



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

November 26, 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, Director of Community Development Cohen, Police Chief Baker, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer Farmer, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, Director of Authorities Skopek, City Engineer Juidici, Management Assistant Intern Benoit

20 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes – November 12, 2018

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of November 12, 2018.

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

Resolution No. 18.11.172

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2018

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2018 as amended.

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

Resolution No. 18.11.173

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Optimist Club Civilian Employee of the Year Presentation – Heather Farmer, Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer

Mr. John Higgins of the Optimist Club presented the Civilian Employee of the Year Award to Heather Farmer the Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer for the City. Ms. Michelle Schultz stated that Heather is an inspiration to the Finance team and shows respect to residents and coworkers alike. She stated that Heather gives back to everyone and is a delight to work with. Heather stated that she is honored to represent the City of Auburn Hills as the recipient of this award.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:09 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:25 PM.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, November 13, 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.11.174

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance / R-1A, Open Space Development Option

Mr. Cohen presented the need to amend the R-1A Open Space Development Option to provide flexibility and to deviate from ordinance standards.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the text amendment to Article IV. R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 One Family Residential Districts of the Zoning Ordinance. It shall be referenced as Ordinance No. 18-906.

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

No: Verbeke

Resolution No. 18.11.175

Motion Carried (6 - 1)

9b. Motion – To approve a Site Plan / Opdyke Medical Building

Mr. Cohen presented the Site Plan for Opdyke Medical. This building will allow the current medical facility to relocate and will become a one story 8,100 square foot medical office building. This building will have 15 exam rooms and 1,000 square feet will be rented to Trinity Health. This project is to be completed in the fall of 2019.

Marie Crum of Opdyke Medical was present.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Site Plan for the Opdyke Medical Building subject to the conditions of the administrative review team.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.11.176

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Motion – Approval of Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / White Corners, LLC (a.k.a., Giffin, Inc. USA)

Mr. Cohen presented the request of JB Donaldson to build a 100,000 square foot I-1 facility. This facility will house the Headquarters for Giffin. The anticipated completion date is October 2019.

Mr. Donaldson of JB Donaldson Company, 37610 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI was present. There was discussion regarding the drawings that were presented. It was clarified that the building would be built per rendering. There was also discussion regarding the demolition process. The products that can be saved will be reused. Mr. Burmeister stated that he was pleased to see a positive use for this property.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for White Corners, LLC (a.k.a., Giffin, Inc. USA) subject to the conditions of the administrative review team.

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

Resolution No. 18.11.177

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9d. Public Hearing/Motion – To adopt the Small Cell Ordinance #18-905

Mr. Grice presented that passing this ordinance is the best assurance the City will have to protect the City from potential FCC rulings and the pending Senate Bill 637.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 PM.

Mr. Theo VanDam of 2685 Beacon Hill, Apt 309, Auburn Hills shared his concerns with the fee schedule regulations. He was wondering why the fee schedule was set the way that it was.

Mr. Grice clarified that the fees are based on plan reviews, in house reviews and the engineering firm. Also the annual fees were set due to a new structure that the City will have to work around for purposes of maintenance and upkeep. These fees will also include underground utilities that also might be used.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 PM.

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To adopt ordinance No. 18-905, to amend Chapter 79, Right-of-Way Management to enact a new Article IX. Wireless Communication Facilities to adopt regulations for the placement and maintenance of wireless communication facilities within the public right-of-way.

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

Resolution No. 18.11.178

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9e. Motion - To approve Comprehensive Backup Solution

Mr. Purdy presented the need for a comprehensive backup solution. This new system would modernize the current infrastructure and no longer use the media tape that is currently being used. The current method currently takes 49 hours to complete the back up. The new backup solution will allow the IT department to backup/replicate the entire environment in one hour.

There was discussion on the drastic difference in the bid pricing.

Michael Aloy, Chief Operating Officer of Yottabyte, stated that their solutions are based on the Yottabyte solution vs the multiple software solutions that other companies propose. Mr. Aloy stated that the saving comes from the way the software was developed by the company. The company can also reduce the footprint of hardware to meet the needs, this also cuts down the cost. It was shared that this system is

highly secure and meets all the requirements of government security. Mr. Purdy stated that approval of this purchase will be a one time purchase with three years of support, added in the original cost.

There was discussion on the specifics of the product and discussion on the “cloud” not being CJIS approved for government security.

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the comprehensive backup solution bid from Yottabyte, 1750 S. Telegraph, Suite 200, Bloomfield Township, Michigan for the amount of \$51,567.36. Funds for the project are from the following:

Fleet Management	Software & Equipmt. Maintenanc	GL# 661-442-934.000
MIS Department	Software & Equipmt. Maintenanc	GL# 101-883-934.000
MIS Department	Computer Services	GL# 101-883-814.000
Police Administration	Machinery & Equipment	GL# 101-305-977.000

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.11.179

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond – Reminded residents of the upcoming Christmas tree lighting event coming up.

Mr. Knight – Stated that he has heard complaints about the roundabout not being a double lane, but stated it does slow down traffic. He would like to see the roundabout have reflective surface around the circle to help with those that have difficulty seeing at night to make it safer. He stated that he would like to see better signage regarding truck traffic not being allowed in the downtown area. He stated that he is happy to see that the asphalt on Opdyke road is near completion.

Ms. Verbeke – Shared the complaints of Great Lakes Crossings shoppers on Black Friday. She contacted Chief Baker and it was reported that the staff at the mall was consulted and a proactive plan was in place, but with that many people, it is always difficult to have the plan come together. Chief Baker reported that a comprehensive plan was in place which included directing traffic by hand, manipulation of lights to allow more cars to exit at one time, coordination with Baldwin road and the traffic lights in that area. He also stated that cones were placed in specific areas to help with normal traffic congestion. Baldwin road seemed to be the place that had the most congestion due to the construction. Many officers did assist in this area to help with traffic issues.

Mr. Moniz – Mr. Moniz shared his pleasure with being the Planning Commission liaison and serving on Council. He stated that he has been on City Council for one year. He sought clarification from Mr. Juidici regarding the water main project on Opdyke. Mr. Juidici stated that the City portion of the project is to be completed by the end of the month, this project is weather dependent. He noted that certain aspects of the project will take place in the spring.

Mayor McDaniel – Noted that the light at Squirrel court and Auburn Road is being looked at as it relates to eastbound traffic.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Tanghe – Recognized David Benoit, Management Assistant Intern, and noted that he has taken a full time position with an organization. He was wished luck on his future endeavors.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion - To meet in closed session to discuss an attorney opinion letter pursuant to MCL 15.268 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss an attorney opinion letter pursuant to MCL 15.268 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 18.11.180

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The Mayor recessed to Closed Session at 8:08 PM.

The Mayor reconvened in Open Session at 8:37 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk