



## CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

City Council Workshop

Minutes

January 14, 2019

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McDaniel at 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Admin Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326  
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Moniz, Verbeke

Absent: Council Member Kittle,

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Taylor, Police Chief Baker, City Assessor Griffin, Director of Community Development Cohen, DPW Director Melchert, Senior Services Director Adcock, Mgr of Business Development Carroll, Director of Authorities Skopek, Graphic Designer Lawrence.

Mr. Beckerleg presented the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act and its impact on the City of Auburn Hills. He explained that the primary effects of the Act are to allow for the possession and consumption of recreational marihuana in certain circumstances and to provide that municipalities can prohibit the location and operation of marihuana establishments within their borders. He further explained the Act in regards to how this may affect the employer, municipality options for allowing or prohibiting use in public places, and prohibiting or limiting the number of establishments within the City. Mr. Beckerleg pointed out that there is a difference between this Act and the Act regulating medical marihuana facilities.

Council discussed the excise tax and how those funds will be allocated. It was noted that the City would not collect a significant amount of this tax by allowing these facilities. Council also discussed the options available to the City which include completely prohibiting or limiting the number of establishments in the City.

The consensus of Council was to prohibit the marihuana establishments in the City and request that an Opt-Out ordinance be prepared. It is anticipated that the proposed ordinance will be presented to Council the first meeting in February.

Mr. Tanghe requested Council's feedback regarding improvements to the Shimmons Road curve relating to the proposed improvements to the school property. It was noted that this area was not included in the five year construction plan. Council agreed that it did not want to commit a response from the City as there may be a different Council in five years. It was suggested that the school move forward with what is in its own best interest to improve their property.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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**Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor**

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**Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk**