
    - Primary Place
    - Residences at Thirty-Two 50
    - Riverside Townes
    - The Mil
  - Parking Structure

“Downtown Auburn Hills would be a successful commercial area as well as a very popular community gathering place with a strong sense of place and community.”
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Retail MarketPlace Profile with a 3 minute drive time
Downtown Auburn Hills monthly report:

- There has been a recent uptick in viewership as “shared” content is placed on the page.
- Highlighting City events and what our businesses are doing downtown has increased the engagement.
SOCIAL PRESENCE

- City of Auburn Hills monthly report:
  - With shared collaboration of the other City-related pages, the page consistently averages between 8-10k for engagement.
  - Since the new year, reach averages 25-30k with the consistency of posting.

SOCIAL PRESENCE

- Downtown Auburn Hills page breakdown:
  - Highest reach & engagement:
    - Posts with Links
  - Top sources where users find their information:
    - Facebook
    - Auburn Hills website
    - Google
SOCIAL PRESENCE

- City of Auburn Hills page breakdown:
  - Highest reach & engagement:
    - Posts with Links
  - Top sources where users find their information:
    - Facebook
    - Google
WHO ARE OUR RESIDENTS?

- **Bright Young Professionals**
  - We’re active, young, educated, working professionals. We work in white-collar jobs or part-time employment. We use cell phones to redeem mobile coupons, listen to music, text, and check for news and financial information.

**BRIGHT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

- **MEDIAN AGE:** 33
- **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE:** 2.41

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**$34,200**

Median Net Worth

**$93,300**

US Median

**67.5**

Diversity Index

**64.0**

US Diversity Index

**$54,000**

Median Household Income

WHO ARE OUR RESIDENTS?

- **Rustbelt Traditions**
  - We are family-oriented, stable, hardworking people who have lived, worked, and played in the same area in older cities around the Great Lakes for years. We work in manufacturing, retail, and health care. We watch ESPN, AMC, Animal Planet, and some children shows on one of our four TVs.

**RUSTBELT TRADITIONS**

- **MEDIAN AGE:** 39
- **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE:** 2.47

**BUDGET INDEX**

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**$98,100**

Median Net Worth

**$93,300**

US Median

**46.8**

Diversity Index

**64.0**

US Diversity Index

**$51,800**

Median Household Income
WHO ARE OUR RESIDENTS?

- **Young and Restless**
  - We’re well-educated young workers that work in professional/technical occupations, as well as sales and administrative roles. We rank in the top 5 for renters, movers, college enrollment, and employment. We move often though our incomes are low. Our phones and the Internet are a way of life.

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SOURCES

- Oakland County Small Business Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd. Waterford MI 48307
- [https://ymedialabs.com/experiential-marketing-v-traditional-value-brand-experiences](https://ymedialabs.com/experiential-marketing-v-traditional-value-brand-experiences)
- [https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/downtown-market-analysis/putting-your-research-to-work/image-branding-marketing/#improving_image](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/downtown-market-analysis/putting-your-research-to-work/image-branding-marketing/#improving_image)
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CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

ROLL CALL
Present: Carla Withers, Karen Lewis, LaKesia Robinson, Rich Foster, Alice Lowran

Also Present: Elizabeth Brennan, Community Development Executive Assistant

Absent: Maureen Hammond

Guests: Ruthann Schinzing

LOCATION
Admin Conference Room, 3rd Floor, City Administration Building
1827 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD / GUESTS – Ms. Ruthann Schinzing, Auburn Hills Resident
Ms. Schinzing introduced herself and expressed interest in learning more about the Commission, its mission and current events and programs. She previously spent more than ten years working with the Sterling Heights Beautification Commission. There is currently one available position on the Beautification Advisory Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Ms. Withers moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019. Supported by Ms. Lowran.

Vote:    Yes:    Lewis, Robinson, Withers, Foster, Lowran
No:      None

Motion Carried (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS –

Keep It Clean – Event Date Change

The Keep It Clean, clean up date previously scheduled for Saturday, June 1st was moved to Saturday, June 8th. Details of the event and the need for BAC members to recruit additional volunteers was discussed. Volunteers can be friends, family, coworkers, neighbors or local students looking for volunteer work/credit. Supplies will be provided.
Summerfest

The BAC will participate in Summerfest as a vendor, on Friday, June 8th from 4pm to 10pm. It was decided that commissioners will man the table in shifts to promote the Beautification Awards program, participation in the Keep It Clean program and the City’s annual Perennial Exchange. Small flowers and a flower pot craft will be available at the table as well. The Commission requested new BAC t-shirts with the new city logo to wear at their spring and summer events.

Beautification Awards – Pre-Planning

Ms. Brennan asked if the Commission members had any initial thoughts about updating the Beautification Awards program. For well over a decade, the program has changed very little – incorporating a full banquet dinner, an award for each winning property and a raffle of table centerpieces.

The Commission members discussed three options including a scaled-back banquet dinner, a brunch on a Saturday morning, and a City Council meeting award presentation / acknowledgement followed by a reception in the City Administration Building.

Ms. Lowran moved to table the discussion until Ms. Hammond was present. Supported by Ms. Robinson.

Vote:  Yes:  Lewis, Robinson, Withers, Foster, Lowran
No:  None

Motion Carried (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS

By Laws

The final draft of the revised by-laws was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chair and will be submitted to City Council for review and adoption.

Perennial Exchange Planning

The Perennial Exchange final details will be reviewed at the next BAC meeting on May 15th.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00pm

Ms. Lewis moved to adjourn. Supported by Ms. Withers.
Vote: Yes: Lewis, Robinson, Withers, Foster, Lowran
No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Brennan
BAC City Staff Liaison
City of Auburn Hills
Community Development
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager and Jeffrey Baker, Chief of Police  
Submitted: May 2, 2019  
Subject: Motion: Approving 2019 HIDTA sub-recipient agreement with Oakland County

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

In 2014, City Council approved an inter-local agreement to enter the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team. This team is largely supported by federal and state grants and forfeiture dollars derived from the proceeds of criminal enterprises. Part of the funding is a federal grant known as High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). HIDTA was created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 and provides assistance to federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States. This grant program is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). There are currently 28 HIDTAs, which include approximately 16 percent of all counties in the United States and 60 percent of the U.S. population. HIDTA-designated counties are located in 46 states, as well as in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. The DEA plays a very active role and has 589 authorized special agent positions dedicated to the program. At the local level, the HIDTAs are directed and guided by Executive Boards composed of an equal number of regional federal and non-federal (state, local, and tribal) law enforcement leaders.

The purpose of the HIDTA program is to reduce drug trafficking and production in the United States by:

- Facilitating cooperation among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to share information and implement coordinated enforcement activities;
- Enhancing law enforcement intelligence sharing among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies;
- Providing reliable law enforcement intelligence to law enforcement agencies to facilitate the design of effective enforcement strategies and operations; and
- Supporting coordinated law enforcement strategies that make the most of available resources to reduce the supply of illegal drugs in designated areas of the United States and in the Nation as a whole.

HIDTA requires an agreement for the purpose of delineating the relationship and responsibilities regarding the County’s uses of grant funds to reimburse municipalities for overtime expenses that are incurred related to its participation in the Oakland County Narcotic Enforcement Team (“N.E.T.”)

Oakland County submitted an Initiative Description and Budget Proposal to the Executive Board for Michigan HIDTA requesting the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy to grant N.E.T an award of $140,000.00 for the 2019 program year to reimburse N.E.T. participating agencies for eligible law enforcement overtime costs.

The City of Auburn Hills is a sub-recipient and therefore must enter into the attached sub-agreement with Oakland County.

The attached inter-local agreement has been reviewed by City Attorney Beckerleg and found to be satisfactory from a legal standpoint.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the 2019 HIDTA Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Auburn Hills.

MOTION
Move to approve the 2019 HIDTA Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Auburn Hills and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

I CONCUR: _______________________________

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Stan Torres, Manager of Municipal Properties  
Submitted: April 26, 2019  
Subject: Motion Authorizing Procurement of Tucor Irrigation Equipment

**INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY**

The City maintains numerous turfgrass and horticultural areas throughout the City. In order to ensure the health and vibrancy of these areas the City has invested in a commercial irrigation system. This system is aging and requires upgrades.

Half of the existing irrigation system has already been upgraded. The new system provides remote operation, system monitoring, and alarm notifications. Tucor RKS products are designed to easily convert legacy systems to the latest technology.

The 2019 budget contains $30,000 in funding for irrigation upgrades and repairs. $15,000 of these funds is earmarked for Tucor upgrades. It is proposed that the $15,000 in funds be used to upgrade 6 sites, shown below in the column named “Proposed Upgrades”, and marked in blue on the map provided in the packet. The remaining funds will be reserved for repairs. If funding remains at the end of the season, then the sites listed as “Future Upgrades” may be converted.

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An Invitation to Bid (ITB) was published on the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MiTN) on April 2, 2019 (#212204). The ITB was posted in two categories and ten firms downloaded the packet. Bid opening was on April 9, 2019 at 10:00 am and two firms responded. Central Turf & Irrigation was the lowest bidder.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend the purchase of Tucor Irrigation Equipment from Central Turf & Irrigation in Commerce Township, Michigan. This equipment will upgrade the 6 sites listed above as “Proposed Upgrades”.

**MOTION**

Move to approve the purchase of Tucor irrigation equipment in the amount of $14,241.57 from Central Turf & Irrigation to be funded from G/L 101-266-789.000 – Irrigation Expenses.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit 1 – Map of Sites Needing Upgrades  
Exhibit 2 – Tucor Product Sheet
Proposed Irrigation Updates

Executive Hills Dr
- Upgrade Areas
  - Proposed Upgrades
  - Future Upgrades
  - Control Boxes

University Dr and Squirrel Rd
- Upgrade Areas
  - Proposed Upgrades
  - Future Upgrades
  - Control Boxes

Joslyn Rd
- Upgrade Areas
  - Proposed Upgrades
  - Future Upgrades
  - Control Boxes

Brown Rd
- Upgrade Areas
  - Proposed Upgrades
  - Future Upgrades
  - Control Boxes

Date: 5/1/2019
The RKS+ Irrigation Controller is a conventional irrigation controller with a station and scheduling capacity of 1-100 Stations and 10 programs.

The RKS+ was expressly designed for converting conventional systems to Tucor’s exceptional remote management system. The RKS+ can operate up to 6 Stations simultaneously and up to 100 valves*. Our unique “Add-A-Zone” feature allows you to add Stations one at a time as your system grows. The RKW+’s simple, intuitive programming comes with a wealth of controller capabilities. Operations include up to 10 Programs running simultaneously; timing per valve in one-second increments; flow sensing; multiple alarm options; ET inputs; remote control via Internet either browser-based or locally; and many flow management methods.

*12 simultaneous with a second transformer.

Power and flexibility arise from:
- Mist Manager - configured as 100 programs, one valve per program, running in one second increments
- Learned Flow capability.
- FloStack™ – Program stacking based on station flow rates for up to 10 simultaneous programs.
- FloGuard – Alarm and control options based on flow monitoring.
- WebTurf- Remote app for smart phones
- Cycle Manager Control- Available in some markets
**RKS+ Irrigation Controller**

**Specifications:**

**HARDWARE:**
- **ELECTRICAL:**
  - Input: 115 VAC, 50 VA
  - Output: 24 VAC
- **STATIONS:**
  - 1-100, priced in single station increments †
  - MAXIMUM SIMULTANEOUS ACTIVE VALVES: 6 max per cabinet, 12 max per system *
  - MASTER VALVES: 1, 10 second stop delay
  - BOOSTER PUMPS: 2, 10 second stop delay
- **CABINET:**
  - Wall mounted locking poly-carbonate cabinet with internal Class 2 transformer
  - DIMENSIONS: 12 ¼” x 12” x 6 ½”
  - LIGHTNING PROTECTION: Built-in
  - VALVE OUTPUT:
    - 24 VAC, 1.0 A per station max., 1.5 A total max.
  - Wiring between RKSXT-25’s:
    - 4 conductor crossed, dual RJ-11 jacks, 7’ max

**OPERATING FEATURES:**
- **PROGRAMS:**
  - 10 + 1 test program
  - CONCURRENT PROGRAMS:
    - 10
- **START TIMES:**
  - 12 per program, 1 - 99 repeats per start
- **CALENDAR:**
  - 14 days or Odd/Even
- **STATION RUN TIMES:** 0-999 MINUTES:
  - 1 second increments (< 4 minutes)
  - 10 second increments (4 - 999 minutes)
- **WATER BUDGET:**
  - 0-250% @ 1% increments
- **PROGRAM MODES:**
  - Active & Passive
- **START METHODS:**
  - Auto, Manual by Program, Manual by Station
- **DISPLAY:**
  - Monitors active programs, run times, and alarms

**REMOTE MANAGEMENT:**
- Via the Internet‡ or Smart Phone, and any web browser when the RKS+ is equipped with
  - Tucor’s WIN-200 module and GPRS service, or
  - Tucor’s LAN-200 with your own Local Area Network
- Remote line-of-sight radio operations (RFA 200) to enable valves and Programs
- ET:
  - ET Capable (requires ET-300-W weather station or WR7-RK, or pre-programmed Historic)
  - Local Weather Station: Pulses:
    - 50 ms minimum width
    - 2 pulses per second maximum
  - Maximum ET (prevent short run time)
  - Maximum ET (prevent run-off)
  - Maximum hourly rain (soil absorption)
  - Soil holding (save rain for next day)
  - ET period (definable start-of-day)
  - Historic Data (interpolated)

**MISCELLANEOUS:**
- Rain Sensor terminals
- Flow sensor inputs at controller, with:
  - Alarms: High, Unscheduled, Deviation, Main Pump Failure; adjustable delay (1 - 10 minutes)
- Learn flow per Station
- Flow Sensor input maximum 250 pulses/second

**How to Order:**

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*pEach cabinet of 25 Stations can operate 6 Stations simultaneously, given industry standard 0.25A per station, up to 12 Stations max for the system: 1 in each of 10 Programs and 2 in Manual mode. † Stations from 26-50, 51-75, and 76-100 each require an additional NEMA enclosure. ‡ Requires yearly subscription for Tucor’s Server access. Smart App requires Java.*
INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

On August 5, 2013 the City Council of Auburn Hills adopted ordinance 13-855 to amend Chapter 38, Fire Protection and Prevention which increased the restricted use of consumer fireworks to the day before, the day of and the day after the following 10 national holidays:

- New Year’s Day (January 1)
- Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. (third Monday in January)
- Washington’s Birthday (third Monday in February)
- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (first Monday in September)
- Columbus Day (second Monday in October)
- Veterans Day (November 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

This ordinance effectively permitted legal use of consumer fireworks to a total of 30 days per year. During the listed 30 days, firework usage was prohibited from 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m., with the exception of New Year’s Day which permitted use until 1:00am.

In response to several communities complaining about fireworks usage, especially in urban settings, last year the State of Michigan introduced House Bill No. 5940 to allow communities to enact further restrictions on consumer fireworks use. House Bill No. 5940 was signed into law on December 28, 2018 and was effective immediately.

House Bill No. 5940 allows communities to prohibit consumer fireworks usage by ordinance except on the following dates:

1. December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1.
2. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
3. June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
4. July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
5. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Violation of such ordinance shall result in a fine of $1,000.00 for each occurrence. The new bill permits a local unit of government to regulate the legal usage of consumer fireworks to a total of 11 days, with a possible 12th day if July 5th is a Friday or Saturday.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Move to support the change of the current ordinance to include new language as allowed and delineated above in relation to House Bill No. 5940.

MOTION

Move to adopt an ordinance amending Auburn Hills’ City Code to change Ordinance No. 13-855 to prohibit consumer fireworks usage except on December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1; the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days; June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days; July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.; and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
I CONCUR:

Thomas A. Tanghe, CITY MANAGER
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS  
ORDINANCE NO. 13-855

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38, FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

An ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of Ordinances to adopt Fireworks Regulations to conform with and exercise authority under the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act No. 256 of 2011, as amended by Public Act No. 635 of 2018 and all future amendments.

THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Chapter 38, Fire Prevention and Protection, of Auburn Hills Code of Ordinances, as amended is hereby amended to add sections 38.23, 38.24, and 38.25 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.23 - Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the ignition, discharge and use of fireworks within the city boundaries in accordance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act No. 256 of 2011, as amended.

Chapter 38, Fire Prevention and Protection, is hereby amended to add Section 38.23 to read as follows: Sec. 38.23 Fireworks.

Sec. 38.24 – Definitions and Discharge, Ignition, and Use of Consumer Fireworks

(a) Definitions and adoption by reference. As used in this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

Act means the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act No. 256 of 2011, MCL 28.451 to 28.471, as amended, which is hereby adopted by reference as a part of this ordinance.

Articles pyrotechnic, as defined in the Act, means pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction.

Consumer fireworks, as defined in the Act, means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and that are in compliance with the construction, chemical composition, labeling, and other requirements in the Act. Novelties and low-impact fireworks as defined in the Act are not consumer fireworks.

Display Fireworks, as defined in the Act, means large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks, displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

Fireworks, as defined in the Act, means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, and consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

Low-impact fireworks, as defined in the Act, means ground and handheld sparkling devices.

Minor is an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

Novelties, as defined in the Act, means all of the following:

(a) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, roll, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.

(b) Toy pistols, toy canons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.

(c) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.
(d) Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer’s name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

Special effects, as defined in the Act, means a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning, independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture, radio, television, theatrical, or opera production or live entertainment.

(b) Prohibited ignition, discharge, and use. Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used in the city except in the following situations:

(1) Consumer Fireworks may be ignited, discharged or used on the following dates and times:
   (a) December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1.
   (b) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
   (c) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
   (d) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
   (e) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(2) The penalty for a violation under subsection (1) shall be a civil fine of $1,000.00 for each violation of the ordinance. A minimum of $500.00 of the fine collected under subsection (1) shall be remitted to the City of Auburn Hills.

(3) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used on public, school, church, or private property of another person without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property.

(c) Minors. A minor shall not possess, use, discharge or ignite any consumer fireworks at any time unless supervised by a parent or legal guardian.

(d) Under the Influence. An individual shall not discharge, ignite, or use consumer fireworks or low impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and controlled substance.

(e) Unmanned free-floating devices. Any unmanned free-floating device (sky lanterns) which requires fire underneath to propel it and is not moored to the ground while aloft, have an uncontrolled and unpredictable flight path and descent area so as to pose a potential fire risk and are therefore prohibited.

(f) Novelties; inapplicability of ordinance. This ordinance does not apply to novelties. Nothing in this ordinance regulates, the sale, storage, display for sale, transportation, use, or distribution of novelties.

(g) Zoning Ordinances. Any person selling, distributing or transporting fireworks shall otherwise comply with the Act, and is required to comply with the zoning ordinances of the city, including obtaining necessary approvals hereunder. Failure to obtain necessary zoning approvals is subject to penalty as provided in the zoning ordinances of the city.

(h) Imminent dangers. Notwithstanding the Act, no person shall use, discharge or ignite fireworks thereby creating or causing an imminent danger or threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, and such fireworks being used, ignited or discharged may be immediately seized.

(i) Seizure. All fireworks possessed, used, discharged, and/or ignited in violation of the Act and/or this section are subject to seizure. Any costs incurred by the city to seize and store the fireworks shall be paid by the responsible party.

Sec. 38.25 – Sanctions / Penalties

The sanction / penalty for a violation of Section 38.24 is deemed a municipal civil infraction, punishable by a civil fine of not more than $1,000.00 for subsection (1), and $500.00 for all other sections in this ordinance, plus costs, damages, and expenses and any other relief allowed under law.

Section 2 – Amendment
Amended only as specified above and in this Section, the Code of Auburn Hills shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3 – Repealer
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4 – Savings
All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

Section 5 – Severability
If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Section 6 – Effective Date
The provisions of this ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect upon publication in the manner prescribed by the Charter of City of Auburn Hills.

Section 7 – Adoption
This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 22nd day of April 2019, and ordered to be given publication in a manner prescribed by the Charter of the City of Auburn Hills.

AYES:
NAYES:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

ORDINANCE 13-855 ADOPTED

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

By:
Kevin McDaniel, MAYOR

Laura Pierce, CLERK
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Aaron Stahly, Deputy Public Works Director  
Submitted: May 1, 2019  
Subject: Motion to Approve and Award Three Year Contract for HVAC Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement Services to K&S Ventures, Inc.

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY
The City’s Municipal Properties Division within the Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for various HVAC maintenance, repair, and replacement services at 14 sites, most of which are occupied. For the purposes of demonstrating the magnitude of scope and complexity as it relates to providing this service, in total, DPW is responsible for nearly 70 units including boilers, HVAC, and heating units. Likewise, there are respective controls that must be monitored and maintained.

Given the highly technical nature of these systems, staff relies on external vendors to effectively and efficiently provide HVAC services. To that end, in the first quarter of this calendar year, DPW went out to bid for HVAC maintenance, repair, and replacement services. Considering that the majority of City expenditures for HVAC maintenance, repair, and replacement services goes towards replacement of equipment over $5,000.01, K&S Ventures, Inc. (K&S) was the least expensive, qualified, responsive bidder as depicted in the table below.

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K&S is a local company, located at 2925 Waterview Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan. K&S has been providing services to the City going back to 1995. As it relates to sophistication of capabilities, K&S is responsible for all non-manufacturing HVAC systems integration in North America for General Motors, and likewise, all non-manufacturing HVAC service requests for General Motors in Southeast Michigan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends City Council approve and award a three year contract as reviewed and approved by the City Attorney (Exhibit 1) for HVAC maintenance, repair, and replacement services to K&S Ventures, Inc.

MOTION
Move to approve and award a three year contract for HVAC maintenance, repair, and replacement services to K&S Ventures, Inc.

ATTACHMENT
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I CONCUR:

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS  
HVAC MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, & REPLACEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

This Contract is made this _______ day of _______________, 2019, by and between the City of Auburn Hills, a Michigan Municipal Corporation (herein called the “City”), and K & S Ventures, Inc., (herein called the “Contractor”).

I. ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTOR

1.01 The City hereby engages the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to perform the services as set forth in Exhibit A which is herein incorporated by reference.

1.02 The Contractor shall report and be directly responsible to the Auburn Hills Director of Public Works or their designee.

II. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR/BENEFITS EXCLUDED

2.01 The Contractor understands that his relationship with the City shall not be as an employee of the City. Further, the Contractor agrees that they shall have no expectation, interest in, or right to permanent employment with the City nor any relationship with the City beyond the term of this Agreement as hereinafter stated. The Contractor expressly understands and acknowledges that they are an independent Contractor and they shall have no claim or cause of action against the City, its officers, and agents relating to an implied contract for employment or hire.

2.02 The relationship of the Contractor to the City is strictly pursuant to this Contract and the Contractor hereby expressly agrees that no liability or benefits including, without limitation, holiday, vacation or sick pay, administrative or union rights or liabilities, or such other rights, provisions, or liabilities arising out of a contract for hire or employer-employee relationship, either express or implied, shall arise or accrue to either party as the result of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not represent themselves as an employee of the City but shall represent themselves as a Contractor of the City for the purposes of providing the services provided for herein.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.01 The Contractor shall perform, upon individual request and in a satisfactory and proper manner in accordance with recognized industry standards, the Services as set forth in Exhibit A. The Contractor shall, during the Contract term or any extension thereof; use their best efforts and endeavors to promote the goals of the City of Auburn Hills and shall
devote such time, attention, skill, knowledge, and professional ability as is necessary to most effectively and efficiently carry out and perform the services as described in Exhibit A at the rates prescribed in Exhibit B. All work product as generated shall become the immediate property of the City of Auburn Hills.

IV. CONTRACT TERM

4.01 This Contract is effective for a three year period commencing on __________, 2019, and shall expire at midnight on __________, 2022, unless sooner terminated as provided in this Section 4.01 and/or Sections 8.01 and 8.02, or extended for such further period in accordance with Section 4.02. The Contractor hereby agrees that this Contract does not in any manner create or establish a permanent relationship between the Contractor and the City, nor shall the Contractor acquire any expectancy of permanent or continued contractual relationship with the City.

4.02 The City reserves the right to exercise an option to renew for two additional two-year periods.

V. COMPENSATION

5.01 The City agrees to pay the Contractor for the proper performance of services and provision of materials as described in Exhibit A with the rates provided in Exhibit B. It is understood and agreed by the parties that the payment herein is inclusive of any and all remuneration to which the Contractor is or may be entitled and the Contractor shall not receive or expect to receive any of the fringe benefits.

VI. METHOD OF PAYMENT

6.01 The City shall pay the Contractor for the Services within 30 days from a valid receipt of an invoice from the Contractor. The Contractor will be responsible for reporting such income for the purposes of tax obligations.

VII. LIABILITY/INSURANCE

7.01 Liability Insurance
An ACORD certificate of insurance, or its equivalent, shall be furnished by the Contractor to the City of Auburn Hills at 1827 North Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326 evidencing that the Contractor has obtained, at its own cost, insurance in force for the duration of and applicable to this Contract with an insurance company acceptable to the City of Auburn Hills with a minimum A.M. BEST rating of “A”, and the following minimum requirements:
• General Liability (affording coverage not less than ISO Commercial General Liability coverage form):
  o Check mark indicating occurrence as opposed to claims made form
  o Limits of Liability:
    ▪ $2,000,000 each occurrence
    ▪ $4,000,000 general and products-completed operations aggregates
  o Personal Injury:
    ▪ $2,000,000 aggregate

• Automobile Liability:
  o Check mark indicating coverage as to any automobile
  o Certificate must reflect Michigan “No Fault” PIP and PPI statutory coverages are also afforded
  o Limits of Liability: $2,000,000 combined single limit

• Acceptable alternate limits are combinations of primary and excess or umbrella limits to equal not less than those shown in (a) and (b) above.

• Description section of ACORD form is to read: It is understood and agreed that the following shall be additional insured: The City of Auburn Hills, including all elected and appointed officials, all employees and volunteers, all boards, commissions, and/or authorities, including but not limited to the Tax Increment Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Building Authority, and their employees, representatives and volunteers. The coverage shall be primary to the additional insured and not contributing with any other insurance or similar protection available to the additional insured. This shall not apply to the contractor’s required worker’s compensation/employer’s liability.

• The Description of Operation section of the Certificate shall also name or describe the project and/or event for which coverage is provided.

7.02 Owner’s and Contractor’s Protective Liability
The Contractor, at its own cost, shall procure and maintain during the life of the Contract Owner’s and Contractor’s Protective Liability and Insurance in the name of the City of Auburn Hills, in an amount not less than $2,000,000 per occurrence, and $4,000,000 aggregate for injuries, including death, to persons and property damage including loss of use thereof. This insurance shall be in an insurance company acceptable to the City of Auburn Hills.
7.03 Workers Compensation
The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the life of the Contract, statutory Michigan Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance for all employees employed at or in the vicinity of the Contractor’s property, or any property used in connection with the Contractor’s operation or in carrying out any work related to this contract.

7.04 Michigan Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance
Shall be procured and maintained by Contractor at its own cost with the following limits of liability:
- $100,000 E.L. each accident
- $100,000 E.L. each disease – each employee
- $500,000 E.L. Disease – Policy Limit

This insurance shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the State of Michigan, and shall be in an insurance company acceptable to the City of Auburn Hills.

7.05 Certificate of Insurance
The Contractor agrees that he/she will file all required Certificates of Insurance satisfactory to the City of Auburn Hills with the City of Auburn Hills simultaneously with or prior to the execution of this contract indicating that the insurance required herein has been issued and is in full force and effect.

