01  City Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ✦
01  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
08  Library Board, 7:00 p.m., Auburn Hills Public Library ☔
09  Tax Increment Finance Authority, 4:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room❄
10  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆ CANCELED
11  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆ CANCELED
15  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
16  Board of Review, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room❄
16  Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m., Public Safety Building ▲
16  Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 6:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❄
17  Beautification Advisory Commission, 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆

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05 City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ✅
08 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ✅
12 Library Board, 7:00 p.m., Auburn Hills Public Library 
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14 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ✅
19 Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❖
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CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2019 ♦ 7:00 PM
Workshop Session ♦ 5:30 PM

Council Chamber ♦ 1827 N. Squirrel Road ♦ Auburn Hills MI
248-370-9402 ♦ www.auburnhills.org

Workshop Topic: Roads Review

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   4a. City Council Minutes, June 24, 2019
5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. CONSENT AGENDA
   7a. Board and Commission Minutes
   7a1. Beautification Advisory Commission, June 19, 2019
   7b. Motion – To approve alcohol use at Summer Concert Series in the Park and City sanctioned events.
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
   9a. Public Hearing/Motion – To approve a new IFEC for Autoliv ASP Inc.
   9b. Public Hearing/Motion - To approve a new IFEC for Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services.
   9c. Public Hearing/Motion - To approve a new IFEC for Giffin Inc.
   9d. Motion – To approve Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting and Purchase Agreement Between The Detroit Edison Company and City of Auburn Hills.
   9e. Motion – To authorize the Mayor to sign Letter of Support for BUILD Grant Application.
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, Director of Community Development Cohen, DPW Director Melchert, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer Farmer, Police Lieutenant Gagnon, Assistant Fire Chief Macias, Director of Authorities Skopek, Engineer Cousino, Management Intern Hagge

19 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4a. City Council Minutes, June 3, 2019
Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Verbeke.
RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of June 3, 2019.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
      No: None
Resolution No. 19.06.75 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Goals and Objectives Workshop Minutes, June 10, 2019
Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.
RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of June 10, 2019.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
      No: None
Resolution No. 19.06.76 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
5a. Motion – To confirm the reappointment of Planning Commission Members:
   5a1. Carlene Pederson
5a2. Bob Pierce
5a3. Carolyn Shearer

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.
RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Carlene Pederson to the Planning Commission, for an additional three-year term ending on July 31, 2022.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.77 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Burmeister.
RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Bob Pierce to the Planning Commission, for an additional three-year term ending on July 31, 2022.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.78 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Knight.
RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Carolyn Shearer to the Planning Commission, for an additional three-year term ending on July 31, 2022.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.79 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5b. Motion – To confirm the appointment of Local Official Compensation Commission Members:
5b1. Eric Cionka
5b2. John Klemanski

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.
RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Eric Cionka to the Local Officials Compensation Commission for a term ending 7/31/2022.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.80 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.
RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Dr. John Klemanski to the Local Officials Compensation Commission for a term ending 7/31/2026.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.81 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Art Lanciers with Gardner White, expressed concern that his patrons are having trouble finding the store due to its location in the industrial park and requested additional signage off of Brown Road. Mr. Tanghe noted that a policy was approved to allow for industrial park entrance signage in the right-of-way and suggested he contact Mr. Cohen to discuss the process.

Timothy Trammel – 690 Slocum Road shared his frustrations with the detour traffic in his neighborhood. He was informed that at this time, because of the various construction projects, that it is unavoidable.
7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Motion – To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Beautification Advisory Commission, May 15, 2019
7a2. Tax Increment Finance Authority, June 11, 2019
7a3. Planning Commission, June 12, 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes.

7b. Motion – To receive and file the 2018 Retirement System Annual Report

RESOLVED: To receive and file the 2018 Retirement System Annual Report.

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Verbeke.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.82

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To accept the Audit

Michelle Watterworth and Justin Kolbow, representing Plante Moran, provided an overview of the financial statements and audit reports. They explained that the City’s financial statements show the financial position of all the City’s financial activities and funds. The financial statements are presented in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles.

Mr. Kolbow reviewed a graphical presentation of the City financials, adding in a new slide depicting changes in legacy funding. City Council asked to see Police and Fire activity broken out in next year’s graphical presentation if able.

Ms. Watterworth reviewed the communication letter which identifies internal control related matters noted in the audit, required communications related to the audit, and legislative and information items aimed towards helping the City in areas such as accounting procedures and reporting requirements, as well as any pending legislation that may impact the City’s finances. In reviewing the informational items, she stated the City staff will be challenged by new requirements again next year including changes in the uniform charts of accounts and accounting for leases and lease type agreements.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To accept the City’s Financial Report with Supplemental Information for the year ending December 31, 2018 and the related communications letter as presented by the City’s independent auditors, Plante Moran.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.83

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Motion – To approve the Special Land Use Permit, Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Webasto Americas Headquarters and Testing Center

Mr. Cohen presented the request to construct a 42,242 sq. ft. building addition at 2500 Executive Hills Blvd. The facility will be transformed to Webasto Americas Headquarters and Testing Center. The company believes that the 377 parking spaces will be sufficient for the needs of this company. This investment will
cost almost 20 million dollars and construction is expected to begin in two months with completion of the project by October, 2020.

**Moved by Moniz Seconded by Knight.**

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Special Land Use Permit, Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for Webasto Americas Headquarters and Testing Center subject to the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.84  
Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Motion – To approve the Combined PUD Step One – Concept Plan and PUD Step Two – Site Plan / Elite Detection K9

Mr. Cohen presented the request to allow the renovation of the industrial facility located at 2700 Auburn Court to a commercial kennel. This property will not meet the strict standards of the zoning ordinance for a commercial kennel, therefore Elite Detection will offer two contributions to the City to meet the net public benefit criteria for PUD qualification; participate in Summerfest and National Night Out Events and provide a certified dog for a period of ten years to the Auburn Hills Police Department if and when the City elects a K-9 Unit. There is a residential area nearby but there are no homes within 1000 feet of the site.

Mr. Gregory Guidice of Elite Detection K9 was present. He explained that this facility is more of a K9 development center and not a kennel in the normal sense of the word. This organization will breed, raise and train explosive and ammunition detection dogs. From a smell and waste perspective, the facility will turn the air over in the facility and have stations where the waste is put into the sewer system not bagged and into a dumpster.

**Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Knight.**

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan for Elite Detection K9, subject to the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.85  
Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9d. Motion – To approve Document Management Software Purchase

Ms. Pierce presented the need to replace the current outdated document management software. This new software will be used for records retention purposes and provide a better public portal making it easier for the public to access minutes, agendas and online forms.

Mr. Brian Fatka of General Code was present. He clarified that as updates are released, IT will be contacted to download and install the new upgrades. This new system is a version that would allow the separation of repositories so the Fire Department and Police Department data will be completely separated from any other City repositories.

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

RESOLVED: To purchase Laserfiche Rio from General Code, CMS, LLC in the amount of $86,303.70 and to extend the professional services for an amount not to exceed $20,000.00. Funds are available in account number 101-215-934.000.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
9e. Motion – To approve Hartwell Maintenance Project

Mr. Melchert presented the concrete maintenance plan that would include the repair of the concrete pavement on Taylor Road between Fieldstone Golf Course and RGIS. If all the anticipated repairs are made, there will be a deficit of almost $42,000. This plan will only replace the panels that are in severe deterioration.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve Construction Services Associated with the Taylor Road portion of the 2019 Concrete Maintenance Program to Hartwell Cement Company for $393,758.60, the Construction Engineering Services to OHM Advisors for the not-to-exceed cost of $42,000.00, and Materials Testing to G2 for the estimate of $6,000.00. Also, approve a budget amendment to the Major Road Fund, Account No. 202-452-935.000-CNCRETEMAINT in the amount of $41,758.60. Services provided to be paid with budgeted funds as appropriated from Account No. 202-452-935.000-CNCRETEMAINT.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.87

9f. Motion – To approve 2019 Pilot Local Road Improvement Program Cost Participation Agreement

Mr. Stahly shared that this is the fourth year the City has received the Local Road Improvement Program agreement from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. By being a recipient of this agreement, the financial costs will offset the costs of the previous maintenance project.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the Cost Participation Agreement, Board Project No. 2019-01 with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners associated with Taylor Road improvements. Services provided to be paid with budgeted funds as appropriated in the 2019 Adopted Annual Budget.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.88

9g. Motion – To award 2019 Asphalt Maintenance Contract and Construction Services.

Mr. Melchert presented the surface sealing project that will take place on Great Lakes Crossing Drive, Chrysler Drive and James Road, Edna Jane Drive, Genes Drive, and Walnut Road. He stated that a crack seal will be placed on Pontiac Road, North Squirrel Road, Pacific Drive, Shimmons Road (Rabeeh Drive to Squirrel Road) and Tienken Road.

Andrew Cousino from OHM stated that OHM is working with the supplier and using a different slurry seal then in the past. This new seal has a fiberglass fiber added into it which extends the life on the seal. The reason Pontiac Road is receiving this seal is due to the fact that it is starting to show signs of cracking so this is a preventative action.
Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To award the 2019 Asphalt Maintenance Contract to Highway Maintenance & Construction Co. in the amount of $289,730.04 and approve the Construction Services Agreement with OHM Advisors in the amount of $18,000. Services provided to be paid with budgeted funds as appropriated in the 2019 Adopted Annual Budget.

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

Resolution No. 19.06.89 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond – Shared her frustration with seeing trucks leaving the Squirrel Court area going towards the roundabout and being too large to fit. She suggested that discussions be held with the developers about this. She also shared her concerns about small little notches on the south side of Auburn rd that look like a parking spot. She has seen trucks parking there that are too large and are sticking out. She also reported that she didn’t see anything on the website regarding Summerfest. She shared that in the past there has been a detailed list of the Summerfest events and would like to see that type of a detailed report of the events next year.

Ms. Verbeke – Recognized Jonathan Wertheimer, a representative from Brenda Carters office, was present and was there to have a listening ear to any needs of the community. She shared that she appreciated the information in the last water bill and is wondering if this information is also on the website. She asked Lt. Gagnon to remind everyone of the new State laws regarding Fireworks. Lt. Gagnon stated that beginning June 29th – July 5th fireworks are allowed to be discharged from 8:00 AM – 11:45 PM. He also reiterated that minors can't ignite them, a person cannot be under the influence, you must be respectful of neighbors and that residents are not to discharge in an unsafe manner. Ms. Verbeke shared that Summerfest was amazing and that staff did a great job. She also shared that the Public Safety Advocacy meeting was changed to July 16 at 6PM.

Mr. Knight – Reported that on Thursday the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will be authorized to continue the clean up on Mound Steel. He shared his pleasure at the quick repair from DPW with regards to a road condition on Allerton road. He shared that he is still waiting for the striping of Auburn road. He also reported that there is a lot of sand and dirt west of the State Crushing facility and they need to clean out the center of the road. He shared that he is pleased with how Squirrel road is coming along. He also shared that he only heard a few negative comments about the parking at Summerfest.

Mr. Moniz – Shared that he felt Summerfest was a great event. He congratulated Lt Gagnon on graduation of FBI Academy and Lt. Hollenbeck on completion of the MSU police staff and command. He questioned Mr. Melchert about the charging station sign on Auburn road in front of the DEN. Mr. Melchert reported that the charging station has been relocated. He questioned Mr. Skopek with regards to any progress with the Speedway Gas Station. Mr. Skopek stated that he has not heard back from them at this time.

Mr. Burmeister – Shared that he was sad to see the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church torn down.

Mayor McDaniel – Shared that he also felt Summerfest was a great success. He stated that he personally did not receive any negative comments but heard the vendors were pleased, BBQ cook off was a great event, all the residents were pleased. He shared that the DPW crew did a great job. He also shared that on behalf of council Auburn Hills is a better place because of Henry and Claire Knight and was pleased that the Knight Amphitheater was named in their honor.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT
12. CITY MANAGER REPORT
Mr. Tanghe – Announced a new business in the downtown area, Sprigs Floral Expressions, located at 3345 Auburn Rd. He shared that he was pleased to attend the Pontiac State of the City address on June 12, 2019 to show support for our neighboring community and that Pontiac is moving in the right direction. He shared a letter that was written by State Representative Haley Stevens congratulating the City on the Webasto Roof systems being a part of the City. He also shared that the Palace of Auburn Hills has been sold.

13. ADJOURNMENT
Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor        Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

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: None

LOCATION:

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

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD / GUESTS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Ms. Lowran moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019. Supported by Ms. Hammond.

Vote:

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS –

Budget Review

A total budget of $9,000.00 was allocated to the Beautification Advisory Commission for 2019 programming. The balance as of today is $8,082.25. Expenditures to date include the promotion of the Perennial Exchange event including banners, buck slips, postcards/postage and two tickets for the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan / Keep Michigan Beautiful combined Spring Meeting in May.

Summerfest

The BAC will participate in Summerfest as a vendor on Friday, June 21st from 4pm to 9pm. It was decided that
commissioners will cover the table in shifts to promote BAC programs including the Beautification Awards, Keep It Clean and the springtime Perennial Exchange. A flower-pot decorating activity (for kids of all ages) will be available and small plant starts and/or small flowers will be given away.

Ms. Lowran offered to pick up the flowers/plant starts for the event and Ms. Brennan will purchase the small flowerpots, bring needed supplies and complete the set up for the event with Mr. Foster and Ms. Hammond.

**Beautification Award Planning**

Ms. Brennan reported that only a handful of Beautification Award Nominations had been received to date. For the past two years, the Awards program is advertised in a combined Newsletter which is mailed to residents very early in the year. The BAC found that residents are overlooking the ad/nomination form when it arrives too early and a social media campaign will be need this year to kick-start the program and get the word out.

The Board discussed moving the nominations deadline to the end of July. Ms. Brennan said she would check with our media specialists and report back to the group. Commission members also discussed possible options for the awards program including a City Council acknowledgment/reception event, a banquet dinner, a picnic-style dinner and a Beautification Brunch on a Saturday morning in September. The group planned to think about the options and finalize a plan at the July meeting.

**CONFIRM NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July, 17, 2019 at 6:00pm

Ms. Withers moved to adjourn. Supported by Ms. Robinson.

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

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; Sage Hegdal, Recreation Director; Brandon Skopek, Director of Authorities
Submitted: June 20, 2019
Subject: Motion – approve alcohol use at Summer Concert Series in the Park and City sanctioned events

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

What: This is a recommendation to City Council to consider the use of alcohol at the 32nd Friday Nights Downtown Music Series for the 2019 Season (schedule attached) and two City sanctioned special events. This would be the third time (year) allowing this type of activity at our summer concerts and the first time for select special events.

Who: Patrons would bring their own alcohol to the concerts in the park, meeting the requirements of the city ordinance. City sanctioned event attendees would be served alcohol by event volunteers through the use of drink tickets.

When: During the Friday Nights Downtown Music Series beginning July 12th and ending on August 23rd – performances are held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – we recommend a time frame of roughly 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as some patrons arrive early while some stay a little later. When the bands stop playing at 8:30 p.m., City staff will be there cleaning up and can assist in helping patrons find their way out of the concert area. The City sanctioned events will take place on August 14 and September 13 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event being held on August 14 is entitled “Journey to Woodstock” and will be an invitation only appreciation event for the City’s business and corporate community. The event being held on September 13 is entitled “Septembeerfest” and will be open to the public. Both of these City sanctioned events will contain food vendors, craft beer vendors, and entertainment for attendees.

Where: The Friday Nights Downtown Music Series will take place at the Knight Amphitheater within the boundaries of the area outlined in yellow on the map below, which is limited to the seating area of the amphitheater and immediate surrounding area where the amphitheater stage will be visible. Journey to Woodstock and Septembeerfest have a larger designated area in order to accommodate additional attendees and the alcohol vendors. These event boundaries are outlined in red.
Why: Through a positive experience last summer at music series, recent city surveys and comments from residents, our administrative staff has determined that allowing alcohol usage at our summer concerts might enhance the experience for some patrons and might help attract a few more adults to these already family-friendly concerts. Journey to Woodstock and Septembeerfest will attract the City’s corporate community, residents, and regional visitors to downtown Auburn Hills, which will lead to its long-term prosperity.

Feedback from last year: In 2018, we offered this option for the second time. In a cautious approach we did not do a lot of advertising for this, and relied on word-of-mouth and announcements at the concerts to help spread the word. The feedback we received from concert patrons was generally positive. Our staff noted that a small percentage of patrons were enjoying this new opportunity, and saw that percentage increase just a little bit each week. There were no negative incidents or feedback at the concerts related to this new opportunity.

How: Patrons would bring their own alcohol for the Friday Nights Downtown Music Series. Journey to Woodstock and Septembeerfest event attendees would be served alcohol through the use of drink tickets. Both events meet the requirements of the newly adopted Park Ordinance which states, in part:

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, it shall be unlawful for any person at any time to possess, consume, sell, distribute or transport any alcoholic beverages of any kind in or upon the city parks, city facilities or the recreational grounds of the city civic center. The consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages in city parks, city facilities and/or the recreational grounds of the city civic center may be permitted by the Auburn Hills City Council subject to the following conditions: (1) The Auburn Hills City Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages during approved events sanctioned by the city and/or its authorized instrumentalties. If the Auburn Hills City Council issues such a permit, individuals of legal drinking age may bring beer and/or wine to approved city and/or its authorized instrumentalties’ sanctioned events in city parks, city facilities and/or the recreational grounds of the civic center, by a City approved, licensed, bonded and insured third party vendor or concessionaire. (2) The consumption of alcoholic beverages as permitted in this subsection shall only be allowed in designated areas approved by the Auburn Hills City Council.

Evaluate: If approved, we plan to notify the community via our social media and by making announcements at the concerts. City staff will evaluate how it went by gathering input from concert patrons and from our on-site staff, and then provide feedback to City Council to use for future consideration of the same.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
To allow the consumption of alcohol in the designated areas (as shown) at the Summer Concert Series in the Park from July 12 to August 23, 2019, and for the Journey to Woodstock event on August 14, 2019 and the Septembeerfest event on September 13, 2019 at Riverside Park in downtown Auburn Hills.

MOTION
Move to allow the consumption of alcohol in the designated areas at the Friday Nights Downtown Music Series from July 12 to August 23 to be held at the Knight Amphitheater in Riverside Park, for the 2019 season.

Move to allow the consumption of alcohol in the designated areas at the Journey to Woodstock event on August 14, 2019, to be held at the Knight Amphitheater in Riverside Park.

Move to allow the consumption of alcohol in the designated areas at the Septembeerfest event on September 13, 2019, to be held at the Knight Amphitheater in Riverside Park.

I CONCUR:

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager and Bill Griffin, City Assessor
Submitted: June 26th, 2019
Subject: Public Hearing and request to approve a new IFEC for Autoliv ASP Inc.

INTRODUCTION
An application for a new IFEC has been received for real property located at 1320 Pacific Drive, Parcel Number 02-14-04-476-006 consisting of 13.5 acres by Autoliv ASP Inc.

The application was submitted on May 20th, 2019 for a three (3) story office addition estimated to be 65,292 square feet and a shipping and receiving addition to be approximately 3,867 square feet to be added to the existing 174,265 square foot building. The application is being requested for a six (6) year IFEC.
Real Property is defined by the City’s Property Tax Incentive Policy to include:

H. “land, buildings, parking lots, utilities and similar items as defined in the General Property Tax Act and as assessed for property tax purposes.”

ABOUT AUTOLIV

With operations in 27 countries covering all regions, Autoliv claims to have the best global footprint in the industry. They develop, manufacture and market airbags, seatbelts and steering wheels. Their products are sold to all leading car manufacturers worldwide. Autoliv’s research focuses on improving safety to reduce road fatalities and injuries. New industry trends, such as autonomous driving, electrification and more comfortable cockpits, are generating new safety needs that call for more sophisticated safety products. Autoliv has pioneered automotive safety for over 60 years, including the introduction of several world firsts.

The three story office building addition will accommodate engineering, technical and administrative staff. Autoliv plans on adding approximately 10 new employees within the next 2 years.
The project proposed in this application would be eligible for consideration of an IFEC under the provision of the City’s Property Tax Incentive Policy as:

A new facility (IFEC) – industrial real property and land improvements, a new business, as provided in PA 198, 1974 as amended may be granted a 50% tax incentive for up to six (6) years based upon the criteria included in this policy. The minimum investment by a business in a new facility has met the following requirements.

- The parcel that this building will be located on has been situated within an established Industrial Development District.
- Autoliv North America Inc. owns the property and agrees to uphold the policy requirement to continue operations at the facility for six (6) years beyond the term of the six (6) year certificate agreement.

The estimated annual tax savings for Autoliv will be approximately $88,750.

**PENDING APPEALS**

To the best of staff’s knowledge:

- There are no outstanding and/or pending appeal(s) involving the property that is the subject of this application/request.
- There is no outstanding and/or pending appeal(s) involving the applicant filing for this tax incentive/request within the City of Auburn Hills.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a six (6) year IFEC for Autoliv North America Inc.’s new additions with the agreement that the company will continue to operate at the facility six (6) years beyond the six (6) year term.

**MOTION**

Move to approve the request for a 6-year IFEC for Autoliv North America Inc., for a total estimated real property investment of $18,829,561 by adopting the attached resolution.

I CONCUR:  

Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
FOR AUTOLIV ASP INC.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326 on the 1st day of July, 2019.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson______________________________ and supported by Councilperson______________________________

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198, 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on the 26th day of July, 1993, the City of Auburn Hills, established an Industrial Development District, commonly referred to as the Metro North Limited Partnership Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, Autoliv ASP Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate with the Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills with respect to proposed new real property within the Metro North Limited Partnership Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Council of Auburn Hills held a hearing on the 1st day of July, 2019 at a regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the applicant, the assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility has not begun earlier than six (6) months before 20th day of May, 2019, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the real property is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Auburn Hills; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Auburn Hills after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of Auburn Hills that:

1. The City Council of Auburn Hills finds and determines that the granting of this Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, together with the aggregate amount of the certificates previously granted and currently in force, under PA 198 of 1974, and PA 225 of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Auburn Hills, or of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Auburn Hills.

2. The application from Autoliv ASP Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the New Construction of Real Property on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Metro North Limited Partnership Industrial Development District; to wit;

The real property parcel the facility is located on is identified as tax parcel 02-14-04-476-006, having an address 1320 Pacific Drive, City of Auburn Hills, MI 48326, including:
T3N, R10E, SEC 4 PONTIAC ACRES PART OF LOT 17, ALSO ALL OF LOTS 18 TO 21 INCL, ALSO PART OF LOT 22, ALSO PART OF SE 1/4 ALL DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST N 02-41-40 W 60 FT & S 87-28-16 W 412.96 FT FROM SE SEC COR, TH S 87-28-16 W 481.70 FT, TH N 02-31-29 W 1225.39 FT, TH N 80-29-48 E 124.41 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 484.50 FT, CHORD BEARS S 80-56-15 E 308.52 FT, DIST OF 313.99 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO LEFT, RAD 2082.86 FT, CHORD BEARS S 63-15-15 E 64.18 FT, DIST OF 64.18 FT, TH S 02-31-29 E 1147.12 FT TO BEG 12-12-95 FR 14-03-351-005 is hereby approved for real property improvements.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) years, and the starting date for the certificate is December 31, 2019 and the ending date is December 30, 2025.

4. The total project investment approved is $18,829,561.

5. Autoliv ASP Inc. agrees to operate the facility for which the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate is granted for the term of the certificate, plus an additional six (6) years after the date of the certificate’s expiration.

AYES:  NAYS:  ABSENT:  ABSTENTIONS:  RESOLUTION ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN) )SS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 1st day of July, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 1st day of July, 2019.

________________________________
Laura Pierce, City Clerk
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager and Bill Griffin, City Assessor  
Submitted: June 26th, 2019  
Subject: Public Hearing and request to approve a new IFEC for Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services

INTRODUCTION
An application for a new IFEC has been received for real property to be located at 815 North Opdyke Road parcel number 02-14-23-351-013 consisting of 7.21 acres, by Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services otherwise known as BV.

The application was submitted on June 19th, 2019 and the building is an existing approved Speculative Building with an original building permit issued on 12-21-2016. The application involves BV leasing 49,655 square feet of the 109,556 square foot building and applying for a four (4) year IFEC.
Real Property is defined by the City’s Property Tax Incentive Policy to include:

H. “land, buildings, parking lots, utilities and similar items as defined in the General Property Tax Act and as assessed for property tax purposes.”

ABOUT BV
Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (BV) will use the 49,655 square foot space to deploy 5 electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) chambers and related electronic test equipment. The chambers will be used to test a variety of vehicle on board electronic devices for Radiofrequency (RF) emissions as well as immunity to outside RF signals as specified by the automotive OPEMs. BV will also have extensive capabilities to conduct testing on the next generation of wireless telematics and infotainment systems as well as testing and certification of advanced vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to infrastructure connectivity modules used in semi- and fully- autonomous vehicle solutions.

BV anticipates creating approximately 20 full-time positions at the facility within the first two years of operation. The majority of these positions will be advanced technical positions with high salaries.
The project proposed in this application would be eligible for consideration of an IFEC under the provision of the City’s Property Tax Incentive Policy as:

A new facility (IFEC) – industrial real property and land improvements, a new business, as provided in PA 198, 1974 as amended may be granted a 50% tax incentive for up to four (4) years based upon the criteria included in this policy. The minimum investment by a business in a new facility has met the following requirements.

- The parcel that this building will be located on has been situated within an established Industrial Development District.
- Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services will be leasing the property and agrees to uphold the policy requirement to continue operations at the facility for four (4) years beyond the term of the four (4) year certificate agreement.

The estimated annual tax savings for BV will be approximately $50,500.

**PENDING APPEALS**
To the best of staff’s knowledge:
- There are no outstanding and/or pending appeal(s) involving the property that is the subject of this application/request.
- There is no outstanding and/or pending appeal(s) involving the applicant filing for this tax incentive/request within the City of Auburn Hills.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**
Approve a four (4) year IFEC for Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services new built out facility with the agreement that the company will continue to operate at the facility four (4) years beyond the four (4) year term.

**MOTION**
Move to approve the request for a 4-year IFEC for Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services.

I CONCUR: [Signature]
Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
FOR BUREAU VERITAS CONSUMER PRODUCTS SERVICES

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326 on the 1st day of July, 2019.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson __________________________ and supported by Councilperson __________________________

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198, 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on the 26th day of October, 2015, the City of Auburn Hills, established an Industrial Development District, commonly referred to as the BKG Featherstone, LLC Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services has filed an application for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate with the Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills with respect to proposed new real property within the BKG Featherstone, LLC Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Council of Auburn Hills held a hearing on the 1st day of July, 2019 at a regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the applicant, the assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, completion of the real property is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Auburn Hills; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Auburn Hills after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of Auburn Hills that:

1. The City Council of Auburn Hills finds and determines that the granting of this Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, together with the aggregate amount of the certificates previously granted and currently in force, under PA 198 of 1974, and PA 225 of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Auburn Hills, or of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Auburn Hills.

2. The application from Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the New Construction of Real Property on the following described parcel of real property situated within the BKG Featherstone, LLC Industrial Development District; to wit;

   The real property parcel the facility is located on is identified as tax parcel 02-14-23-351-013, having an address 815 North Opdyke Road, City of Auburn Hills, MI 48326, including:
   T3N, R10E, SEC 23 MADDOCK ACRES LOT 1 EXC BEG AT NE LOT COR, TH S 17-09-30 W 173.51 FT, TH N 89-45-28 W 369.29 FT, TH N 00-14-22 E 166 FT, TH S 89-45-28 E 419.78 FT TO BEG 11-3-15 FR 009 & 010
   Is hereby approved for real property improvements
3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of four (4) years, and the starting date for the certificate is December 31, 2019 and the ending date is December 30, 2023.

4. The total project investment approved is $6,179,233.

5. Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services agrees to operate the facility for which the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate is granted for the term of the certificate, plus an additional four (4) years after the date of the certificate’s expiration.

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTENTIONS:  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
)SS  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 1st day of July, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 1st day of July, 2019.

________________________________  
Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager and Bill Griffin, City Assessor  
Submitted: June 26th, 2019  
Subject: Public Hearing and request to approve a new IFEC for Giffin Inc.

**INTRODUCTION**

An application for a new IFEC has been received for real property to be located at 4444 Giddings Road parcel number 02-14-03-201-021 consisting of 7.76 acres, by Giffin Inc. The application was submitted on May 29th, 2019 for new building construction consisting of an approximately 112,400 square foot building and applying for a six (6) year IFEC.
Real Property is defined by the City’s Property Tax Incentive Policy to include:

H. “land, buildings, parking lots, utilities and similar items as defined in the General Property Tax Act and as assessed for property tax purposes.”

ABOUT GIFFIN INC.

Giffin Inc. has been located in Auburn Hills for approximately 9 years and is primarily involved in constructing advanced surface finishing solutions for a variety of industries including automotive, aerospace, agricultural, health care and large truck manufacturing. Giffin purchased 4444 Giddings Road on August 22nd, 2018 and demolished the existed 114,517 square foot building. Their headquarters is currently a 125,960 square foot building located at 1900 Brown Road which is conveniently located adjacent to 4444 Giddings Road that is going to be the home of their new building. Due to the increase of business, Giffin will occupy and operate both facilities. The new facility will consist of manufacturing, warehousing, but will also incorporate some office and research & development. They are expecting an estimated 25 new jobs for the new facility within two (2) years.
The project proposed in this application would be eligible for consideration of an IFEC under the provision of the City’s Property Tax Incentive Policy as:

A new facility (IFEC) – industrial real property and land improvements, a new business, as provided in PA 198, 1974 as amended may be granted a 50% tax incentive for up to six (6) years based upon the criteria included in this policy. The minimum investment by a business in a new facility has met the following requirements.

- The parcel that this building will be located on has been situated within an established Industrial Development District.
- Giffin Inc. will own the property and agrees to uphold the policy requirement to continue operations at the facility for six (6) years beyond the term of the six (6) year certificate agreement.

The estimated annual tax savings for Giffin Inc. will be approximately $127,000.

PENDING APPEALS
To the best of staff’s knowledge:

- There are no outstanding and/or pending appeal(s) involving the property that is the subject of this application/request.
- There is no outstanding and/or pending appeal(s) involving the applicant filing for this tax incentive/request within the City of Auburn Hills.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Approve a six (6) year IFEC for Giffin Inc. with the agreement that the company will continue to operate at the facility six (6) years beyond the six (6) year term.

MOTION

Move to approve the request for a 6-year IFEC for Giffin Inc., by adopting the attached resolution.

I CONCUR: Donald K. Grice
Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
FOR GIFFIN INC.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326 on the 1st day of July, 2019.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson ______________________________ and supported by Councilperson______________________________

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198, 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on the 20th day of May, 2019, the City of Auburn Hills, established an Industrial Development District, commonly referred to as the White Corners LLC Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, Giffin Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate with the Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills with respect to proposed new real property within the White Corners LLC Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Council of Auburn Hills held a hearing on the 1st day of July, 2019 at a regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the applicant, the assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, completion of the real property is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Auburn Hills; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Auburn Hills after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of Auburn Hills that:

1. The City Council of Auburn Hills finds and determines that the granting of this Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, together with the aggregate amount of the certificates previously granted and currently in force, under PA 198 of 1974, and PA 225 of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Auburn Hills, or of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Auburn Hills.

2. The application from Giffin LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the New Construction of Real Property on the following described parcel of real property situated within the White Corners LLC Industrial Development District; to wit;

The real property parcel the facility is located on is identified as tax parcel 02-14-03-201-021, having an address 4444 Giddings Road, City of Auburn Hills, MI 48326, including:
T3N, R10E, SEC 3 PART OF NE ¼ BEG AT PT DIST N 89-59-10 E 60 FT & S 60 FT FROM N ¼ COR, TH N 89-59-10 E 359.18 FT, TH S 00-27-50 W 233.98 FT, TH S 89-59-10 W 35 FT, TH S 00-27-50 W 373.74 FT, TH S 181.35 FT, TH S 89-59-10 W 29.27 FT, TH S 00-23-57 E 263.57 FT, TH S 89-59-10 W 291.83 FT, TH N 1052.61 FT TO BEG 7.77 A 4-30-19 FR 002, 013 & 017
is hereby approved for real property improvements.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) years, and the starting date for the certificate is December 31, 2019 and the ending date is December 30, 2025.

4. The total project investment approved is $10,162,733.

5. Giffin LLC agrees to operate the facility for which the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate is granted for the term of the certificate, plus an additional six (6) years after the date of the certificate’s expiration.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)
I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 1st day of July, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 1st day of July, 2019.

________________________________
Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Ronald J. Melchert, Director of Public Works
Submitted: June 25, 2019
Subject: Motion – Approve Master Agreement For Municipal Street Lighting and Purchase Agreement Between The Detroit Edison Company and City of Auburn Hills

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Walton Boulevard, from Perry to N. Squirrel Road was widened in 2008 by the RCOC. The construction was a complete removal and replacement of pavement and water main. During construction the existing street lighting poles and fixtures were removed. The replacement of the street lighting was not part of the project and would become a cost that the City would have to bare. With an increase in public interest to have the cross streets to Walton Boulevard illuminated at night, the City added $50,000 in funding to the 2019 Budget, Account No. 101-901-970.000, to develop the project.

Staff has been working with The Detroit Edison Company to prepare a plan with associated costs for the construction of new municipal street lights along Walton Boulevard between I-75 and N. Squirrel Road (Allerton to Joswick). The plan includes installation of 5 wooden poles, 11 LED light fixtures, associated arm supports, and power cable via direction boring. Provided in the packet is a sketch with explanation of the proposed construction (Exhibit 1). In order to move forward with the street lighting construction performed by The Detroit Edison Company, the City is required to enter into a Master Agreement and Purchase Agreement (Exhibit 2).

The total cost of the project is estimated at $22,358.00, minus the typical 3 years Revenue Credit of $4,312.00 that The Detroit Edison Company allows for, bringing the net cost to $18,046.00. There is adequate funding identified in the 2019 Approved budget to cover the cost of this project. The Detroit Edison Company will continue to own and maintain the proposed street lighting infrastructure when construction is complete.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

OHM Advisors worked with members of the DPW Staff and The Detroit Edison Company to develop the plan and finds it satisfactory from an engineering perspective. City Attorney, Derk Beckerleg, has reviewed the Master Agreement and Purchasing Agreement, and finds them satisfactory from a legal standpoint. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the plan with associated costs for construction to be completed in 2019 when The Detroit Edison Company’s schedule allows.

MOTION

Move to approve the Master Agreement For Municipal Street Lighting with Exhibit A Purchase Agreement between The Detroit Edison Company and City of Auburn Hills. Services to be paid from Account No. 101-901-970.000.

Exhibit 1. Street Lighting Sketch; Exhibit 2. Master Agreement and Purchase Agreement

I CONCUR: Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
2. Run Secondary from Pole 15 ft
   Directly South of Genes
   to Pole, I-Shell 58-watt LED
   Guy Cables to 18 ft Aim

3. Add 18 ft Aim + 58 watt LED
   Angle toward Unit 2.

4. Angle Secondary to 58 Watt LED
   Installs 35 watt Pole
   18 ft Aim + 58 watt LED

5. Pole + Secondary from #8
   58 watt LED + 6 ft Aim

6. Set Pole + Secondary from #7
   58 watt LED + 6 ft Aim

7. 6 ft Aim
   with 58 watt LED

8. Set Pole, left Aim
   with 58 watt LED
   Box Power from Pole
   to South 130 ft + 30 ft Cable.

9. ADD 18 ft Aim
   with 58 watt LED - Cobin

10. ADD 18 ft Aim
    + 58 watt LED - Cobin

    Add 18 ft Aim + 58 watt LED Cobin
This Master Agreement For Municipal Street Lighting ("Master Agreement") is made between The Detroit Edison Company ("Company") and City of Auburn Hills ("Customer") as of July 1, 2019.

RECITALS

A. Customer may, from time to time, request the Company to furnish, install, operate and/or maintain street lighting equipment for Customer.

B. Company may provide such services, subject to the terms of this Master Agreement.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, Company and Customer hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Master Agreement. This Master Agreement sets forth the basic terms and conditions under which Company may furnish, install, operate and/or maintain street lighting equipment for Customer. Upon the Parties’ agreement, as to the terms of a specific street lighting transaction, the parties shall execute and deliver a Purchase Agreement in the form of the attached Exhibit A (a "Purchase Agreement"). In the event of an inconsistency between this Agreement and any Purchase Agreement, the terms of the Purchase Agreement shall control.

2. Rules Governing Installation of Equipment and Electric Service. Installation of street light facilities and the extension of electric service to serve those facilities are subject to the provisions of the Company’s Rate Book for Electric Service (the “Tariff”), Rule C 6.1, Extension of Service (or any other successor provision), as approved by the The Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC”) from time to time.

3. Contribution in Aid of Construction. In connection with each Purchase Agreement and in accordance with the applicable Orders of the MPSC, Customer shall pay to Company a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") for the cost of installing Equipment ("as defined in the applicable Purchase Agreement") and recovery of costs associated with the removal of existing equipment, if any. The amount of the CIAC (the “CIAC Amount”) shall be an amount equal to the total construction cost (including all labor, materials and overhead charges), less an amount equal to three years revenue expected from such new equipment. The CIAC Amount will be as set forth on the applicable Purchase Agreement. The CIAC Amount does not include charges for any additional cost or expense for unforeseen underground objects, or unusual conditions encountered in the construction and installation of Equipment. If Company encounters any such unforeseen or unusual conditions, which would increase the CIAC Amount, it will suspend the construction and installation of Equipment and give notice of such conditions to the Customer. The Customer will either pay additional costs or modify the work to be performed. If the work is modified, the CIAC Amount will be adjusted to account for such modification. Upon any such
suspension and/or subsequent modification of the work, the schedule for completion of the work shall also be appropriately modified.

4. **Payment of CIAC Amount.** Customer shall pay the CIAC Amount to Company as set forth in the applicable Purchase Agreement. Failure to pay the CIAC Amount when due shall relieve Company of its obligations to perform the work required herein until the CIAC Amount is paid.

5. **Modifications.** Subject to written permission of the respective municipality, after installation of the Equipment, any cost for additional modifications, relocations or removals will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

6. **Maintenance, Replacement and Removal of Equipment.** In accordance with the applicable Orders of the MPSC, under the Municipal Street Lighting Rate (as defined below), Company shall provide the necessary maintenance of the Equipment, including such replacement material and equipment as may be necessary. Customer may not remove any Equipment without the prior written consent of Company.

7. **Street Lighting Service Rate.**

   a. Upon the installation of the Equipment, the Company will provide street lighting service to Customer under Option 1 of the Municipal Street Lighting Rate set forth in the Tariff, as approved by the MPSC from time to time, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

   b. The provision of street lighting service is also governed by rules for electric service established in MPSC Case Number U-6400. The Street Lighting Rate is subject to change from time to time by orders issued by the MPSC.

8. **Contract Term.** This Agreement shall commence upon execution and terminate on the later of (a) five (5) years from the date hereof or (b) the date on which the final Purchase Agreement entered into under this Master Agreement is terminated. Upon expiration of the initial term, this Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis until terminated by mutual written consent of the parties or by either party with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

9. **Design Responsibility for Street Light Installation.** The Company installs municipal street lighting installations following Illuminating Engineering Society of North America ("IESNA") recommended practices. If the Customer submits its own street lighting design for the street light installation or if the street lighting installation requested by Customer does not meet the IESNA recommended practices, Customer acknowledges the Company is not responsible for lighting design standards.

10. **New Subdivisions.** Company agrees to install street lights in new subdivisions when subdivision occupancy reaches a minimum of 80%. If Customer wishes to have installation occur prior to 80% occupancy, then Customer acknowledges it will be financially
11. **Force Majeure.** The obligation of Company to perform this Agreement shall be suspended or excused to the extent such performance is prevented or delayed because of acts beyond Company’s reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, fires, adverse weather conditions (including severe storms and blizzards), malicious mischief, strikes and other labor disturbances, compliance with any directives of any government authority, including but not limited to obtaining permits, and force majeure events affecting suppliers or subcontractors.

12. **Subcontractors.** Company may sub-contract in whole or in part its obligations under this Agreement to install the Equipment and any replacement Equipment.

13. **Waiver; Limitation of Liability.** To the maximum extent allowed by law, Customer hereby waives, releases and fully discharges Company from and against any and all claims, causes of action, rights, liabilities or damages whatsoever, including attorney’s fees, arising out of the installation of the Equipment and/or any replacement Equipment, including claims for bodily injury or death and property damage, unless such matter is caused by or arises as a result of the sole negligence of Company and/or its subcontractors. Company shall not be liable under this Agreement for any special, incidental or consequential damages, including loss of business or profits, whether based upon breach of warranty, breach of contract, negligence, strict liability, tort or any other legal theory, and whether or not Company has been advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will Company’s liability to Customer for any and all claims related to or arising out of this Agreement exceed the CIAC Amount set forth in the Purchase Order to which the claim relates.

14. **Notices.** All notices required by the Agreement shall be in writing. Such notices shall be sent to Company at The Detroit Edison Company, Community Lighting Group, 8001 Haggerty Rd, Belleville, MI 48111 and to Customer at the address set forth on the applicable Purchase Agreement. Notice shall be deemed given hereunder upon personal delivery to the addresses set forth above or, if properly addressed, on the date sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or the date such notice is placed in the custody of a nationally recognized overnight delivery service. A party may change its address for notices by giving notice of such change of address in the manner set forth herein.

15. **Representations and Warranties.** Company and Customer each represent and warrant that: (a) it has full corporate or public, as applicable, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to carry out the actions required of it by this Agreement; (b) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate or public, as applicable, action required on the part of such party; and (c) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid, and binding agreement of such party.

16. **Miscellaneous.**
a. This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings. Any amendment or modification to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

b. Customer may not assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Company. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties’ respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of Company, Customer and their respective successors and permitted assigns and no other party shall have any rights to enforce or rely upon this Agreement.

c. A waiver of any provision of this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by the party against whom the waiver is enforced. Failure of any party to strictly enforce the terms of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such party’s rights hereunder.

d. The section headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation thereof.

e. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to any conflicts of law principles. The parties agree that any action with respect to this Agreement shall be brought in the courts of the State of Michigan and each party hereby submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts.

f. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

g. The invalidity of any provision of this Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining provisions of the Agreement.

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Company and Customer have executed this Purchase Agreement as of the date first written above.

Company: The Detroit Edison Company
By: ________________________________
Name: ______________________________
Title: _______________________________

Customer: [City of Auburn Hills]
By: ________________________________
Name: ______________________________
Title: _______________________________
**Exhibit A to Master Agreement**

**Purchase Agreement**

This Purchase Agreement (this “Agreement”) is dated as of [June 19, 2019] between The Detroit Edison Company (“Company”) and [City of Auburn Hills] (“Customer”).

This Agreement is a “Purchase Agreement” as referenced in the Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting dated [June 19, 2019] (the “Master Agreement”) between Company and Customer. All of the terms of the Master Agreement are incorporated herein by reference. In the event of an inconsistency between this Agreement and the Master Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

Customer requests the Company to furnish, install, operate and maintain street lighting equipment as set forth below:

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<th>1. DTE Work Order Number:</th>
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<td>2. Location where Equipment will be installed:</td>
<td>The Location where the Equipment will be installed will be: City of Auburn Hills Walton Blvd between I-75 and Squirrel.</td>
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<td>3. Total number of lights to be installed:</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>4. Description of Equipment to be installed (the “Equipment”):</td>
<td>The Equipment to be installed will be the following: 11- 58-Watt LED Cobras gray (OH) 5-35 ft wood poles 7- 18 ft arms 4- 6ft arms 500 ft of Secondary 330 ft of directional boring</td>
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<td>5. Estimated Total Annual Lamp Charges</td>
<td>$1,525.48</td>
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<td>6. Computation of Contribution in aid of Construction (“CIAC Amount”)</td>
<td>Total estimated construction cost, including labor, materials, and overhead: $22,358.00 3 times Revenue Credit $4,312.00 CIAC Amount (cost minus revenue) $18,046.00</td>
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<td>7. Payment of CIAC Amount:</td>
<td>Due promptly upon execution of this Agreement: $18,046.00</td>
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<td>8. Term of Agreement</td>
<td>5 years. Upon expiration of the initial term, this Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis until terminated by mutual written consent of the parties or by either party with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.</td>
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<td>9. Does the requested Customer lighting design meet IESNA recommended practices? (Check One)</td>
<td>☐ YES ☒ NO</td>
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<td>If “No”, Customer must sign below and acknowledge that the lighting design does not meet IESNA recommended practices.</td>
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11. **Special Order Material Terms:**

All or a portion of the Equipment consists of special order material: (check one) □ YES  □ NO

If “Yes” is checked, Customer and Company agree to the following additional terms.

A. Customer acknowledges that all or a portion of the Equipment is special order materials (“SOM”) and not Company’s standard stock. Customer will purchase and stock replacement SOM and spare parts. When replacement equipment or spare parts are installed from Customer’s inventory, the Company will credit Customer in the amount of the then current material cost of Company standard street lighting equipment.

B. Customer will maintain an initial inventory of at least (0) Lamp post, (0) Luminaire and (0) set of Banner Arms any other materials agreed to by Company and Customer, and will replenish the stock as the same are drawn from inventory. Costs of initial inventory are included in this Agreement. The Customer agrees to work with the Company to adjust inventory levels from time to time to correspond to actual replacement material needs. If Customer fails to maintain the required inventory, Company, after 30 days’ notice to Customer, may (but is not required to) order replacement SOM and Customer will reimburse Company for such costs. Customer acknowledges that failure to maintain required inventory could result in extended outages due to SOM lead times.

C. The inventory will be stored at N/A Access to the Customers inventory site must be provided between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday with the exceptions of federal Holidays. Customer shall name an authorized representative to contact regarding inventory: levels, access, usage, transactions, and provide the following contact information to the Company:

   Name: __________ N/A____________ Title: _____________________

   Phone Number:___________________ Email: _______________________

   The Customer will notify the Company of any changes in the Authorized Customer Representative. The Customer must comply with SOM manufacturer’s recommended inventory storage guidelines and practices. Damaged SOM will not be installed by the Company.

D. In the event that SOM is damaged by a third party, the Company may (but is not required to) pursue a damage claim against such third party for collection of all labor and stock replacement value associated with the damage claim. Company will promptly notify Customer as to whether Company will pursue such claim.

E. In the event that SOM becomes obsolete or no longer manufactured, the Customer will be allowed to select new alternate SOM that is compatible with the Company’s existing infrastructure.

F. Should the Customer experience excessive LED equipment failures, not supported by LED manufacturer warranties, the Company will replace the LED equipment with other Company supported Solid State or High Intensity Discharge luminaires at the Company’s discretion. The full cost to complete these replacements to standard street lighting equipment will be the responsibility of the Customer.
12. **Experimental Emerging Lighting Technology (“EELT”) Terms:**

All or a portion of the Equipment consists of EELT: (check one) ☑YES ☐NO

If “Yes” is checked, Customer and Company agree to the following additional terms.

A. The annual billing lamp charges for the EELT equipment has been calculated by the Company are based upon the estimated energy and maintenance cost expected with the Customer’s specific pilot project EELT equipment.

B. Upon the approval of any future MPSC Option I tariff for EELT street lighting equipment, the approved rate schedules will automatically apply for service continuation to the Customer under Option 1 Municipal Street Lighting Rate, as approved by the MPSC. The terms of this paragraph B replace in its entirety Section 7 of the Master Agreement with respect to any EELT equipment purchased under this Agreement.

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Company:
The Detroit Edison Company
By: ________________________________
Name: ______________________________
Title: _______________________________

Customer:
City of Auburn Hills
By: ________________________________
Name: ______________________________
Title: _______________________________
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager  
Submitted: June 28, 2019  
Subject: Motion – To Authorize the Mayor to Sign Letter of Support for BUILD Grant Application

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY
The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has notified us that they will be pursuing a grant from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. As part of their application, they are seeking matching funds from both Auburn Hills and Orion Township. The Auburn Hills road section is Brown Road from Giddings Road to Jamm Road in Orion Township. This is a County roadway, but right now is perhaps the worst paved road section located within our community. This has a negative impact on industry in that area including ABB, Gardner-White, and our own DPW facility, to name a few. The roadway is a major thoroughfare and its condition is without question having a major negative impact on motorists. We are currently seeking support letters from our most impacted businesses along the roadway.

RCOC has indicated (as you will see in the chart below) that our estimated contribution would be $252,300. They have also indicated that they will pursue Category-A funds which could cover our portion. Absent Category-A, we may have an opportunity to use our Tri-party funds at the time the project occurs (if grant funding is obtained) which would reduce the $252,300. We should also recognize that inflation will impact our share as you can expect the cost of the project will go up by 2021 or 2022.

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Source: RCOC (6/28/19)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
A letter to the Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, is included herein and provides additional information about the project. I have also produced a map for you to see the section of the roadway that will be improved in Auburn Hills. In addition, I have reached out to Supervisor Barnett who has indicated that Orion Township is supporting the project and plans to provide their match.

MOTION
Move to authorize Mayor McDaniel to sign the letter to Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao in support of the BUILD grant which includes reconstruction of Brown Road from Giddings Road to Jamm Road. Furthermore, such support will include the budgeting of approximately $252,300 in 2021 or 2022 as our grant match, should other funding sources to cover our portion not be available.

I CONCUR: 
THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
PROJECT SCOPE is bolded for Auburn Hill’s portion.
PROJECT CONTRIBUTION from the City of Auburn Hills is +/- $252,300*

*Expect inflation to increase the above contribution amount
The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to support the Road Commission for Oakland County’s (RCOC) application for $16,820,000 through the United States Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) FY 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program for the reconstruction of a vital industrial corridor serving a number of the nation’s largest companies. The corridor includes sections of Brown, Silverbell and Giddings roads located in Oakland County’s City of Auburn Hills and Orion Township. The City of Auburn Hills is committed to coordinating with RCOC and to providing a local match to fund the project if awarded.

The 2.5-mile road project limits are Brown Road from Jamm Road to Giddings Road; Giddings Road from Brown Road to Silverbell Road; Silverbell Road from Giddings Road to M-24. The corridor links one of Michigan’s busiest freeways, I-75, with the major trunkline serving northeast Oakland County, M-24.

This corridor services a variety of large businesses including General Motors’ Orion Assembly Plant, a FedEx distribution facility, the Waste Management Eagle Valley Landfill, Gardner White Furniture headquarters, Powers Distributing, a Roush Industries facility and a location of Swiss-Swedish multinational ABB among others. Freight activity is heavy along this stretch of road as it provides the mobility of goods to and from these businesses in the area. FedEx and Waste Management each generate approximately 300 trips in and out of their facilities a day and General Motors generates approximately 150 trips a day.

The corridor serves as a large employment center hosting large companies previously mentioned as well as many businesses housed in adjacent industrial and business office parks. General Motors’ Orion Assembly Plant alone currently employs more than 1,000 people and is investing $300 million to create another 400 jobs for the production of electric and autonomous vehicles on site. The Ashley Orion Commerce Center is a fully leased, large industrial business park that includes 886,000 square feet of industrial space. There are a variety of large technology and automotive-material and service providers also operating in the area. The corridor is regionally significant, and, with the rapid deuteriation of the pavement in recent years, the road is becoming a deterrent to economic growth.
In 1981, these two-lane roads were expanded to five lanes, including a center left-turn lane to better accommodate traffic that followed new industry into the area. The roads were resurfaced in 2003. Since that time, these roads have experienced a steady decline due to heavy and consistent freight traffic. The pavement is currently rated in poor condition and, if not reconstructed, will continue to rapidly deteriorate. The reconstruction of the roadway in this corridor is critical to the continued economic vitality and growth of the region. The completion of this project will provide a reliable and efficient thoroughfare for the mobility of goods and services, as well as supporting the economy by promoting regional growth and operations.

I respectfully request the USDOT give full and fair consideration to RCOC’s application.

Best Regards,

Kevin R. McDaniel
Mayor

Cc:  
U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senator Gary Peters
June 24, 2019

Ms. Laura Pierce, Clerk
City of Auburn Hills
1827 N. Squirrel
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Re: TiVo Customers: Accessing Xfinity On Demand App

Dear Ms. Pierce:

We are committed to keeping you updated about actions that may affect our customers. To that end, and as a courtesy in the event you receive questions, we are letting you know that as of June 25, 2019, the Xfinity On Demand app will no longer be available on TiVo devices.

In close consultation with TiVo, we made the decision to remove the Xfinity On Demand app from TiVo devices because the platform that permits those entitlements utilizes outdated technology that can no longer be updated and is therefore susceptible to security breaches. Both Xfinity and TiVo have notified affected customers of this equipment issue.

Please feel free to contact me at 517-334-5890 if you have any questions or issues.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Leslie A. Brogan
Senior Director, Government Affairs
Comcast, Heartland Region
1401 E. Miller Rd.
Lansing, MI 48911

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Aspiring nurse wins full-ride scholarship to Oakland University

Jun 15, 2019

Allison Drabek is determined to become a nurse. And for her, it is personal.

The Avondale High School senior developed lupus a few years ago. She credits her nurses for helping her through that difficult time.

"It was a life-changing experience," said Drabek. "I never forgot how kind they were to me when I was so sick. Now I want to get my degree in nursing from Oakland University so I can help others."

This spring, Drabek’s dream of becoming a nurse took a major leap closer to realization when she was named the 2019 recipient of the Huntington Ford Scholarship. The scholarship will provide full-tuition support for four years.

"When I got the call from my high school counselor, I was just in shock," said Drabek. "I was at a restaurant with my family. When I told them, we all cried happy tears. I feel so lucky and grateful."

Drabek is the eighth recipient of the Huntington Ford Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an incoming Oakland University freshman from Avondale, Rochester, Rochester Adams or Stoney Creek high schools. Established by donors Pat and Christie Scoggin, applicants are evaluated based on financial need, academic performance and extracurricular involvement. The full-tuition scholarship is renewable for a student who continues to demonstrate financial need, completes full-time credits during each fall and winter semester and maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA.
For the Scoggins, recipients of the Huntington Ford Scholarship are like a second family. They stay in touch over the years and proudly recount the students’ many successes.

“This is not just about giving a scholarship,” said Christie Scoggin. “We want to hear from the students throughout their journey. When they achieve, when they struggle, we are here for them. All of these students matter to us.”

The Scoggins met Drabek and her family at Avondale High School on May 20 for the first time. Laughter and hugs were part of that first gathering. The Scoggins told Drabek she will love OU and that other Huntington Ford scholars will be there to help her adjust to college life. They also encouraged Drabek to “do great things, and down the road when someone needs help, then pay it forward any way you can.”

Funding the Huntington Ford Scholarship is how the Scoggins live out their lifelong goal of helping others.

“We wanted to do something positive and meaningful for the community we love,” said Pat Scoggin. “Creating this scholarship and reading about these amazing young people has been a joy for us. We are so proud of them and all they have accomplished. They are extended members of our family.”

-Submitted by Brian Bierley
Budding joy: Auburn Hills woman lives lifelong dream to open flower shop

By Natalie Broda nbroda@medianewsgroup.com; @NatalieBroda on Twitter

Jun 18, 2019

Sheila Clayton, owner, stands in front of her flower case at Sprigs Flower Expressions which opened recently in downtown Auburn Hills.

It’s been Sheila Clayton’s lifelong dream to open her very own flower shop, ever since she was a teenager learning the craft in Lake Orion.

That dream recently became a reality in the form of Sprigs Floral Expressions, which opened in downtown Auburn Hills on Friday, June 14. The flower and gift shop sells pre-made bouquets and speciality orders for events like weddings, funerals, business or personal affairs. Delivery options are also available.

Clayton, 53 of Auburn Hills, previously worked in human resources in the automotive industry for two decades raising her daughter as a single mother. It was a financial decision, she said, to leave behind her love of arranging and selling flowers to support her family. But as Clayton was permanently laid off from her job last year and as her daughter prepares to graduate medical school, she said she felt it was finally time to move forward with her vision.

"For the last 20-years I’ve done flowers for people whenever I could. It’s a lot of hard work but it really is what I want to do. I like retailing, talking to people,” Clayton said. "I just love flowers and creating something that is special to someone from them."

Clayton is leasing 1,800 square-feet of space for the shop, located at 3345 Auburn Road, between North Squirrel Road and Squirrel Court. A flower shop was one type of business identified by the city of Auburn Hills as a “desired business” by residents in its Economic Enhancement Strategy, according to the Inside Auburn Hills blog.
It was a family-affair to renovate the space, which was previously a trophy shop. Clayton’s daughter and sister helped paint the walls while her nephew put in new floors, friends and family helped move heavy items and find her flower cooler. The counter and workspace in the back of the shop was built by hand by her brother.

“My daughter and my family have been so supportive. I knew no matter where I went after my last job, it was going to be a big change. So I said I might as well just go for it. This was grassroots,” Clayton said.

Clayton said she chose Auburn Hills because of its tight-knit business community.

“During our soft-open, all of the local business owners stopped in to say hello and to support me. They’re just so friendly, and that’s the kind of place I wanted to be,” she said.

Workshops and classes are also planned throughout the rest of the year, including painting a planter bird box and wreath or centerpiece design classes for the holidays.
Patterson Elementary students take virtual field trip as part of STEM experience

By Andrea Peck apeck@medianewsgroup.com; @AndreaPeck24 on Twitter

Jun 18, 2019

Fourth-graders at Holly’s Patterson Elementary took a virtual field trip to Auburn Hills-based Mahindra Automotive North America, where the Roxer off-road vehicle is manufactured.

The event was part of the Holly Area Schools elementary STEM program.

“This virtual field trip gave students an up-close-and-personal virtual STEM experience and demonstrated how these skills are essential in the modern workforce,” said Nathan Mosseri, who hosted the June 4 event with fellow Holly Area Schools elementary STEM teacher Tracey Smith. “The event is yet another opportunity for even our youngest Bronchos to learn how STEM skills are used in a growing list of fields, such as manufacturing, health sciences, computer programming and engineering.” Prior to the event, teachers talked about how vehicle manufacturing calls for an understanding of trial and error, collaboration and other skills. Students submitted questions in advance that were answered during a video tour led by Mahindra plant manager Clarence Bringe.
The Palace of Auburn Hills property has been sold to a joint venture that plans a large redevelopment of the former Detroit Pistons home and concert venue after an anticipated demolition begins this fall.

Livonia-based Schostak Bros. & Co. and Detroit Pistons owner Tom Gores would not disclose financial terms of their JV deal that is expected to result in a cleared 110-acre Palace site with about 80 acres of buildable land for more than 1 million square feet of mixed-use tech, office and R&D development.

This marks the first time that people directly tied to the property have publicly said it is to be razed.

"Clearly Tom Gores’ goal and our goal is that we find a solution that will be good for the community and make a positive economic impact and not let the property languish," Arn Tellem, vice chairman of the Pistons, said in an interview with Crain's on Monday morning.

"Our goal was to partner with a local, well-respected developer like the Schostaks who had a strong track record in the community and who had delivered on their promises over the years."

The Pistons played their last game at the Palace on April 10, 2017. It was also a popular concert venue, hosting acts including U2, Michael Jackson and Madonna.

Detroit Pistons and Palace Sports & Entertainment employees currently housed in the Palace are scheduled to move into the new Henry Ford Detroit Pistons Performance Center headquarters in Detroit's New Center area this fall.
"Auburn Hills has been a great home to our franchise for a long time," Gores said in a news release. "This investment will allow us to stay connected in a way that will create new opportunities for people who live and work in the area."

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Jeffrey Schostak, president of Schostak Development, a subsidiary of Schostak Bros., said in an interview that Auburn Hills officials were notified of the joint venture and the plans within the last month.

"The plan is a mixed-use office, R&D, flex, tech park with some retail amenities, and maybe some entertainment retail," Schostak said. "At a minimum, it's north of 1 million square feet (that could be built there), and it could easily be a lot more than that if it's office. The advantage is its size and location, right off I-75 with 80 acres of buildable land. The size will attract large users, and we'll see who shows up first."

The purchasing entity was PAH Real Estate LLC, which was registered in February to David Schostak, CEO of Schostak Bros. The deal structure was not disclosed. The new buildings could be leased from the partnership or done as build-to-suits with the user ultimately purchasing them, Schostak said.

"We are looking at all the likely companies that are active in this market with lease expirations or that are consolidating," he said.

Auburn Hills Mayor Kevin McDaniel said in a statement that the plan "aligns with a future for the property that is beneficial to the city while fostering innovation and job creation."

"We are enthusiastic about the redevelopment potential and what is expected to be an outcome that provides for future expansion of the city's corporate business community."
Avoiding Silverdome fate

News of the immediate demolition plans sits in contrast to what happened with the nearby Pontiac Silverdome, which sat fallow for 15 years and became an eyesore off of M-59 after the Detroit Lions moved to Ford Field in downtown Detroit in 2002.

It took a court agreement in March 2017 following a city lawsuit for the 80,000-plus seat property to ultimately be led down the path to its demise in December 2017, a process that required not one but two implosions.

Toronto-based Triple Properties Inc. purchased the Silverdome at auction from the city in 2009 for $583,000, just 1.05 percent of the total 1975 construction cost of $55.7 million. The city alleged in a lawsuit violations of building and safety codes, as well as illegal storage of vehicles.

Under terms of the consent judgment, Triple Properties was responsible for the demolition costs.

The 127-acre property is still on the market.

How deal came together

Real estate and development experts have long predicted that the Palace property will eventually be demolished and redeveloped.

*Crain’s* first reported in April that Schostak had the Palace property under contract and planned to tear down the arena to make way for new tech and office development.

The property that houses the 22,076-seat arena was rezoned in 2017 as a technology and research district in advance of the Pistons' move to Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, which was announced in November 2016.


In June 2017, Oakland County rejected an offer to buy the Palace for $370 million from Palace Sports & Entertainment. County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said at the time that it would have been a bad financial move for the county. Oakland University had been in discussions to purchase the property, Crain's and other outlets reported in October.
Palace Sports & Entertainment had asked several developers and other real estate companies last summer to pitch ideas and provide their assessments on the property's value as well as how much it would cost to tear down the arena, a source familiar with the matter said at the time.

Tellem said Monday that the process was a lengthy one.

"We talked to numerous local and national developers," Tellem told Crain's. "We talked to the major real estate brokerage firms. I don't remember how many, but there were plenty of meetings."

"It took a fair amount of time and along the way, we met the Schostaks and it started to become clear that we felt the most comfortable with them based on their track record," Tellem said. "It was a significant factor that they were local, had a track record, they are not just respected business people but they have been involved and invested in this community, care about this community, and we felt the most comfortable with them."

Gores bought the Pistons and the Palace in 2011 for $325 million. He spent $40 million in upgrades on the arena.

Billionaire William Davidson, the Auburn Hills commercial and industrial glass industrialist who bought the Pistons for $8 million in 1974, spent $90 million to build the Palace with partners Robert Sosnick, the former president of Southfield-based developer Redico LLC, who died in 2000, and dealmaker David Hermelin, who also died in 2000. Davidson died in 2009.

Schostak Bros., founded in 1920, developed Livonia Mall and Macomb Mall in 1962, as well as one of metro Detroit's first Kmart stores. The company is also developing Woodward Corners by Beaumont in Royal Oak along with Bloomfield Hills-based AF Jonna Development LLC, among other projects.
A new video game center is set to open this Friday in Auburn Hills.
GAMETIME Detroit, a 10,000 square-foot gaming facility, will offer gaming experiences from PC to console to virtual reality for all ages. It's also the new home of Detroit-based multi-gaming esports group the Renegades, located at 3880 Lapeer Road.

The space is equipped with LED televisions, Alienware PCs and monitors, Nvidia GPUs, HyperX peripherals and Respawn products. GAMETIME is open to both professional and casual gamers, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Tournaments and other events are also in the works at GAMETIME, which features a cafe serving pub-style food, cocktails and craft beer and wine.

Prices range from $10 for one hour of play time to $30 for four hours. Membership deals are also available.

A grand opening will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 28. To attend, register at gametimegg.com.

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