JULY, 2019

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  Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 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 ▲
17  Beautification Advisory Commission, 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆
23  Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆
23  Local Officials Compensation Commission, 6:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room❖

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

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AUGUST, 2019

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 ❍
13  Tax Increment Finance Authority, 4:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❍
14  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
19  Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❍
20  Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 6:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❍
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26  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, July 1, 2019
   4b. City Council Minutes, July 1, 2019
5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
   5a. Administration of Oath to the Police Department Chaplains
   5b. Presentation by the Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA)
   5c. Motion – To confirm the reappointment of Barry Thornton to the Local Officials Compensation Commission.
   5d. Motion - To confirm the reappointment of Jay Boelter and James Buster to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
   5e. Motion - To confirm the appointment of Carla Withers to the Beautification Advisory Commission.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. CONSENT AGENDA
   7a. Board and Commission Minutes
      7a1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, June 27, 2019
   7b. Motion – To ratify the naming of the Knight Amphitheater.
   7c. Motion - To amend the 2019 Fee Schedule to include a non-resident fee for the splash pad.
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
   9a. Motion – To accept the first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 50-3, Regulations Governing City Parks and City Recreational Grounds, of Chapter 50, Parks and Recreation, of the Auburn Hills City Code and to set a Public Hearing and second reading of the ordinance at the meeting of August 26, 2019.
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 5:30 PM
LOCATION: University Center, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, Moniz and Verbeke
Absent: None
Also Present: Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, DPW Director Melchert, City Engineer Juidici, Engineer Cousino, Fire Chief Taylor, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, City Assessor Griffin, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Director of Authorities Skopek, Mgr of Public Utilities Michling, Executive Assistant Weber, Management Assistant Intern Hagge

Mr. Melchert provided an overview on the PASER rating system and provided examples of each PASER rating level. Mr. Juidici discussed the state of the roads in the City and provided a map with roads rated 5+ and those rated under 5. He noted that those rated under 5 are on the schedule to be fixed next year. He further explained that the amount of cracking in the road and the width of the cracks are considered when determining the PASER rating.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the amount of bus traffic or salt used on the roads, effect the life of the roads. In addition, discussion was held regarding the use of asphalt versus concrete.

Mr. Melchert detailed the road work planned for 2020 through 2024. He explained the City’s PASER rating policy. Mr. Juidici explained that the County maintains the County roads located in Auburn Hills. They are required to do their own PASER rating and the roads are done every two years. Mr. Melchert further explained the projected costs to bring the roads up to the various PASER rating levels. Discussion was held regarding funding and budgeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the downtown road work. Mr. Juidici explained that the flower boxes downtown cannot be filled until the irrigation controllers are installed. He noted that once the work is complete downtown, permanent striping will be ground in. Council members expressed concern with the landscaping downtown.

Discussion was held on the future roadwork on Brown Road. Mr. Melchert noted that if the City agrees to pay a portion, it is likely that the City portion would come from tri-party funds. Mr. Juidici added that regional cooperation would make the application for tri-party funds stronger.

It was the consensus of Council to set the PASER rating at 6+. 

July 1, 2019
The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor        Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk
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: Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Taylor, Police Chief Baker, Recreation Director Hegdal, DPW Director Melchert, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, City Engineer Juidici, Director of Authorities Skopek, Media Communications Specialist Mathes, Graphic Designer Lawrence, Management Intern Hagge

6 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Minutes, June 24, 2019

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of June 24, 2019.

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

Resolution No. 19.07.90 Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kittle removed Item 7a from the Consent Agenda.

7b. Motion – To approve alcohol use at Summer Concert Series in the Park and City sanctioned events.

RESOLVED: 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.

RESOLVED: 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.

RESOLVED: 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.
Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda Item 7b.

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

Resolution No. 19.07.91
Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7a. Board and Commission Minutes
7a1. Beautification Advisory Commission, June 19, 2019

Mr. Kittle sought clarification on a typing error which will be corrected at the next meeting. There was discussion regarding the Beautification Awards Program which recognizes residents and businesses for their landscaping and curb appeal, the deadline has been extended.

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Moniz.

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

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

Resolution No. 19.07.92
Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
9a. Public Hearing/Motion – To approve a new IFEC for Autoliv ASP Inc.

Mr. Griffin presented the IFEC for 1320 Pacific drive. The application is for a 3 story office addition as well as a shipping and receiving addition. Autoliv is asking for a 6 year abatement.

Tim Berry of Autoliv was present.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:05PM. Hearing no comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:06PM.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: 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. (Attachment A)

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

Resolution No. 19.07.93
Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Public Hearing/Motion - To approve a new IFEC for Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services.

Mr. Griffin presented the IFEC for 815 N. Opdyke road. The four year abatement request on this spec building, is for the portion of the building that will be occupied.

Jason Canakree, Automotive Lab manager of Bureau Veritas was present. He stated that the testing that is done will be for automotive purposes and that it will create 50 jobs.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:15PM. Hearing no comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:15PM

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Verbeke.
RESOLVED: To approve the request for a 4-year IFEC for Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services. (Attachment B)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19.07.94

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Public Hearing/Motion - To approve a new IFEC for Giffin Inc.

Mr. Griffin presented the IFEC for 4444 Giddings road. He stated that this is a 6 year abatement request for a new building.

Gary Zalinski of Giffin Inc. was present.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:17PM. Hearing no comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:17PM.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the request for a 6-year IFEC for Giffin Inc., by adopting the attached resolution. (Attachment C)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19.07.95

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9d. Motion – To approve Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting and Purchase Agreement Between The Detroit Edison Company and City of Auburn Hills.

Mr. Melchert presented the Master Agreement between the City and the Detroit Edison Company. The lighting was removed on Walton boulevard some time ago and was never replaced but due to public interest it is being replaced. The area covered in the Master Agreement will cover I-75 and N. Squirrel rd, specifically Allerton and Joslyn. The costs involved will be approximately $22,000 however with revenue, this will cost the City roughly $18,000.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19.07.96

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9e. Motion – To authorize the Mayor to sign Letter of Support for BUILD Grant Application.

Mr. Grice presented a road improvement grant for reconstruction of Brown road from Jamm rd to Giddings road. The Road Commission of Oakland County is asking the City to commit $252,300 for our section of the project. Brown road and Silverbell road in Orion Township will also see improvements. The construction will begin during the 2021 or 2022 construction season.

Mr. Kittle asked if other funds are being pursued. Mr. Grice stated that the RCOC is asking for a commitment at this point however, if funds come from another source become available then the city may not have to support this project financially.
Mr. Kittle stated that he cannot support approving this project because it authorizes that finances be sent to another governmental jurisdiction whose roads we do not own. He feels the City need to focus on taking care of its own roads.

**Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED:** 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.

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

No: Kittle

**Resolution No. 19.07.97**

Motion Carried (6 - 1)

10. **COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Hammond – Questioned Mr. Melchert regarding the quality of well water for College Heights. Mr. Melchert stated that this is a private system and therefore the responsibility of the management company. The City is under obligation to test for lead, copper and bacteria within the community. Discussion was had regarding the importance of knowing that the residents are receiving clean water. Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. Melchert to find out what the management company is required to do with testing the water and to also find out who responsible for monitoring it.

Mr. Knight – Reported that the contaminated soil is being removed from the Mound Steel site so that the developer can proceed. He shared that the Friday night concerts are a success and would like to see a DJ brought in during the month of September to keep people in the downtown area. He shared that there is very limited handicapped parking in the area, especially during the busy times. He suggested if the parking near the restrooms could be converted to handicapped when there is a scheduled event at the amphitheater.

Mr. Kittle – Questioned Mr. Melchert as to what a reasonable amount of time for tearing down a construction project should be because there are several areas around the City that need to be cleaned up. Mr. Melchert stated that as soon as a project is completed, the site should be cleaned unless vegetation is not established, that would allow the silt fencing to stay intact.

Mr. Moniz – Shared that he is pleased with the Friday night music series and the amount of people in attendance. There was discussion regarding Police patrolling the area and the potential of multiple cameras to monitor the area. He questioned the Industrial Park Gardner White sign. There is a policy that is being put forward. Mr. Cohen will be contacted for any updates. He asked for clarification for the residents as to the start date for the Taylor road project and how the residents will be notified. Mr. Judici explained that the contractors proposed to have partial closures to expedite the project. The road will be moved to one lane with a temporary traffic signal controlling the flow of traffic.

Mr. Burmeister – Stated that it was nice to see the firefighter of the year on the billboard along I-75. He also shared that he was pleased with how quickly Mr. Skinner took care of a grass complaint. He shared that the state crushing site looks like a constant fog and would like to see if it can be controlled better.

Ms. Verbeke – Shared that she would like to see signs posted on Lapeer rd, to give people a enough notice regarding the Taylor road project. OHM will look into it.
Mayor McDaniel – Asked Mr. Skopek to bring some clarification to the 3250 Auburn road issue and the lack of progress that the developer is showing for this project. Mr. Skopek shared that a letter was sent and to the date of this meeting there has been no communication from the contractors regarding the project. The letter that was sent requested that the site be grated and revegetated to the City’s satisfaction by July 19, 2019 due to the fact that there has not been a construction schedule presented by the developer. If no action is taken, an ordinance violation can be issued through the Community Development Department. The City Attorney stated that no action should be taken until the July 19, 2019 date. It was discussed that the City is watching the situation closely. Ms. Hammond brought attention to the fact that Brownfield money was granted to this project. Mr. Skopek acknowledged that was accurate however, it is through the tax increment revenues where the City makes the money back and without a building on the property that cannot happen.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT
12. CITY MANAGER REPORT
Mr. Grice – Reminded everyone that the offices will be closed for July 4th.

13. ADJOURNMENT
Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:48PM.

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

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 Knight and supported by Councilperson Verbeke:

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: 7
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

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
ATTACHMENT B

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 Burmeister and supported by Councilperson Verbeke:

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: 7
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

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
ATTACHMENT C

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 Verbeke and supported by Councilperson Moniz:

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, construction of the facility has not begun earlier than six (6) months before 29th 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 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
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: 7
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

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
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN OAKLAND COUNTY CISMA

WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?

An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause harm to Michigan’s economy, environment or human health.
**WHY ARE INVASIVE SPECIES A PROBLEM?**

- Invasive species have few natural competitors.
- Invasive plants change the soil chemistry, harm native plants and unbalance ecosystems.
- Invasive plants harm wildlife

**INVASIVE PLANTS DAMAGE INFRASTRUCTURE**
SAFETY AND FIRE HAZARDS

LIMIT WATER ACCESS AND LOWER PROPERTY VALUES
CISMA MISSION AND GOALS

Collaboration across Oakland County seeking to support functioning ecosystems and enhance the quality of life through invasive species management

- Prevention and Education
- Early Detection/ Rapid Response
- Collaborative Long-Term Management
Participation in bulk treatment contracts
- Including treatment of Phragmites in county road right-of-ways
- ArcGIS online layers for survey and mapping invasive species
- Advice on best treatment practices, contractor selection
- Invasive species training
- Involvement in grants
- Public education and outreach
  - Including brochures on treatment of Phragmites, knotweed
- Collaboration with neighboring communities, MDOT, public utilities, universities, land conservancies, watershed councils and other partners

INVASIVE SPECIES IN AUBURN HILLS
IMPACTS ON NATURAL AREAS

- Grows up to 20 ft. tall, often in dense monocultures
- Extensive rhizomes
- *Phragmites* stands cause safety concerns (block road view, fire hazard), negatively impact property values
- Chemical and mechanical (cut and drown) control methods

PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS
(COMMON REED)

- Photo courtesy of Bob Williams
JAPANESE KNOTWEED
FALLOPIA JAPONICA

- Perennial, herbaceous shrub
- Simple, alternate, broad leaves
- Numerous small, green-white flowers
- Damages infrastructure including breaking through foundations
- Multiple control strategies required

JOIN US IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES!

- To become a CISMA member
  - Sign our Memorandum of Understanding
  - Designate 1-3 representatives to represent Auburn Hills
- Participation as a voting member requires attendance for at least 6 monthly meetings per year

2019 SPRING INVASIVE SPECIES SUMMIT
Waterford Oaks Activity Center
Saturday, March 23, 2019
Check out our website: https://www.sixriversrlc.org/oakland-county-cisma

Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/occisma/

Contact: Erica Clites
Oakland County CISMA Coordinator
eclites@sixriversrlc.org
248-660-0716

Emily Messick
Oakland County CISMA Technician
emessick@sixriversrlc.org

This project was funded by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program
(www.michigan.gov/invasives).
To: City Council  
From: Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor; Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk  
Submitted: July 2, 2019  
Subject: Motion – To confirm the reappointment of Barry Thornton to the Local Officials Compensation Commission

**INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY**

Please consider confirming the following reappointment to the Local Official Compensation Commission:

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**MOTION**

Move to confirm the reappointment of Barry Thornton to the Local Officials Compensation Commission for a term ending 7/31/2024.
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

NAME: THORNTON BARRY R
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

HOME ADDRESS: 3852 HILLSDALE DR APT 8240
(Number/Street) (City/Zip) 48326 (Phone)

EMAIL ADDRESS: BARRYRTTHORNTON@YAHOO.COM

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN AUBURN HILLS? 21 YRS
ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN: YES

DO YOU WORK IN AUBURN HILLS? YES
LENGTH OF TIME EMPLOYED IN AUBURN HILLS:
If you work in Auburn Hills, please list the name and address of the business:

FVOLUNTEER 1-2 DAYS PER WEEK AT FIELDSTONE
(Business Name) (Number/Street) (Phone)

PLEASE LIST WHICH BOARD/COMMISSION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN: LOCAL OFFICIAL COMPENSATION COMM.

WHAT SPECIALTIES/EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION DO YOU BRING TO THIS BOARD/COMMISSION:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)
COMM' INSURANCE AGENT FOR CITY FOR 26 YRS

LIST ANY CIVIC/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)
INVOLVED WITH ST. JOHNN FISHER CHAPEL

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

(Signature) 6/25/19 (Date)
To: City Council
From: Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor; Jeff Spencer, Building Official
Submitted: July 3, 2019
Subject: Motion – Confirming Reappointments of Jay Boelter and James Buster to the Zoning Board of Appeals

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Please consider confirming the following reappointments to fulfill a three-year term.

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MOTION

Move to confirm the reappointment of Jay Boelter and James Buster to the Zoning Board of Appeals for terms ending July 31, 2022.
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

NAME: Boelter Jay P.
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

HOME ADDRESS: 703 Nichols Rd. Auburn Hills Michigan
(Number/Street) (City/Zip) (Phone)

EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN AUBURN HILLS? 47 ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN: Yes

DO YOU WORK IN AUBURN HILLS? Yes LENGTH OF TIME EMPLOYED IN AUBURN HILLS: ____________

If you work in Auburn Hills, please list the name and address of the business:

(Business Name) (Number/Street) (Phone)

PLEASE LIST WHICH BOARD/COMMISSION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN: ZEGA

WHAT SPECIALTIES/EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION DO YOU BRING TO THIS BOARD/COMMISSION:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)
Returning member

LIST ANY CIVIC/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)
Public Safety Community
Chair

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[Signature] 6.27.2019 (Date)
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

NAME:        Jester  James A.
(Please Print)  (Last)  (First)  (Middle Initial)

HOME ADDRESS:  2377 Old Salem Rd  Auburn Hills  48326  313-509-5046
(Number/Street)  (City/Zip)  (Phone)

EMAIL ADDRESS:  jester.jebuster16@gmail.com

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN AUBURN HILLS?  3 yrs
ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN:  Yes

DO YOU WORK IN AUBURN HILLS?  No
LENGTH OF TIME EMPLOYED IN AUBURN HILLS:

if you work in Auburn Hills, please list the name and address of the business:

(Business Name)  (Number/Street)  (Phone)

PLEASE LIST WHICH BOARD/COMMISSION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

Zoning Board of Appeals

WHAT SPECIALTIES/EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION DO YOU BRING TO THIS BOARD/COMMISSION:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

I am an attorney who practices real estate law and commercial litigation in the State of Michigan. I am also a Captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army Reserve.

LIST ANY CIVIC/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

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(Signature)  July 1, 2019  (Date)
To: City Council
From: Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor
Submitted: July 8, 2019
Subject: Motion – Confirming Reappointment of Carla Withers to the Beautification Advisory Commission

**INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY**

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**MOTION**

Move to confirm the reappointment of Carla Withers to the Beautification Advisory Commission for a term ending July 31, 2022.
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

NAME: Withers Carla A.
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)
HOME ADDRESS: 720 Provincetown Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-802-5343
(Number/Street) (City/Zip) (Phone)
EMAIL ADDRESS: csitsit@sbcglobal.net

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN AUBURN HILLS? 23 Yes ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN: 

No N/A

DO YOU WORK IN AUBURN HILLS? N/A LENGTH OF TIME EMPLOYED IN AUBURN HILLS:

If you work in Auburn Hills, please list the name and address of the business:

N/A
(Business Name) (Number/Street) (Phone)

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

PLEASE LIST WHICH BOARD/COMMISSION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

WHAT SPECIALTIES/EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION DO YOU BRING TO THIS BOARD/COMMISSION:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)
I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Baker College. I have an Associate’s Degree in Paralegal Studies from Oakland Community College. I have over 20 years of experience in the legal field. I have served as the secretary on the Beautification Advisory Commission for one year.

LIST ANY CIVIC/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN:
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Carla Withers
(Date): 03-16-2019
Chairman Capen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Douglas, Slocum, Knight, Capen, Hawley
Absent: None
Also Present: Brandon Skopek, Director of Authorities; Mary Hoeh, AKT Peerless (Via Communications Equipment)
Guests: None

LOCATION: Auburn Hills City Hall, Administrative Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2a. 3507 Auburn Road – Soil Excavation Proposal – AKT Peerless

Mr. Skopek presented a memo dated June 20, 2019. He reviewed that in summer of 2018, it was discovered that soils were stockpiled on the southern portion of 3507 Auburn Road. The stockpiles were removed from the site as recommended by AKT Peerless and additional verification sampling to evaluate potential impact to the remaining subsurface was conducted. AKT Peerless identified metals impact above the EGLE Residential Direct Contact Criteria. Following approval at the March 13, 2019 Board meeting, AKT Peerless provided coordination for a subcontractor to remove up to 20 tons of soil and collect five soil verification samples for analysis of arsenic. One of the verification samples collected from 3 feet below grade exhibited a concentration of arsenic above the EGLE Residential Direct Contact Criteria. These findings warranted additional delineation; therefore, AKT Peerless conducted another round of delineation activities. The most recent round of delineation activities came back favorable and there is no need for additional delineation. AKT Peerless will need to coordinate a subcontractor to remove the soil that has the concentration of arsenic in exceedance of the EGLE Residential Direct Contact Criteria. The amount of soil to be excavated is estimated to be approximately 230 tons. The developer is moving quickly on the site; therefore, this work will need to be completed in a timely manner so development is not impeded.

Ms. Hoeh stated that a second round of sampling was conducted the second week of June and AKT Peerless was able to delineate the impact. The tonnage of soil removal is estimated to be 230 tons.

Mr. Douglas asked how the tonnage removal was calculated.

Ms. Hoeh stated that the excavation area was divided into two parts because one soil removal area is deeper than the other; however, both areas are included in the work order. The first area is 95 feet by 12 feet deep and the second area is 415 feet by 7 feet deep. The total removal area is 153 cubic yards and the removal footprint is approximately 510 square feet.

Mr. Douglas asked if the areas were measured to allow for the soil to be removed at the correct depths.
Ms. Hoeh stated that there are flags marking the soil removal area and AKT Peerless will be on site to provide oversight for the contractors.

Mr. Knight asked if the contractor would backfill the removal area.

Ms. Hoeh stated that the removal area will be filled with Class II sand and compacted to meet grade.

Mr. Slocum asked for clarification on measurements on the site map. He stated that one location on the site map and data chart show two different numbers.

Ms. Hoeh stated that the data tables are correct, but the data on the map needs to be changed. There was a transposing error.

Chairman Capen stated that there are exceedances in the drinking water criteria and groundwater surface area criteria.

Ms. Hoeh stated the focus is on the direct contact criteria. The drinking water criteria and groundwater surface area is not applicable to this site given the potable water and the due care actions to be taken around any surface water influences.

Chairman Capen asked how an individual would be exposed to direct contact of the contamination if it is located twelve feet below ground.

Ms. Hoeh stated that there is potential for the contamination to be exposed during construction of the community center building and pool area.

Chairman Capen asked what the solubility of arsenic was. Further, he asked if arsenic from the stockpiles would be able to saturate twelve feet into the ground over the course of time the stockpiles were on the site. He believes the arsenic was already in the soil.

Ms. Hoeh stated that it is unknown if the arsenic was already existing or if it came from the stockpiles. The intent is to delineate the area entirely so the issue will be resolved.

Chairman Capen stated it was likely always there, however, the concern was to clean up the areas surrounding the building and not every area of the site was tested.

Ms. Hoeh stated that Phase II sampling is always biased toward known issues on a site. Therefore, the arsenic contamination was not discovered during the early clean-up process.

Mr. Douglas asked where the soil would be transported to.

Ms. Hoeh stated that the soil would be transported to a Type II landfill.

Mr. Douglas believes that the stockpiles were placed during the Auburn Road work conducted downtown last year.

Chairman Capen stated Act 381 requires that liable parties be held responsible for the contamination. He suggested that the Board look into who is responsible and have them cover the cost of the soil removal.

Mr. Skopek stated the issue is that there is no way of knowing who placed the stockpiles there and when. Further, the developer is moving quickly on the development of the site and waiting to track down a liable party would impede the development.

Chairman Capen expressed his frustration with contractors placing materials on known brownfield sites and other City owned sites. In the future, he would like to see a cease and desist letter sent to contractors from the City Attorney the first time an issue like this is discovered.

Mr. Douglas stated he is frustrated and would like to see language in the contracts with City contractors that stipulates no soils are to be placed on properties without being properly cleaned up. He would like the City Engineer to make this a punch list item for the contractors. He would like to see final payments withheld until this punch list item is checked off.
Mr. Skopek acknowledged the Board’s frustration and stated he will speak with City management and the City Engineer about the Board’s concerns.

Moved by Ms. Hawley to authorize the Executive Director to execute the proposal from AKT Peerless to complete excavation, transport and disposal of soil, and mobilization and landfill coordination in an amount not to exceed $18,054.
Supported by Mr. Douglas.

Yes: Douglas, Slocum, Knight, Capen, Hawley
No: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Knight to adjourn the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors meeting.
Supported by Mr. Douglas.

Yes: Douglas, Slocum, Knight, Capen, Hawley
No: None

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Brandon Skopek
Executive Director
INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Henry and Claire Knight have been residents of the City of Auburn Hills since 1957. In their more than sixty years in the community, they have served with distinction, including Mr. Knight’s current service as a longtime member of the Auburn Hills City Council. On Friday, June 21, 2019, after the completion of a fundraising campaign conducted by the Auburn Hills Community Foundation, and in conjunction with funding from the Auburn Hills Tax Increment Finance Authority, the City celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting for a new amphitheater and children’s splash pad at Riverside Park. To honor the Knight’s, it was the desire of the Mayor and City Council to surprise them by dedicating the amphitheater to Henry and Claire. The Knight’s are also generous donors to the splash pad portion of the project. At the opening event on June 21, 2019, the Mayor unveiled the sign on the amphitheater displaying the words “Knight Amphitheater”.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

At the direction of the Mayor and City Council, staff recommends the formal ratification of the name “Knight Amphitheater” to be used as the name of the amphitheater located within Riverside Park.

MOTION

Move to ratify the naming of the amphitheater at Riverside Park as the “Knight Amphitheater” in honor of the distinguished service of Henry and Claire Knight to the Auburn Hills community.

I CONCUR:

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager
Submitted: July 9, 2019
Subject: Motion – To Adopt a $3.00 Daily Fee Per Non-Resident User for the Splash Pad

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY
On June 21, 2019 the City opened the splash pad as part of the latest improvements to Riverside Park. The splash pad is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and uses fresh water, not recycled, as its method of operating. After about two weeks of monitoring, we learned of the significant water usage cost associated with its operation. Interim steps have been taken to reduce the water usage costs and include a reduction to the water volume, and reducing the number of spray devices that come on at any one time. Because the splash pad is essentially being used from open to close, it is basically operational (spraying water) ten hours per day. As a result, we find it necessary to take further steps to offset our costs by implementing a daily fee-per-user. While it will be impossible to generate enough revenue to pay for the water used, a daily fee-per-user will certainly assist in offsetting the splash pad expenses, including the need for staffing the splash pad.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends a $3.00 daily fee-per-user for non-residents while maintaining free access for residents who can provide an acceptable form of proof of residency as provided to the City for all other programs for which proof of residency is required to obtain resident rates.

MOTION
Move to amend the 2019 Fee Schedule to include a non-resident fee for the splash pad at the rate of $3.00 per-user, per-day, effective July 13, 2019.

I CONCUR: Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
INTRODUCTION
The enclosed ordinance amendment was drafted to prohibit smoking in certain public parks where signs are posted prohibiting smoking.

After consultation with City Attorney Derk Beckerleg and Director of Community Development Steve Cohen, the following amended ordinance is proposed:

“Subsection (j) – Smoking in Public Parks.
It shall be unlawful for any person to possess and/or use and/or smoke a cigarette, e-cigarette, cigar, hookah, pipe, or other device that contains tobacco or any other similar combustible product where signs are posted prohibiting smoke and/or smoking, as determined by the City Manager, within the following City of Auburn Hills public parks: Civic Center Park (not including the Community Center and the portion of the Civic Center Campus north of the Community Center), Riverside Park, River Woods Park, Manitoba Park, E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center, Auburn Hills Skate Park, Dennis Dearing Jr. Memorial Park, and the Clinton River Trail.

WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?
The City does not have an ordinance prohibiting smoking in its public parks. The intent of this ordinance is to curb air pollution, second-hand smoke, and littering within the City’s public parks, which will make the parks more enjoyable for people of all ages.

WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SMOKING IN PUBLIC PARKS?
The proposed penalty for violating this new subsection would be a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500.00. The penalty is consistent with the preceding nine prohibitions listed in Section 50-3. Please note that if the City Council wishes to lessen the penalty from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction, then Section 50-2 can be revised to address that desire at the time of Second Reading of this ordinance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Recommend Approval

MOTION
“Move to accept the First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 50-3, Regulations Governing City Parks and City Recreational Grounds, of Chapter 50, Parks and Recreation, of the Auburn Hills City Code and Set for Public Hearing and Second Reading/Adoption at the Meeting of August 26, 2019.”

I CONCUR:  
Donald K. Grice, Assistant City Manager
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-3, REGULATIONS GOVERNING CITY PARKS AND CITY RECREATIONAL GROUNDS, OF CHAPTER 50. PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE AUBURN HILLS CITY CODE, AS AMENDED, TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (J) PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PARKS

THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Section 50-3. Regulations Governing City Parks and City Recreational Grounds, of Chapter 50. Parks and Recreation, of the Auburn Hills City Code, as amended, is hereby amended to add a new subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess and/or use and/or smoke a cigarette, e-cigarette, cigar, hookah, pipe, or other device that contains tobacco or any other similar combustible product where signs are posted prohibiting smoke and/or smoking, as determined by the City Manager, within the following City of Auburn Hills public parks: Civic Center Park (not including the Community Center and the portion of the Civic Center Campus north of the Community Center), Riverside Park, River Woods Park, Manitoba Park, E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center, Auburn Hills Skate Park, Dennis Dearing Jr. Memorial Park, and the Clinton River Trail.

Section 2. Repealer.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law when they were commenced.
Section 5. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect upon publication in the manner prescribed by the Charter of the City of Auburn Hills.

Section 6. Adoption.

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

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTENTIONS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. _______ adopted by the Auburn Hills City Council on the _____ day of ____________, 2019, the original of which is in my office.

_________________________________
LAURA PIERCE, City Clerk
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Chapter 50 - PARKS AND RECREATION

Sec. 50-1. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Dusk means the darker stage of sunset.

Sec. 50-2. - Penalty for violation.

Any person violating any of the provisions of section 50-3 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500.00 and costs of prosecution, by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and costs and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 50-3. - Regulations governing city parks and city recreational grounds.

(a) All city parks and the recreational grounds of the city civic center shall be open daily year round to the public from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever is later. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than city employees on authorized city business, to be present in a city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center at any time other than that set forth in this subsection, unless the person is participating in part of and/or viewing a city-sponsored activity and/or function or the person and/or organization that the person is a member of has been granted permission by the city manager and/or his designee to be present in a city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center at a specific time other than that set forth in this subsection.

(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 instrumentalities. 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 instrumentalities’ sanctioned events in city parks, city facilities and/or the recreational grounds of the city civic center and only personal/individual sized coolers are allowed and no glass containers shall be permitted.

(2) The Auburn Hills City Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages during approved city and/or its authorized instrumentalities’ 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.

(3) The consumption of alcoholic beverages as permitted in this subsection shall only be allowed in designated areas approved by the Auburn Hills City Council.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to vandalize, burn, deface, or destroy in any fashion any city property located in any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center, including, but not limited to, property such as picnic tables, barbecues, fencing and gates, signs, grass, trees and shrubs.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or bring onto any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center, except on designated roads and parking areas, any motorized vehicles, including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, mopeds, snowmobiles, and all terrain vehicles of any type.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any type of hunting or trapping on any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center.
(f) Except as authorized by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess any weapon in any city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center, including, but not limited to, weapons such as firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, slingshots and bows and arrows.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any roadway, lane or sidewalk in any city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any persons to congregate in any of the parking areas in any city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center.

(i) It shall be unlawful for any person to bring onto any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center any animals other than dogs on a leash.

(j) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess and/or use and/or smoke a cigarette, e-cigarette, cigar, hookah, pipe, or other device that contains tobacco or any other similar combustible product where signs are posted prohibiting smoke and/or smoking, as determined by the City Manager, within the following City of Auburn Hills public parks: Civic Center Park (not including the Community Center and the portion of the Civic Center Campus north of the Community Center), Riverside Park, River Woods Park, Manitoba Park, E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center, Auburn Hills Skate Park, Dennis Dearing Jr. Memorial Park, and the Clinton River Trail.

Sec. 50-4. - Use of city parks and city recreational grounds conditioned upon compliance with rules and regulations.

The use by any person of any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center, and the facilities located thereon, including, but not limited to, baseball diamonds, shuffleboard courts, tennis courts, hiking and physical fitness trails and wildlife observation decks, is conditioned upon compliance with the regulations set forth in section 50-3, and upon any regulations or requirements established by the department of public works for the city. In addition to any penalties that may be provided for by this chapter, or any other ordinance or law, any person not in compliance with any such regulation or requirement, upon being so advised by any police officer of the city, or any duly authorized representative of the department of public works or the recreation department of the city, shall promptly depart from the city park or recreational grounds of the city civic center.
June 11, 2019

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

RE: Important Information—Channel Lineup Change

Dear Ms. Pierce:

I am contacting you today regarding upcoming programming change. Customers are being notified of this change via bill message.

Effective July 23, 2019, Tennis channel will be available in our Digital Starter tier.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at 517-334-5890.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Leslie A. Brogan
Senior Director, Government Affairs
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Fiat Chrysler lights up Pentastar in Auburn Hills for the next week to honor Lee Iacocca
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Fiat Chrysler Automobiles is honoring late auto giant Lee Iacocca by lighting the two-story "Pentastar" window atop its Auburn Hills headquarters tower in tribute.

Iacocca, 94, died on Tuesday at his home in Bel Air, California.

The automaker said the window will remain lit until midnight July 10 to coincide with Iacocca’s funeral, which will take place at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Iacocca was chairman and chief executive of Chrysler and is credited with saving the automaker from bankruptcy by securing a government bailout.
Lee Iacocca: 1924-2019

Lee Iacocca dies: Father of Mustang, rescuer of Chrysler was 94
Charlotte W. Craig, Special to the Free Press Published 9:36 p.m. ET July 2, 2019 | Updated 3:22 p.m. ET July 3, 2019

He was one of those unique personalities that America’s auto industry sometimes produces — a larger-than-life presence who changed the course of automotive history.

Revered by some, reviled by others, Lee Iacocca was a force to be reckoned with, both publicly and privately. Father of the Mustang, midwife to the minivan, rescuer of Chrysler Corp., restorer of the Statue of Liberty, Lee Iacocca died Tuesday at his home in Bel Air, California, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel and longtime auto executive Bob Lutz confirmed to the Free Press. He was 94.

During the height of his career in the 1980s, Iacocca was arguably the most popular business figure in the world. Pictures of him, often with his trademark cigar, were on magazine covers and TV screens. His 1984 autobiography became an international best-seller. He was in global demand as a speaker.

There even were movements to draft him as a presidential candidate in 1984 and 1988, and as a U.S. senator in 1991. Iacocca — probably wisely — sidestepped all those drives.

His death was met by an outpouring of tributes and sadness late Tuesday.

"He was one of the great leaders of our company and the auto industry as a whole," Fiat Chrysler Automobiles said in a statement. "He also played a profound and tireless role on the national stage as a business statesman and philanthropist. Lee gave us a mindset that still drives us today — one that is characterized by hard work, dedication and grit."

And Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford said Iacocca had a deep and lasting impact on the auto industry.
"Lee Iacocca was truly bigger than life and he left an indelible mark on Ford, the auto industry and our country," he said. "Lee played a central role in the creation of the Mustang. On a personal note, I will always appreciate how encouraging he was to me at the beginning of my career. He was one of a kind and will be dearly missed."

Lido Anthony Iacocca was born Oct. 15, 1924, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where his family ran a small hot-dog eatery — the forerunner of a Coney Island-type chain now known as Yocco’s, a Lehigh Valley corruption of the Iacocca name. The family eventually expanded its interests into real estate and other businesses.

Iacocca’s parents immigrated through Ellis Island from Italy — his father, Nicola in 1902 and his mother, Antoinette, in 1921.

The future auto executive — the younger of two children — went to public school, graduating 12th in the Allentown High School class of 1942. Because he had rheumatic fever a couple of years earlier, Iacocca was rejected and classified 4F when he tried to join the Army Air Force after high school.

Disappointed that he couldn’t help fight World War II, he threw himself into the engineering program at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Iacocca ripped through eight straight semesters, with no summers off, graduating with honors in industrial engineering in 1945.

Even before finishing at Lehigh, Iacocca had set his sights on working for Ford Motor Co. He won a job with the automaker upon graduation but, at the same time, was offered a fellowship for graduate work at Princeton University.

The Ford recruiter told him to take the fellowship; the company would hold a spot for him. He completed a master’s degree in mechanical engineering at Princeton in 1946 and arrived by train in Detroit with $50 to start work as a Ford engineering trainee.

Quickly bored with the nitty gritty of engineering, Iacocca started what would become his life’s work — marketing — by selling Ford executives on the notion that he should switch to sales.

He started that same year as a lowly fleet salesman in Chester, Pennsylvania. By 1949, he was a zone manager working with 18 dealers. Ten years after switching to marketing, Iacocca won the attention of Ford headquarters in Dearborn by developing a finance program to move slow-selling 1956 models: Customers could make a 20% down payment, then make three years of $56 monthly payments. Financing for new cars was just coming into vogue; Iacocca called his version ‘56 for ’56.”

The program took off, and so did Iacocca’s career. By 1960, he was head of car and truck sales for Ford Division. Later that year, at age 36, he was named vice president in charge of the division.

**Fired from Ford**

Iacocca’s first major achievement as head of Ford Division was also his first major contribution to automotive history — the Mustang.

Iacocca and his team members were looking for a car that would have youthful appeal, with head-turning style, strong performance and a low price, he wrote in his autobiography. They used the engine, transmission and axle from Ford’s
popular but plain Falcon, designed a whole new body for that platform, and brought it to market in the spring of 1964 with a base price of just $2,368, including bucket seats, wheel covers and carpeting as standard equipment.

During Mustang’s first sales weekend, 4 million people visited Ford dealerships. The car appeared simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek magazines.

The Mustang set a U.S. record of 418,812 sold in its first 12 months, and Iacocca got a promotion to vice president in charge of all car and truck development for both Ford and Lincoln-Mercury divisions.

By December 1970, 24 years after joining the company as a trainee, Iacocca was president of Ford.

But his relationship with Chairman Henry Ford II, at first warm, grew chilly with time as conflicts developed between the two strong personalities.

Henry Ford II fired Iacocca on July 13, 1978. When journalists asked for a reason, Ford responded, “It’s personal, and I can’t tell you any more. It’s just one of those things.”

To protect some of Iacocca’s benefits, Ford agreed to make the firing effective Oct. 15, Iacocca’s 54th birthday. But as a final humiliation, he exiled Iacocca from Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, known locally as the Glass House, and assigned him a small uncarpeted office in a company parts depot off Telegraph Road in Detroit.

**Chrysler’s savior**

Within a few weeks, Chrysler Corp., the nation’s No. 3 automaker, had wooed and won Iacocca, although announcement of the new alliance was postponed to Nov. 1, 1978, when Iacocca was named Chrysler’s president and chief executive officer. In less than a year, in September 1979, he would become chairman.

The day Iacocca was made its president, Chrysler announced record third-quarter losses of $160 million. As Iacocca wrote in his autobiography, “One of Chrysler’s biggest problems, as I soon learned, was that even its top management didn’t have a very good idea of what was going on. They knew Chrysler was bleeding. What they didn’t realize — and what I would soon find out — was that it was hemorrhaging.”

By the summer of 1979, Iacocca had concluded that Chrysler would need government help to survive. After a long and sometimes humiliating campaign, Iacocca’s team won a $1.5-billion loan guarantee from Congress. The Chrysler Loan Guarantee Act gained congressional passage Dec. 21, 1979, saving 600,000 Chrysler jobs and countless supplier companies and giving Chrysler time to restructure.

Between early 1980 and February 1981, Chrysler used $1.2 billion of the $1.5-billion guarantee. To access the money, the company had to streamline itself, secure wage and benefit concessions from all employees, renegotiate existing loans and get financial backing from banks and suppliers.

Iacocca set the pace by cutting his own salary for 1980 from about $360,000 to $1.

Everybody affiliated with Chrysler made financial concessions: union members, executives and suppliers. In addition, the company laid off thousands of blue- and white-collar employees as it cut beyond fat and into the meat of operations.
At the same time, Iacocca pushed through the development pipeline the plain, rectangular and desperately needed K-cars that gave Chrysler fuel-efficient family sedans to sell. The Dodge Aries and Plymouth Reliant K-cars came to market in 1981 and Iacocca, by this time appearing in Chrysler TV ads as well as running the company, told Americans, “If you can find a better car, buy it.” A survey showed that 85 percent of TV viewers knew who Iacocca was and believed him to be sincere.

By mid-1983, Chrysler was in good enough shape to pay back its entire loan package seven years ahead of schedule. Iacocca announced the move at the National Press Club in Washington on July 13, 1983 — exactly five years after Ford had fired him.

In three years time, lending banks had made $404 million in interest off Chrysler; the federal government made $33 million in administrative fees; lawyers and investment bankers had made $67 million, and the U.S. Treasury made more than $311 million off Chrysler stock warrants the department received as part of the loan guarantee package.

As if he weren’t busy enough, Iacocca said yes in May 1982 when President Ronald Reagan asked him to lead a multimillion-dollar private fund drive to renovate the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in time for the statue’s 100th birthday in 1986. Iacocca accepted the task in tribute to his parents.

But Iacocca’s supercharged activities came to a sudden halt on May 15, 1983, when Mary, his wife for 26 years, died of complications from diabetes.

Though he had one of the best-known faces in America, Iacocca always described himself as a homebody. He detested eating out, preferring a home-cooked pasta meal and an update on what daughters Kathi and Lia were up to.

Mary Iacocca had been the anchor of the auto executive’s private life; now she was gone. Iacocca called her death the “greatest personal sadness of my life.”

But he couldn’t stay still for long. Iacocca was by now an international business hero with many demands on him. Admirers wanted to draft him as a 1984 presidential candidate. He declined, signing a new three-year contract with Chrysler at the end of 1983.

“I’m too outspoken to be a good politician,” he observed later in his autobiography. “If a guy’s giving me a lot of baloney, I tell him to buzz off because he’s wrong. Somehow I don’t think the presidency works that way.”

That November, Chrysler turned consumer heads with something entirely new — a vehicle the company called a minivan. Iacocca described the minivan as revolutionary and historic and predicted it would “create extraordinary excitement and buyer interest and force other manufacturers to come up with copycat versions.”

He was right. With a unique design, high utility and a base sticker price of about $8,500, the minivan created a consumer sensation as well as a whole new market segment.

Iacocca had now turned the auto industry upside down three times in his career: first with the Ford Mustang in 1964, next with the salvation of Chrysler and then with the minivan.

Fired again
On Iacocca's 60th birthday, Oct. 15, 1984, his autobiography hit the nation's bookstores and became an instant best-seller. The book was vintage Iacocca — blunt, folksy, opinionated, colorful and full of details about his turbulent career.

Iacocca made no promotional tours for the book. Nevertheless, by the end of the year, publisher Bantam Books had printed a million hardcover copies of “Iacocca: An Autobiography.” Stores sold out of the $18 books as fast as they got them. Hundreds of fans mailed copies to Chrysler headquarters hoping Iacocca would autograph the volumes. Iacocca increased his already intense popularity by announcing that all profits from the autobiography would go toward finding a cure for diabetes.

Iacocca and Chrysler both were on a roll.

As the Statue of Liberty’s 1986 centennial approached, Iacocca announced the fund drive for its restoration had exceeded its goal, with $277 million either in hand or pledged.

Then, almost as proof that he wouldn’t mix well in politics, Iacocca found himself fired again — this time as chairman of the national commission overseeing actual restoration work on the statue and Ellis Island.

Interior Secretary Donald Hodel said in February 1986 that he didn’t want one man in charge of both raising and spending the money for the project. But employees of the National Park Service, which maintains the statue and Ellis Island, reportedly resented Iacocca’s take-charge methods and accused him of running roughshod over them with his plans.

In addition, there were rumors Iacocca might be drafted to run for the White House as a Democrat in 1988.

“I’m no threat,” an outraged Iacocca said after the firing. “I’m not running for anything except my life. If it was just politics, boys will be boys down there. They get nervous, and an election is coming up and that’s the game they play in Washington.”

The smoke created by Iacocca’s firing had drifted away by the time the auto executive revved up the Statue of Liberty Centennial celebration on the July 4 weekend of 1986.

The glittering salute featured special musical performances and a massive fireworks display, and drew more than 20 tall ships, dozens of movie stars, heads of state, business leaders, thousands of journalists and an estimated 13 million spectators to New York harbor.

Iacocca said income from tickets and advertising would nearly cover the $3.2-million cost of the gala. Asked about accusations that the restoration project had been commercialized, Iacocca snapped, “Commercialization is a good American trait. We’ve been commercializing things for more than 100 years.”

Iacocca’s father, Nicola, was not there to see the celebration, having died in 1973. But the auto executive’s mother, Antoinette, then 82, was an honored guest.

“My son God gave me,” a teary Antoinette Iacocca said. “I’m happy so much for him I can describe to nobody. He makes me feel so good in here,” she said, tapping her chest over her heart. “Sometimes I think a little too much is on him; but he loves it.”

The Jeep deal
Indeed, Iacocca seemed always at the center of a whirlwind.

Chrysler, now profitable but still short on appealing models, formed joint ventures with overseas automakers, including Mitsubishi, Samsung and Maserati.

But the biggest deal by far was Iacocca’s announcement on March 9, 1987, that Chrysler would buy American Motors Corp. from French automaker Renault for about $1.5 billion. The deal created merger headaches for Chrysler in the form of layoffs and plant closings; but it also brought the company its valuable Jeep brand.

Never one to think small, Iacocca had also explored acquiring General Motors Corp., a deal that analysts said would have cost about $40 billion. “In the end, I concluded that it might be easier to buy Greece,” Iacocca said in a second book, “Talking Straight,” published by Bantam Books in June 1988.

The GM daydream may have foreshadowed Iacocca’s boldness in an ill-fated 1995 bid — three years after his 1992 retirement — to take over Chrysler Corp. with Las Vegas billionaire Kirk Kerkorian.

The whole idea was to take Chrysler private, or at least only quasi-public, so it could be run more efficiently with a core group of stockholders controlling it, much as the Ford family controls Ford Motor Co., Iacocca explained later.

Iacocca hoped or mistakenly believed that the Chrysler board and management would accept the notion. When they didn’t, the situation deteriorated into a painful and bitter legal war between Iacocca and the company to which he had given so much of his life and energy. Kerkorian and Iacocca’s takeover attempt failed when Chrysler’s board said the company wasn’t for sale.

Man of contradictions

Iacocca was a contradictory character. He was on one hand the cigar-chomping, swashbuckling salesman who seemed to know instinctively the right things to say and do to impress a Senate subcommittee or an ordinary consumer.

On the other hand, he was intensely private and almost painfully shy offstage, a man who got nervous before every speech.

He was also a bit of a hypochondriac. It was sometimes joked by Chrysler insiders that if you wanted to shake up the day, you had only to tell Iacocca he didn’t look so good.

Meticulous in his attention to detail, Iacocca was known within Chrysler for making efficient use of his time, insisting that issues be boiled down to their essential elements before being brought to him for a decision.

He was often inspiring, but he wasn’t a back slapper and he didn’t plunge into crowds. He always maintained a certain distance, a reserve that implied power, intentionally or not. The air around him almost crackled with electricity.

Only one person was ever allowed to make fun of him in public with relative impunity: his longtime friend and fellow Ford and Chrysler executive Ben Bidwell.

At the office, only a handful of people were allowed close to him, and directives were passed down through them. The roster of executives who abruptly left the company after clashing with Iacocca was impressive and included some top men
he had recruited or brought with him from Ford — Chrysler Vice Chairman Gerald Greenwald and Chief Financial Officer Steve Miller among them.

Greenwald, asked once to describe Iacocca’s management style, answered only half-jokingly, “the whip.”

Private chaos

At home, Iacocca’s private life was scarcely less chaotic.

In April 1986, three years after his beloved Mary died, Iacocca married former flight attendant and publicist Peggy Johnson. Both of them known for their short fuses, the two quarreled almost from the beginning. They separated six months after the wedding and divorced a year later, in November 1987.

In his second book, Iacocca wrote of his marriage to Johnson. After Mary died, he said, “I found myself all alone and tired as hell. Eating alone was bad enough, but living alone really scared me. Dying alone scared me even more. ...

“I have to admit that I didn’t know for sure if I was ready to get married just yet. I wasn’t sure in my heart I was done mourning my first wife. I probably should have waited a little longer than I did. ... Right away I started to second-guess myself.”

In March 1991, nearing retirement, he tried again. This time, Iacocca married former California restaurant owner Darrien Earle. That union dissolved in a nasty and public divorce squabble that finally ended in May 1995, in the middle of Iacocca’s bid to take over Chrysler with Kerkorian.

Iacocca’s private life and his executive habits inevitably invited comparisons with the colorful Henry Ford II, and several former colleagues said Iacocca was driven by wanting to outdo his old adversary.

Iacocca did little to dispel his imperial reputation. As time approached for introducing the cars and trucks for a given model year, Iacocca would walk through a lineup of vehicles in the Chrysler styling dome and literally give each one a thumbs up or thumbs down. This exercise sometimes resulted in costly, last-minute changes in tooling or paint colors.

On one occasion, he changed the name of a model the day before it was to be introduced to magazine reporters. Numerous news releases and other handout materials had to be ripped up and redone overnight.

As a nationwide recession took its toll on automakers in the late ‘80s and early ‘90s, Iacocca’s purchases of American Motors and other companies lost their luster among Wall Street analysts and critics within Chrysler. They argued the acquisitions had stripped Chrysler of money it needed to develop exciting new products.

During the first half of 1991, Chrysler lost $553 million; the company’s market share skidded from more than 12 percent in the mid-1980s to 8.7 percent for the first half of ’91.

Iacocca came under increasing pressure to retire and make room for someone with a fresh perspective — a move he finally made at the end of 1992, when the board put former GM executive Robert Eaton behind the wheel at Chrysler.

Gagged by a post-Kerkorian court settlement with Chrysler that barred both parties from criticizing each other in public, Iacocca kept his mouth uncharacteristically shut when Eaton arranged Chrysler’s buyout by Germany’s Daimler-Benz AG, announced in May 1998.
Equally uncomfortable for Iacocca was life as a retiree.

Retirement

Unhappy as a bachelor, but unwilling to risk another disastrous marriage, he tackled a series of business ventures. They included gambling resorts, restaurants, olive oil, margarine, electric vehicles and an Internet company formed to sell used industrial equipment. Some of the projects kept his interest; some didn't.

"I tell people who are getting ready to retire, don't — meaning don't just worry about your financial well-being. You better volunteer for something, or paint or play music or be a mentor to kids. You better do something, even if you don't need the money, just to keep active. You go nuts if you don't," he said in a 1999 interview.

Yet, after all his career achievements and civic activities, it was his family that Iacocca always said was most important.

"My legacy is two great daughters and six grandchildren so far. That's your only real legacy, let's face it. The rest comes and goes. ... In the end, if you're healthy and your family's good, the rest was fun," he said in a 1999 interview.

"I've always felt that when I die, if I can say I've done well by my family ... then I've lived a full life and a good life. What else is there? You get up in the morning, you go through the same day and night as everybody else. ... Maybe you've truly enjoyed life. But how? You're only as good as the sharing you've done with those around you, especially your family and friends," he wrote in his second book.

Staff writers Eric Lawrence, Christina Hall, Ann Zaniewski and Phoebe Wall Howard contributed to this report.
Ramps connecting I-75 and M-24 are closed in Auburn Hills.

FILE PHOTO

Several ramps connecting I-75 and M24 in Auburn Hills are closed until July 18 for bridge work.

Here are the details, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation:

- The northbound M-24 ramp to I-75 is closed.
- The northbound and southbound I-75 ramps to northbound M-24 are closed.
Pontiac teacher awarded spot in national conference for pizza box Black History Month project
By Natalie Broda nbroda@medianewsgroup.com; @NatalieBroda on Twitter
Jun 29, 2019

Dwayne Brown, elementary teacher at Pontiac Academy for Excellence, holds up one of his student’s Pizza Black History Month projects and one of his nine National Endowment of the Humanities workshop certificates. He’s been invited back this July to present the pizza box project.

The idea that something so simple as a pizza box could change someone’s life might sound silly — Unless of course, you’re Dwayne Brown.

A Pontiac Academy for Excellence elementary teacher and an educator for 25-years, Brown created a Black History Month project this year that’s earned him a spot at an upcoming National Endowment of the Humanities conference at Tulane University in New Orleans. He was previously an educator and administrator with Detroit Public Schools and also works as a member of the adjunct support staff at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills.

The project saw second through fourth grade students create pizza boxes showcasing iconic African American authors, actors, activists and athletes with a focus on how they impacted one-another. Ultimately, Brown found that his students were identifying with these historical figures in surprising and personal ways.

Such as one fourth grade girl who chose Lorraine Hansberry, acclaimed playwright and author of “A Raisin in the Sun,” which debuted on Broadway in 1959. The title of the play is inspired by a line in the poem “Harlem,” published in 1961 by Langston Hughes.

“This young lady saw a picture of Lorraine and she was just star-struck. I later asked her why she picked her for the project. She told me she wants to be as pretty as Lorraine when she grows up,” Brown said. “This child saw this photo and it drew her in, she identified with it, and as a teacher, you know what can develop when a child has a powerful connection like that.”

It’s those kinds of creative classroom projects that Brown and 30 other educators will be sharing in New Orleans this July. It’s the 10th National Endowment of the Humanities program Brown’s been involved with.
"I come from school districts that could never afford to send me to something like this, so I apply to every one that I can. I've been to places like the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and each time we dive deep in our subject matter so that I can take it back to the classroom and bring these projects to another level," Brown said.

For now, Brown saved two of the pizza boxes to present at the conference in July, including the Lorraine Hansberry box. He called the project "Pizza Black History," a play on words from "A Piece of Black History."

"You have to work with what you have in education and I knew these kids would have access to pizza boxes," Brown said. "This was about helping the kids explore pieces of black history to try and understand that so, so much more can come from just one piece."

More information on the conference and other grant-funded workshops for educators can be found at neh.gov.
Pack your patience on I-75 in Auburn Hills, Troy on Monday and Tuesday nights
By Anne Runkle arunkle@medianewsgroup.com; @AnneRunkle1 on Twitter

Only one lane will be open on northbound and southbound I-75 between Pontiac Road and Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills, starting at 9 p.m. Monday, July 1, and ending by 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 2.
By 5 a.m. Tuesday, northbound and southbound I-75 will have two lanes open between Square Lake and Pontiac Road, and three lanes open between Baldwin and Pontiac Road, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.
As a reminder, I-75 will be closed overnight in both directions of I-75 between Big Beaver and Crooks roads in order for crews to install bridge beams on the new overpasses at Wattles Road and Corporate Drive.
The full closure begins at 9:30 p.m. Monday, July 1, and the highway reopens at 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 2. The closure occurs again at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, and is in effect until 5 a.m. Wednesday, July 3.
During the full closures, northbound traffic will use Big Beaver, Crooks, westbound M-59 to northbound I-75.
Southbound traffic will use Crooks and 14 Mile back to southbound I-75.
More than 700 American flags retired at Auburn Hills ceremony
By Sharon Longman For MediaNewsGroup Jul 8, 2019

Boy Scouts from Troop 256 in Washington Township and Cub Scouts from Pack 17 in Macomb Township helped retire more than 700 flags at the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Auburn Hills American Legion Hill-Gazette Post 143. Post 143 veterans, the Sea Cadets from the USS Tomcat Group and the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles UAW Veterans Committee also attended the event.

Post 143 is located at 96 Churchill Road, Auburn Hills. For more information about the post or to join, call 248-852-4880 after 4 p.m.

• The Oakland University Veterans Support Services Golf Outing is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 29, at Pine Trace Golf Club, at 3600 Pine Trace Blvd., Rochester. This event is aimed at improving the quality of life of veterans and their dependents. All proceeds raised from this event will go back into the Veterans Support Services Center. The cost is $95 includes one round of golf, 18 holes, lunch at the turn and the dinner and awards banquet. There will be two contest holes: Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. This event is open to the public, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Must register by July 19. For more information, call 248-370-2010 or visit https://oakland.edu/veterans/events/2019/072919-golf-outing.

• The North Oakland VFW Post 334 Car Show is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Culvers, 4963 Interpark Dr. N., Lake Orion. There will be a DJ, free prizes and a 50/50 raffle with drawings every hour. Registration starts at 9 a.m. All donations will be used to help local veterans. For more information, call 248-238-0005.

• Awards: North Oakland VFW Post 334 was awarded All-State Post and Top Post in Michigan at last month’s 100th Anniversary State Convention. Post 334 Cmdr. Jim Hubbard received the All-State Commander and Outstanding Commander of the Year for VFW District 5 awards. The post also received the 100 percent Membership Banner, and Youth Activities and Community Service plaques. The post auxiliary received Citations of Merit for many programs including the Circle of Excellence. For more information about the post and auxiliary, call 248-496-1213.
Three young men are accused of fatally beating a man after an argument with him that started in a moving vehicle and ended in a Warren parking lot.

The defendants – two from Warren and one from Hazel Park – were formally charged Friday afternoon with manslaughter for the death of Kenneth E. Klingler, 24, of Auburn Hills, early Thursday morning. He died from blunt force trauma to his head, police said.

Christ Zehnphennig and Chris Twarowski, both 23, of Warren, and Nathan Thomas Domagalski, 25, of Hazel Park, were arraigned in front of Judge John Chmura in 37th District Court in Warren and ordered held on bond.

Manslaughter carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

The trio met Klingler on Thursday night at a party in Troy. They were driving home in a Buick LaSabre on Mound Road near 10 Mile Road about 1 a.m. July Fourth when Klingler began attacking fellow rear-seat passenger Domagalski, according to Warren police Detective John Gajewski. The driver, Zehnphennig, pulled into a parking lot where all of the participants exited, and Zehnphennig pulled Klingler off Domagalski, Gajewski said. The three defendants began beating Klingler, he said.

"Zehnphennig admitted he had Klingler in a choke-hold and at some point punched him several times," Gajewski told the judge. "Domagalski admitted to fighting with Klingler and the group, delivering a kick to Klingler. Twarowski admitted to the same."

Klingler was able to get up off of the ground and walk out into southbound Mound, before collapsing, police said. He was taken to St. John Macomb Hospital where he died.

The trio fled in a vehicle but were arrested later when they returned to retrieve a pair of Zehnphennig's shoes. Zehnphennig was trained in martial arts, police said.

Police had found surveillance video of the scene from one or two area businesses.

Zehnphennig was held in lieu of a $50,000 bond, and his co-defendants were held in lieu of $75,000 bonds.
Zehnphennig, who works as a part-time cameraman for WXYZ-TV (Channel 7), has retained attorney Robbie Lang, who argued in court for no bond, noting he has no prior criminal convictions and could reside with his parents, who attended the hearing.

Lang also said the defendants were "defending themselves from harm."

In setting bond, Chmura said: "This is a crime of violence, and sadly a person is deceased because of this."

Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith said in a news release that the defendants could have called 911 but instead fled.

"The repeated fatal blows suffered by the victim at the hands of these defendants is beyond reprehensible," Smith said.

"These young men could have walked away rather than engage with the victim. They could have called 911, knowing the physical state they left the victim in. Instead they made the most selfish choice possible – they left the scene. And, left the victim to die."

The defendants face a July 16 probable-cause conference and July 23 preliminary examination in front of Judge Michael Chupa.

Twarski is unemployed and Domagalski said he works caring for special-needs adults.

A gofundme.com page has been set up to pay for Klingler's funeral expenses.