Further, the Contractor will provide updated certificates annually prior to the policies expiration dates, to indicate that the policies and conditions required hereunder are in full force and effect during the life of this contract.

7.06 Performance Bond
A performance bond in the amount of $25,000 is required. Should the Contractor fail to either execute the contract or provide the required performance, the bond will be called upon.

VIII. TERMINATION

8.01 The Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Contract for any reason by giving written notice to the City at least 60 days before the effective date of such termination, and except as provided herein, this Contract shall terminate in all respects as if such date were the date originally stated for the expiration of this Contract. In the event that the Contractor terminates this Contract as provided in Section 8.01 the parties agree that the City shall be provided access to all necessary improvements, materials, and digital components and the Contractor agrees to provide continuity of services to the City until
such time as a new vendor/contractor is put in place by the City which new vendor/contractor should be in place within a reasonable period of time.

8.02 In addition to the termination provision contained in Section 4.01, upon the determination and at the discretion of the City Manager, the City shall also have the right to terminate this Contract for any reason by giving at least 30 days written notice to the Contractor that the City terminate the Contract and this Contract shall terminate in all respects as if such date were the date originally stated for the expiration of this Contract.

8.03 Upon any termination, the Contractor will only be paid for services performed to the date of termination.

8.04 The Contractor shall be liable to the City for any damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of the Contract by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payment(s) to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the City from the Contractor are determined by the City.

IX. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

9.01 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations of the federal, state or local governments in the performance of the Services hereunder.

X. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

10.01 The Contractor covenants that they presently have no personal or financial interest, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would in any manner conflict with the performance of the services hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that no officer, member or employee of the City, and no other public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this Contract has any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or in any proceeds thereof.

XI. SUBCONTRACT

11.01 The Contractor shall not subcontract or assign this Agreement or any part thereof, nor any portion of the Services.
XII. INDEMNIFICATION

12.01 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, contractors, agents and representatives from any liability, damages, claims, lawsuits, demand, causes of action, injuries, attorney fees and costs that are cause by and/or arise from the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor and/or its employees, agents and representatives pertaining to and/or in connection with the provisions of services and materials pursuant to this Contract.

XIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

13.01 This Agreement, including Exhibit A and Exhibit B, contains the entire Agreement between the parties and all negotiations and agreements are merged herein. Further, the Contractor understands and agrees that no employee or agent of the City has the authority to promise or grant to the Contractor any other rights, conditions, or benefits which are not specifically provided herein. This Contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Michigan and shall be enforced in Michigan Courts.

XIV. AMENDMENTS

14.01 The terms of this Contract may not be changed, altered, or modified in any manner unless a contract amendment is entered into between the parties. No such amendment will be effective and binding unless it expressly makes reference to this agreement, is in writing, and is signed and acknowledged by the Contractor and the City Manager.

XV. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

15.01 The Contractor agrees that any information received by the Contractor during any furtherance of their obligations hereunder, which concerns the personal, financial, or other affairs of the City will be treated by the Contractor in full confidence and will not be revealed and/or disclosed to any other persons, firms or organizations.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, acting by and through its representatives, and the CONTRACTOR has executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

________________________  __________________________
CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE     CITY SIGNATURE

Sidney H. Blomberg, President  Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager
K & S Ventures, Inc.  City of Auburn Hills
2925 Waterview Drive  1827 N. Squirrel Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  Auburn Hills, MI 48326
BACKGROUND

- The City has multiple buildings/sites with various HVAC systems requiring maintenance, occasionally repair, and as needed, replacement.
- There is an energy management system in place that the Contractor will need to become familiar with, and interface with.
- An annual maintenance plan will need to be submitted to the City within 90 days of award, and once approved by the City, implemented as directed by the Director of Public Works or their designee.
- Development of a 20 year full-service maintenance plan is required 120 days from the date of award.

MAINTENANCE

- Annual inspection services will be conducted on all mechanical equipment to ensure proper operation, calibration, to make adjustments to keep all mechanical equipment in proper calibration and operation. HVAC equipment testing and calibration shall be based on manufacturer’s recommended maintenance schedule.
- All HVAC equipment, appurtenant devices, and systems that are related to the HVAC systems are the equipment to be maintained.
- The preventive maintenance and the responsibility of the Contractor shall not be limited to these major pieces of equipment, but shall also include all appurtenant devices and systems related to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
- Calibrate each thermostat at least once annually.
- The Contractor shall be responsible for scheduling the preventive maintenance and task functions to be performed on each scheduled call per calendar periods and operating hours as pertinent to each task. Master records shall be maintained and made available to the City upon request.
- Contractor will report to City’s Public Works Director, or their designee, problems or questions that need attention.

REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

- The Contractor will repair and/or replace worn parts or complete components with new parts. Reconditioned components may be used only when delivery time of new components is extensive and it is mandatory to get a piece of equipment in operation. Approval by the City is required prior to replacement with reconditioned parts.
- All parts, components or devices for the mechanical systems that are worn or are not in
proper operational condition shall be repaired and/or replaced with new parts, components, or devices of the same manufacture.

- When equipment or parts are replaced in their entirety and a newer design of this device is available and is functionally equivalent and compatible, the device of the newer design shall be used as the replacement.
- All permitting requirements and any required taxes as a result of repair and/or replacement will be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- The Contractor shall not be made responsible for repairs or replacements necessitated by reason of neglect or misuse of the equipment by other than the Contractor, or by reason of any other cause beyond the control of the Contractor, except ordinary wear and tear.

**CONTRACTOR’S USE OF SITE AND PREMISES**

- The Contractor shall confine their equipment, apparatus, the storage of materials, and operations of their employees to the limit indicated by law, ordinances, permits, or directions of the City and shall not unnecessarily encumber the premises with his materials or equipment. Contractor shall store their materials, supplies, and equipment in a neat and orderly manner so as not to unduly interfere with the progress of their work, the work of other Contractors, or the operation of City business.
- Contractor shall remove all rubbish and debris from City property and legally dispose of it.
- Upon completion of any work, the work areas shall be cleaned of all refuse caused by work performed under this contract. The Contractor shall not allow waste material, or rubbish, caused by their employees to accumulate in or about the premises, but shall have it promptly removed.
- The Contractor shall take all necessary measures to prevent damage to other areas of the building, grounds, and utilities adjacent to their work. The Contractor shall be responsible for damage to the City’s premises that may be caused by their work. Should damage occur as a result of the Contractor’s work, the Contractor is responsible for the repair and/or replacement of the damaged area at their own expense. Otherwise, the City shall repair and/or replace the damaged area and charge the Contractor or deduct the amount from the Contractor’s payment.
- All work shall be performed in a professional manner using quality equipment and materials, all of which must be maintained and operated with the highest standards as well as meeting all Michigan Occupational Safety Health Administration (MIOSHA) regulations.
- Contractor is advised that their employees must act in a polite and professional manner at all times and refer any questions, complaints, or concerns received from the public to a representative of the City.
- The City reserves the right to require the Contractor to replace any employee the City deems to have performed in a non-professional, or discourteous manner toward the
public or any City representative.

- All employees of the awarded firm assigned to this project shall carry proper company identification and be dressed in a company uniform so as to present a professional appearance.

**WARRANTY**

- The successful proposer will provide the City with a consistent with the manufacturer’s warranty for parts and a minimum of one year warranty on all labor. Contractor shall warrant that all services and repair work performed under this Contract shall be free from defects in workpersonship and all manufactured equipment supplied hereunder shall, at the time of installation to be free from defects in material and workpersonship.

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

- The Contractor must be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to provide the HVAC maintenance, repair, replacement services required.
- Contractor shall provide an estimated annual cost for preventive maintenance for each building.
- Contractor to provide time and material cost estimates for repairs and replacement as needed, and prior to performing services (approval needed from the City to conduct the work).
- The Contractor shall report to the City when on the job. After each service call, a service report shall be left with the City, detailing work accomplished.
- Contractor must, prior to any work, contact the City’s Public Works Director, or their designee. Failure to contact the Director, or their designee, may result in the unavailability of access to City properties. City properties will remain operative during the work, in the event of an emergency the contractor may have to cease all work until directed by the Director of Public Works, or their designee, to continue with the work.
- All planned maintenance service under this Agreement will be performed during the City’s normal business hours defined as 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The Contractor shall perform all unscheduled or emergency work as requested by the City to maintain the HVAC equipment.
- Every activity performed under this proposal is designed to minimize the incidence of unscheduled or emergency situations; however, back-up service shall be provided as often as needed 24-hours a day, weekends and legal holidays included, minimizing downtime and inconvenience.
- Unscheduled service work reported to the Contractor (by telephone or otherwise) shall be performed within four hours of receipt of notification from the City.
- Emergency service work reported to the Contractor (by telephone or otherwise), outside of the City’s normal business hours, shall be performed within four hours of receipt of notification. The Contractor may charge the City that portion of overtime labor cost above
the normal rate and as provided for in Exhibit B.

- If, for some unknown reason or reasons, equipment must be shut down for an extended period of time, the City shall be notified immediately of the delay and the measures being taken to put the equipment back in service. If, in the City’s opinion, the repair, replacement or maintenance of equipment will cause undue inconvenience to the occupants, or services of the building, the Contractor will perform the repair, replacement or maintenance work outside of normal business hours, or on weekends, as instructed by the City’s agent. The contractor may charge the City that portion of overtime labor costs above the normal hourly rate as provided for in Exhibit B.

- The Contractor shall be available, at no additional charge to the City, for consultation regarding design changes or equipment selection based on past experiences with similar systems.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY
CASE NO. U-20364

- DTE Electric Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission’s approval for reconciliation of its Transitional Reconciliation Mechanism associated with the disposition of the City of Detroit Public Lighting System for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.

- You may call or write DTE Electric Company, One Energy Plaza, Detroit, MI 48226, (313) 235-8000 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of DTE Electric Company.

- A pre-hearing will be held:

  DATE/TIME:      Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 9:00 AM

  BEFORE:         Administrative Law Judge Dennis W. Mack

  LOCATION:       Michigan Public Service Commission
                  7109 West Saginaw Highway
                  Lansing, Michigan 48917

  PARTICIPATION:  Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission’s Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider DTE Electric Company’s (DTE) March 23, 2018 application for reconciliation of its Transitional Reconciliation Mechanism (TRM) associated with the disposition of the City of Detroit public lighting system for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. DTE requests the Commission to: 1) approve DTE's submitted proposals; 2) approve DTE's reconciliation of its net revenue requirement plus carrying charges and the over-recovery for Case No. U-18251 in the amount of $11,531,137; 3) authorize a TRM surcharge of $0.001030/kwh to be applicable to all customers on a bills rendered basis from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019, or a similar surcharge using a service area sales forecast that is aligned with a three-month period; and 4) grant additional relief.
All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission’s E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by May 7, 2019. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon DTE Electric Company’s attorney, Megan E. Irving, One Energy Plaza, Detroit, MI 48226.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission’s website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Hearing System’s Administrative Hearing Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of DTE Electric Company’s application may be reviewed on the Commission’s website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of DTE Electric Company. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Eric Gorges readies ‘A Craftsman’s Legacy’ book
By Anne Erickson  For MediaNews Group
Apr 29, 2019

Eric Gorges is a motorcycle builder and host of "A Craftsman's Legacy" on PBS. He created a book based on the series (John Roe)

Between hosting his public television show "A Craftsman’s Legacy” and running his custom motorcycle shop, Voodoo Choppers in Auburn Hills, Eric Gorges is a busy man.

Now, the Rochester area resident is adding author to his résumé, as his new book, also called "A Craftsman’s Legacy,” arrives from Algonquin Books on May 7.

"It was one of those things — I have always wanted to write a book,” Gorges says. “It was always in the back of my mind, so I knew I wanted to write this, but wasn't expecting to do it so soon and at this point in my life.”

The idea behind "A Craftsman’s Legacy,” which Gorges co-wrote with Jon Sternfeld, was to share stories of craftsmen and craftswomen and “inspire people to look at craftsmanship differently.”

"We looked at the common characteristics between different craftsmen and how they view life and some of the different, driving factors for them in life, which is not always financial gain,” he says. “A lot of times, it’s not financial— it's about taking pride in their work and wanting to do better today than yesterday and having respect for the history of what they’re doing. It’s about keeping that alive by teaching other people and continuing with their skill set.”

In today’s world of instant gratification, the idea of owning something handmade — that took months or even years to craft — is somewhat foreign.

"I think in today’s society, working with your hands is not always thought of immediately,” Gorges says. "Because we work and live in this world of consumable items, you can buy anything and have it in front of you in hours or the next day.”
Eric Gorges has written a book based on his PBS series, "A Craftsman's Legacy." (Algonquin Books)

More than anything, Gorges hopes "A Craftsman's Legacy" will inspire readers to try working with their hands and begin to appreciate and support craftsmen and craftswomen.

"A lot of times, when people think of handmade things, they say, 'I couldn't afford that.' But, more than likely, you'll be able to find somebody where their skill set is within your budget," he says.

What's his advice for those who want to start using their hands?

"Patience," Gorges says. "Take your time with it, enjoy the process and enjoy the mistakes, because that's where you're going to learn the most. You have to appreciate those mistakes and learn from them."

• FYI: Eric Gorges will appear at a book launch at 6 p.m. May 6 at The Annex Gallery, 333 Midland St., Highland Park, with guest artist Nancy Rodwan. Gorges also will demonstrate how to use an English wheel, a tool he uses to build motorcycles. He also will sign books at 1 p.m. May 11 at the Carhartt store, 5800 Cass Ave., Detroit. For more on Gorges, visit Craftsmanslegacy.com, Voodoochoppers.com or find him on Twitter @EricGorges.
A new brewery could be opening in downtown Auburn Hills late this year, according to the Inside Auburn Hills blog. Blue Skies Brewery, part of the Chateau Aeronautique Winery in Onsted, has received approval from the Auburn Hills City Council to submit an application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a small wine maker and microbrewery license.

The brewery and tasting room would be located at 3358 Auburn Road, offering 16 beers on tap as well as hard cider and Aeronautique wine. It would be managed by its next door neighbor, the Michigan By The Bottle Tasting Room. Lorenzo Lizarralde, owner of Chateau Aeronautique Winery and Blue Skies Brewery, started the winery on an airpark north of Jackson in 2008, according to its website.

In 2017, a new 8,000 square-foot production facility and tasting room was opened in Onsted. As an international airline pilot, Lizarralde’s wines and brews are marketed with an aviation theme. If approved for the brewing and wine licence, Blue Skies Brewery plans to open in late 2019 or early 2020.
Now that Easter is over, what happens to the bunnies that parents surprise their children with — and no longer want? Dr. Audrey Karagosian, veterinarian at Advanced Petcare of Oakland in Clarkston, said, “People tend to get chicks and bunnies for their children without thinking of the long-term commitment. Once the novelty wears off, they may end up at the Humane Society, other rescues, veterinary offices, etc.” In the six weeks following Easter, House Rabbit Society, the largest rabbit rescue organization in the U.S., receives three to four calls a day about abandoned bunnies — while they normally receive one to two calls a week.

In Auburn Hills, local resident Caitlin Renton found a small bunny sitting perfectly still in the parking lot of Bloomfield Square Apartments during Easter weekend. She said there were no other rabbits around and, when she approached, it didn’t run away. “My first instinct was that it could have been domestic … possibly an Easter present for a little kid and was put outside when the parent realized the density of the workload that came with it,” she said. Renton picked up the bunny — which was so small it fit into the palm of her hand — to take it out of the rain and so no cars in the parking lot would hit it. “It was only one lone bunny, and it was so wet and cold so I wanted to at least try and help,” she said. “I’ve been feeding it kitten milk through a dose syringe, and it seems to enjoy it.” She is bringing the rabbit to a veterinarian to find out what she should do and if there are signs it’s wild or domestic. The agouti, or brown/ grey, coloring of the bunny can be found in both domestic rabbits or wild cottontails so it is unknown for sure if it was a pet. But, according to the House Rabbit Society, stray rabbits, as opposed to wild, “solicit interaction, rescue and handling by human passers-by.” “The vet and animal experts are always the best bet when it comes to situations like this,” Renton said. “I will consult with a vet to figure out proper steps to releasing it to the wild if that’s the case… but if the vet says I can keep it, I obviously.” Dr. Karagosian said Renton did the right thing as “it would be very difficult for young rabbits to survive in the wild when they are used to captivity.”

To anyone who adopted a pet bunny for the holiday and now wants to abandon it, Renton hopes they reconsider. “Like all pets, bunnies are a real commitment and should not just be seen as a holiday treat for your kids. If you really want a lifelong commitment and a ‘furever’ friend, then go for it,” said Renton.