



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 PM.

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, Lt. Gagnon, DPW Director Melchert, Mgr of Public Utilities Michling, Director of Authorities Skopek, City Engineer Juidici

5 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Minutes – February 25, 2019

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of February 25, 2019.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 19.03.25

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – To confirm the appointment of Ryan Rasmussen to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that he is a business owner in Auburn Hills, loves the downtown area, and is excited to be a part of the DDA.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Ryan Rasmussen to the Downtown Development Authority for a term ending October 31, 2022.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 19.03.26

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Public Safety Advisory Commission, February 5, 2019

7a2. Downtown Development Authority, February 18, 2019

7a3. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, February 19, 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes

7b. Motion – To approve Fieldstone Lift Station Replacement Bid Award

RESOLVED: To award the Fieldstone Lift Station Replacement Project to CSM Mechanical, 7400 Hickory Valley Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 in the amount of \$19,650.00. Funding will be provided from account number (584-753-977-000 Machinery & Equipment).

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda

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

No: None

Resolution No. 19.03.27

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the 2019 Liquor License Renewals.

Ms. Pierce stated all but two establishments are in compliance with the ordinance for their 2019 Liquor License. Discussion was held regarding the procedures.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the annual liquor licenses of those establishments, including Duffy's, that have met the licensing requirements of the City; and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019 to consider evidence regarding the recommendation of non-renewal of a liquor license to those establishments who have not met the City's requirements as stated in Section 6-10 (2) of the City Code "All personal property taxes and all real property taxes and all other obligations due and payable to the city shall be timely paid and not outstanding."

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

No: None

Resolution No. 19.03.28

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Motion – To approve the Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility Interjurisdictional Agreement.

Mr. Michling provided the history of the program and that the other communities involved have reviewed and approved the agreement. He shared that discharge requirements are different based on the volume of water/body of water you are discharging into and are more stringent with the waste being discharged into the Clinton River.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility Interjurisdictional Agreement.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 19.03.29

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Motion - To accept the first reading of the Wastewater and Sewer Disposal Ordinance and to set the public hearing for second reading and adoption on March 25, 2019.

Mr. Michling stated this ordinance is in support of the Clinton River Water River Resources Interjurisdictional Agreement and will meet the MDEQ requirements.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To accept the first reading of the ordinance amending Auburn Hill’s City Code to adopt the Industrial Pretreatment Program Regulations for Discharges to the Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility, including Appendix A, and to schedule a public hearing for the second reading and adoption at the March 25, 2019 meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 19.03.30

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9d. Motion - To approve the 2019 Agreement with Ring, LLC for participation in the “Neighbors by Ring” program.

Lieutenant Gagnon shared an opportunity to enter into a memorandum of understanding on a crime prevention partnership. Lt. Gagnon stated that the “Neighbors App” acts as an online community watch program that allows real time safety alerts, has the ability to send alerts in real time and request video from users that opt in to share the information with the Police Department. This agreement would allow the department, once alerted of a crime, to use the heat map indicator and send a request to the neighbors in that area to obtain information regarding the crime. The owner has the option to accept or decline the request from the Police Department. This agreement does not allow the police to obtain access to the cameras, only receive information from the homeowner. All tips are anonymous. This application is not for residents only, businesses are allowed to participate as well and if needed, this information would be admissible in court and FOIAable.

Council shared their concerns regarding the user/licensing agreements, the privacy of the data and the fact that this information was not brought before the Public Safety Advisory Committee prior to being presented to Council. Lt. Gagnon stated the advisory committee’s recommendation was not sought due to the information of this app being obtained after their last meeting. Further discussion was held regarding the importance of the police having this information in a timely matter and allows the Police Department to communicate with users of the app to access information, not take information.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2019 “Neighbors by Ring” Agreement between Ring, LLC and the City of Auburn Hills Police Department and to authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

No: Kittle, Knight

Resolution No. 19.03.31

Motion Carried (5 - 2)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond – Shared her concerns with the conditions of N Squirrel Road from Featherstone to the new area downtown. She feels that the roads are in bad condition for only being nine years old and would like OHM to keep it on their radar. She shared her concerns with the road striping in the downtown, but was pleased to hear that once all the construction is complete a permanent striping will be done. She encouraged people to apply for Boards and Commissions since several boards have vacancy.

Mr. Knight – Invited everyone to join the Youth Assistance appreciation event at the High School on March 21st.

Mr. Kittle – Shared his concerns with the sanitary covers that are recessed in the road. Mr. Juidici stated that upon completion they will be raised and in a concrete collar. Mr. Kittle noted that a sanitary cover on Shimmons, by Oakland Christian, has dropped about two inches below surface and needs to be looked at.

He also stated that he would like to know the finding of the fuel spill that flowed into the Clinton River. Mr. Grice stated that Mr. Keenan has been overseeing this issue and will report back to Council.

Ms. Verbeke – Emphasized her desire to send a resolution to the Governor’s office stating that this Council is not in favor of the 45 cent gas tax hike. Mr. Tanghe stated that Ms. Carrol is reviewing the information. At this time this issue is only being proposed. Ms. Verbeke stated that she will wait to see what is actually being proposed.

Mr. Moniz – Congratulated Lt. Gagnon for being selected to the FBI academy. He expressed his gratitude to Chief Taylor and the surrounding communities for the quick action and control of the fire at US Farathane. He stated that he would like to see a quadcopter drone used in future events to help locate the hot spots in a fire. Chief Taylor confirmed that she sent out letters of thanks to all that aided in the fire. Chief Taylor stated that at one point, there were 47 Firefighters on the scene. Chief Taylor clarified that the oil spill that was mentioned earlier was from the Atlas Oil Company at the corner of Perry and Pontiac.

Mr. Burmeister – Expressed his concern with the way the pallets were stored at US Farathane. Chief Taylor stated that conversations are taking place with regards to the International Fire Code and making things more stringent.

Mayor McDaniel – Praised the Public Safety Department for the teamwork with the fire at US Farathane. He also thanked the surrounding areas for the support.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe – In regards to the fire at US Farathane, Mr. Tanghe expressed his gratitude with all the departments for the way the entire team worked together in a difficult situation. He shared that in his role as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, he will be co-chairing a men’s health and fitness event that will take place on June 25th at the Palace Sports and Entertainment practice facility. This will be a free event to men in the community. He also announced that as a part of the Michigan Municipal executive organization, he has been appointed to the NexGen committee which promotes local government careers to young professionals. He reported that Brian Marzolf will be retiring at the end of the month and the position for recreation director is being posted. He proudly recognized Karen Adcock for her work on the HOP-UP-PT program and noted that she received recognition in a recent article that appeared in the Home Healthcare Now publication. He stated that she has also been notified that she will be honored in August by the Elder Law of MI for professional contributions to improve and protect the lives of seniors.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk