



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

City Council Workshop

Minutes

November 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Admin Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, Moniz, Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, Deputy City Clerk Klassen, Director of Public Works Melchert, Deputy Director of Public Works Stahly, Manager of Public Utilities Deman, Manager of Roads and Fleet Michling, Administrative Assistant of Public Works Lent, Director of Community Development Cohen, Fire Chief Taylor, Director of Authorities Skopek, Engineer Cousino, Administrative Assistant Weber, Management Intern Hagge

Presentation of Cross Connection Control Program

Mr. Melchert shared how the Cross Connection Control Program has evolved over the years and how the department will improve on the system. He shared the importance of establishing a solid program to ensure the health and safety of all Auburn Hills residents. Mr. Melchert stated that this is a Federal and State Law and the residents need to be aware of that to follow the law.

Mr. Melchert explained that the program will require residents to have their cross connection valves inspected every three years. It was explained that this process will take 10 years to complete. DPW has divided the City into 10 sections and will concentrate on one section at a time until the process is complete.

Mr. Melchert shared that the goal is to compile a comprehensive list that identifies which residents and business are in compliance. As new builds are inspected and sprinkler systems are installed, the necessary permits will flag the department to make sure a cross connection inspection has been completed. Chief Taylor confirmed that the code does not allow sprinkler systems to be installed without a backflow prevention inspection. It was discussed that there are no lead pipes in the city on record, only copper and plastic. There could be lead solder that was used but that was stopped in 1983.

Council members expressed concern regarding the length of the process to ensure all homes are in compliance. It was discussed to have an RFP to find a company to help complete the task vs. completing the task in-house.

Discussion of Future Workshop Topics

Mr. Tanghe shared the need to establish topics for the 2020 workshop schedule. There are a few topics that have been scheduled but he is wanting Council to provide input.

January topic – Future plans for Seyburn Mansion and Playhouse

February topic – Outdoor Storage

March topic – TBD

April topic – TBD

May topic - TBD

June topic – Goals & Objectives

July topic - TBD

August topic - Budget

September topic - Budget

October topic - TBD

November topic - TBD

December topic – TBD

Chief Taylor stated that she would be willing to facilitate an Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport (ET3) workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Kristine Klassen, Deputy Clerk