



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
Regular City Council Meeting
Minutes

October 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, Moniz, and Verbeke
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, City Attorney Beckerleg, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Taylor, Assistant Fire Chief Macias, Police Lt. McDonnell, Finance Director Schulz, Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Finance Director Farmer, Accounts Payable Manager Culver, Director of Public Works Melchert, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, Mgr of Public Utilities Michling, Director of Community Development Cohen, Director of Authorities Skopek, City Engineer Juidici, Management Assistant Intern Benoit

8 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Minutes – September 24, 2018

Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of September 24, 2018.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.10.146

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Blessings in a Backpack Presentation by Janelle Tischer

Janelle Tischer, fundraising chair representing Blessings in a Backpack Avondale, explained that the organization provides food to children in need who are Avondale students. She explained that they currently provide bags of food to 350 students each week. The cost is \$100 per backpack to provide a bag of food for the entire school year. She explained that they are looking for partners to help with the weekly packing and for financial donations. She invited the community to attend their main fundraiser Bowling for Backpacks, on March 3rd at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills.

5b. Introduction of Director of Authorities Skopek

Mr. Tanghe introduced Brandon Skopek, Director of Authorities and welcomed him to the City.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Storey, 475 Westwinds, Almont; owns two rental property in the City. He expressed dissatisfaction with the rental property fees.

William Carrington, 185 Carn St, Pontiac, introduced himself and explained that he was running for re-election on the Pontiac School Board.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Motion – To approve the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule.

7b. Motion – To approve Concurrence with Petitioners’ Request for Declaratory Ruling Re: MDEQ’s Lead and Copper Rules

RESOLVED: To approve Concurrence with Petitioners’ Request For Declaratory Ruling Re: MDEQ’s Lead and Copper Rules by authorizing the City Manager to execute the concurrence form as presented.

7c. Motion – To approve 2019 Department of Public Works Fee Schedule

RESOLVED: To adopt the 2019 Department of Public Works Fee Schedule as submitted.

7d. Motion – To approve the purchase of a Flygt submersible sewage pump for the Grey Road lift station

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Flygt submersible sewage pump for the Grey Road lift station from Kennedy Industries for the purchase price of \$19,548.00. Funding is provided from the Sewer Fund (592-535-971.000).

Mr. Knight requested that Item 7e be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda Items 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.10.147

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7e. Motion – To approve delinquent Tax Transfers to 2018 Winter Tax Bills

Mr. Knight questioned how the amount compares to previous years. Ms. Farmer explained that there is an increase of approximately \$75,000. The majority of that amount is due to the special assessment districts. She pointed out that in previous years, water and sewer have been a concern. The City has seen a decrease in the amount of accounts that have transferred over this year.

In response to a question from Mr. Kittle, Ms. Farmer explained that a large portion of this amount is a multi-resident complex that repeatedly lets it go to the tax roll.

Mr. Tanghe questioned if the new penalty system has contributed to keeping people up to date and off the tax roll. Ms. Farmer confirmed that there has been an increase in the amount of people who are making more of an effort to pay off their bills.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To accept the transfer of the delinquent special assessments in the amount of \$504,907.44 for collection on the 2018 City of Auburn Hills Winter Tax bills, in accordance with Ordinance #634, Resolution No. 74-108, 74-143, and MCL 211.44(3)(4) and (7).

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.10.148

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion – To approve the 2019 Budget and to approve the proposed millage rates for the City and Library for the 2018 tax year.

Ms. Schulz presented budget and explained the process in preparing the budget. She explained that \$5.6 million in road projects and \$2.5 million in infrastructure projects for water and sewer are planned for 2019. The City is proactively looking at the retiree health care fund with \$750,000 planned to transfer into the trust. She noted that there has been discussion about the five-year plan realizing that revenues are going

to be continually challenged. She explained that the City is trying to keep the budget as conservative as it can.

In response to a question from Ms. Hammond regarding the library millage, Ms. Schulz explained that the library has their own meeting to approve their budget and millage. The City is responsible for collecting it and include the approval of their millage rate in the City's budget.

Mr. Kittle stated that staff and administration has done a great job on this and calculating the impact five years from now is a best practice that other governments could benefit from.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 PM. Hearing no public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept and adopt the proposed 2019 budget for the City and to approve the proposed millage rates for the City and Library for the 2018 tax year.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.10.149

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Fire Department Purchase - To approve the purchase of four (4) Auto Chest Compression Device

Assistant Fire Chief Macias presented the recommendation to purchase four automatic compression devices. He explained that the devices provide high quality hands-free chest compression when caring for a patient in cardiac arrest. He noted that continuous CPR compression factors into the survivability of a patient. He explained the bidding process and background of Physio-Control.

Mr. Knight questioned if there is a test procedure to ensure the unit is always working. Asst. Chief Macias explained that Physio-Control is brought in annually to ensure all of the department devices are calibrated and receive annual maintenance.

Ms. Hammond questioned the life expectancy on these devices. Jeff Butner, pre-hospital representative for southeast Michigan, explained that the recommended replacement cycle is eight years.

In response to a question by Mr. Burmeister, Mr. Butner explained that a fully trained crew can deploy the device within 11 seconds.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of four (4) auto compression devices in the amount of \$56,018.52 from Physio-Control for the Fire Department.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.10.150

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Fire Department Purchase – To approve the purchase of one (1) Fit Tester

Assistant Chief Macias presented the recommendation to purchase one face mask fit testing machine. He explained that the law requires all fire personnel be fitted annually on masks provided and expected to be worn under safety measures. The machine records all analytics while personnel are breathing through their firefighter and medical masks to make sure they have an appropriate size mask and a proper seal.

Asst. Chief Macias confirmed for Mr. Knight that the machine is portable.

Mr. Burmeister questioned if cost-sharing with another City was considered. Asst. Chief Macias explained that they did not consider it. Due to the makeup of the department, the device would be used at different times. The department does share other equipment, however this is not one of those items.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of one (1) fit tester in the amount of \$16,762.60 from TSI for the Fire Department.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.10.151

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond

- Requested a construction update on the downtown.
Mr. Juidici explained that the rain has been hampering some of the production. The water main installation is nearing completion and most of the curb along the north side of Auburn Rd has been placed. The contractor will begin putting in the utility extensions for the new developments. The project is still on track as far as the completion date in early November.
Mr. Tanghe pointed out that there are things that the City added, there are developments coming in, and there are economies of scale to be had. By having certain utility connections created while they are in the work area, it is very possible that the timeframe could be extended past November 9th.

Mr. Moniz

- Questioned if we received the main components for the amphitheater. Mr. Juidici stated that he will confirm and get back to him. The contractor is starting on the block walls today.
- Questioned if the crossover at Pontiac Road could be addressed as it is settling. Mr. Juidici explained that it will be addressed within the next several days.
- Questioned the Opdyke Road project. Mr. Juidici explained that it is a County project. The contractor is starting on curb repairs. Their intent is to get it paved this year.

Mr. Knight

- Commented that the four groundbreaking went well.
- Complimented the Police Department on the road closures for the homecoming parade.
- Commented that they are making good progress on the downtown.
- Expressed concern with the amphitheater construction. Mr. Juidici explained that the contractor is optimistic that they will get a large amount of the hardscape completed this year. The landscaping and some of the splash pad components will be completed in the Spring.

Mr. Kittle

- Requested staff look at Tienken Rd between Squirrel and the old barricade as the center seam is starting to unravel.
- Requested an update on the fire engine that had a frame issue. Asst. Fire Chief Macias explained that there was an issue with the substructure. He explained that Rosenbauer is changing out the subframe, adjusting the suspension, and rebuilding the box. They expect to have the truck back within sixty to ninety days.

Mr. Burmeister

- Announced that the Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, October 13th at Hawk Woods.

Mayor McDaniel

- Announced that the Taste of Auburn Hills will be held on Thursday, October 11th at the HUB.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Tanghe

- Congratulated Oakland Community College Chancellor Peter Provenzano on his inauguration.
- Congratulated Oakland University on the opening of the Hillcrest Residence Hall.
- Thanked the sponsors of the upcoming Fall Fest.
- Offered thoughts and prayers to the family of Bryan Novach, the managing director at Morrell Group, who passed away on September 12th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk