



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

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, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz and Verbeke

Absent: Council Member Kittle

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Baker, Fire Chief Taylor, DPW Director Melchert, Finance Director Schulz, A/R Manager Culver, City Engineer Cousino, Management Intern Hagge, Media Communications Specialist Hepner

20 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Minutes, January 20, 2020

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of January 20, 2020 as presented.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.02.12

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Proclamation recognizing the achievements of Jibril Syed. (Attachment A)

Mayor McDaniel shared the achievements of Jibril Syed and thanked him for his effectiveness at the Avondale High School as well as his outstanding accomplishments and inspiring example of commitment to excellence.

5b. Proclamation recognizing Oakland County's Bicentennial Celebration. (Attachment B)

Mayor McDaniel took notice of the 200th Birthday of the founding of Oakland County, Michigan.

5c. Presentation by the Pontiac School District.

Sherman Williams, President of Pontiac School Board of Education introduced James Graham, the Business Director from Oakland Schools, Dr. Echols, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Kelley Williams, Superintendent of the Pontiac School Board. Mr. Graham shared that the school district has made strides at climbing out of a \$51 million deficit. He shared that there will be two questions on the March 10, 2020 ballot requesting money for the Pontiac School District. He shared the difference between operations and capital assets and the rationale for the money for the millage proposal.

After several questions from Council it was discussed that in 2007 several school buildings were closed. Ms. Williams stated that there has been a focus to look forward and focus on supporting the students like the district should. It was discussed that over the years, 3% of the students have migrated out to Schools of Choice but that number seems to have stabilized to 2%. It was discussed that the Pontiac School District (PSD) will allow students to leave the district to attend Schools of Choice but they are first told about the positive aspects that are within the district prior to the student moving out of the school district. Mr. Moniz stated that this was not his experience as he has not heard of any PSD students being released from the district.

Ms. Verbeke questioned how many resident of Auburn Hills attend the PSD but that number was unknown at this time. Ms. Williams stated that she will send that information to Ms. Verbeke. Ms. Williams explained that the current test scores are not where they need to be but are on the rise. Ms. Verbeke shared that she noticed that there is a \$20 million loan with the State of Michigan. It was shared that the district took lower interest rates to help with this deficit. Ms. Verbeke stated that this number should be clarified better, the presentation shows a \$5 million deficit but there is an additional \$20 million that was not addressed. It was discussed that the \$20 million is a cash flow deficit.

Ms. Verbeke stated she could not support the school bond because as a school of choice parent, she spends a lot of time, money and effort getting her kids to school without relief as well as many of her neighbors.

5d. 2019 Fourth Quarter Investment Report, presented by Brian Green, AndCo Consulting.

Brian Green presented the Fourth Quarter Investment Report. He shared that in the 2019 year the overall portfolio has yielded a return that is just shy of 3%, which is well ahead of the benchmarks and expectations. He also shared that in looking over the data from the past ten years, there has been a 1.08% gain which is also positive.

5e. Motion – To confirm appointment of Ordon Donovan Hierlihy III to the position of General Manager at Fieldstone Golf Club.

Mr. Tanghe introduced Ordon "Chip" Hierlihy and recommended him to the position of General Manager of the Fieldstone Golf Club, effective February 18, 2020.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Marzolf.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Ordon "Chip" Donovan Heirlihy III to the position of General Manager of Fieldstone Golf Club effective February 18, 2020, at a starting salary of \$66,852 in accordance with the terms and conditions of his employment agreement. Furthermore, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.02.13

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wayne, partner with Detroit Riverside Capital investment development firm at 3250 Auburn road, introduced himself and shared how excited he is to contribute to the community. He stated that April 1, 2020 is the projected date to start construction.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Downtown Development Authority, January 13, 2020

7a2. Tax Increment Finance Authority, January 14, 2020

7a3. Election Commission, January 16, 2020

7a4. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, January 21, 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes.

7b. Motion - To receive and file the AndCo Consulting 4th Quarter 2019 Cash Management Summary and Executive reports.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the AndCo Consulting 4th Quarter 2019 Cash Management Summary and Executive reports.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.02.14

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To adopt corrected resolution declaring tentative necessity and tentative intent to proceed with the project and setting a Public Hearing (Resolution No. 2) for proposed West Entrance Drive Special Assessment District No. 7.

Mr. Melchert presented the corrected resolution regarding the West Entrance Drive Special Assessment District road project. It was explained that the new resolution has a corrected benefitting property listing of the ten properties eligible for assessment.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve Corrected Resolution No. 2, a resolution declaring tentative necessity and tentative intent to proceed with the project and setting the public hearing for February 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall at 1827 North Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections to the proposed Special Assessment District No. 7 regarding the repair of and improvements to West Entrance Drive. (Attachment C)

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.02.15

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Marzolf – Congratulated Heather Farmer, Deputy Finance Director being in the elite 40 under 40 program with Oakland County.

Ms. Verbeke – Shared her thoughts on the presentation from the Pontiac School District. She shared that this is an issue that will be on the ballot in March 2020. She mentioned that she would like see how this will affect the local businesses. She stated that she is not in favor of this due to the amount of money that is being requested for the amount of students the school has in the district.

Mr. Knight – Commented that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has been studying the Galloway Creek and is happy to announce that there is no contamination. He shared that the State is required to monitor this site every five years, but he would like the City to consider monitoring the site once a year.

Mr. Moniz – Shared with Chief Baker the pride that was felt upon receiving an email regarding the great job a specific officer performed. Chief Baker stated that he also received this email and will respond back to Council with the name of the officer once he has that information.

Mr. Burmeister – Thanked Mr. Melchert and crews for the patch work on Bald Mountain Road. He shared that for the request of \$147 million for 4,000 currently enrolled students equates to around \$36,750 per student. He feels that this is a sizeable request.

Mayor McDaniel – Shared the need for more drivers for the Meals on Wheels program.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe –Shared that the City is honored to have Heather Farmer accepted to the elite 40 under 40 program through Oakland County. She was nominated by Michelle Schulz. He shared that the Patrol Unit ratified the collective bargaining unit.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
JIBRIL SYED**

- WHEREAS,** Jibril has accomplished a great deal during his time at Avondale High School; and
- WHEREAS,** this successful young man is not only a skilled athlete, but is also an effective student who has earned a tremendous amount of respect from his fellow classmates; and
- WHEREAS,** it became quickly apparent that Jibril’s talent and commitment would help define him as a gifted athlete; and
- WHEREAS,** Jibril exhibits leadership qualities both on and off the track and is a fine example to those in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 31, 2019, at the AAU National Junior Olympic Games, Jibril became the first and only athlete in U.S. high school history to receive All-American Honors in both the 400m Hurdles and 2000m Steeplechase; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 13, 2019, Jibril announced his top six choices of colleges via an artistic rendering on which he expressed pride in both being a Muslim American and a member of the Auburn Hills community; and
- WHEREAS,** through the continuous support of his family, friends and school, Jibril has served as a source of inspiration for the Auburn Hills community; and
- WHEREAS,** given Jibril’s talents and aspirations, he has the opportunity to achieve both athletic and academic greatness; and
- WHEREAS,** on November 13, 2019, Jibril signed The National Letter of Intent to commit and receive his scholarship award from Georgetown University as a track and field athlete at the Auburn Hills Community Center. He also received a national and historic award in the form of a formal letter of authentication and a plaque by AAU National Secretary, Mrs. Karen Hall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is with the highest regard, that the City of Auburn Hills, through its Mayor and City Council, hereby recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and inspiring example of Jibril’s commitment to excellence.

Hereby presented on this 3rd day of February
2020, on behalf of the Auburn Hills City Council.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

ATTACHMENT B

PROCLAMATION

Oakland County Bicentennial Celebration

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, Oakland County will celebrate its 200th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County's bicentennial celebration will include all 62 Oakland County Communities in numerous events, such as the 200 Oak Tree Plantings, Festivals, Concerts and much more; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County is home to 1.25 million residents within 907 square miles; boasts model rural, suburban and urban communities and schools, as well as 11 colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County was a frontier of freedom, during the Civil War, the epicenter of the auto industry, arsenal of democracy, and played a pivotal role with civil rights and union organizations; and home of the titans of industry, entertainment, culture and politics; and

WHEREAS, Auburn Hills recognizes the significance of Oakland County's Bicentennial Celebration and looks forward to participating in the many events honoring the outstanding contribution of the County. We urge the citizens of Auburn Hills, the businesses nonprofit organizations, and schools of Auburn Hills to take part in commemorating this historic endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is with the highest regard, that the City of Auburn Hills, through its Mayor and City Council, hereby joins the other 61 communities in Oakland County to designate the beginning of this celebration on March 28, 2020, the 200th Birthday of the founding of Oakland County, Michigan.

Hereby presented on this 3rd day of February 2020, on behalf of the Auburn Hills City Council.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

ATTACHMENT C

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CORRECTED RESOLUTION DECLARING TENTATIVE NECESSITY AND TENTATIVE INTENT TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (CORRECTED RESOLUTION NO. 2)

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of February 2020, the following resolution was offered by Councilperson _____ and supported by Councilperson _____:

WHEREAS, the City is considering the construction of the proposed improvement described below, and the establishment of a special assessment district to defray a portion of the cost of such improvement by special assessment against the benefitted properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvement (“the project”) is the repair of and improvements to West Entrance Drive; and

WHEREAS, plans, specifications and cost estimates have been prepared by the City’s engineers, OHM Advisors, and have been submitted to the City and filed with the City Clerk, for construction of the project and the City is tentatively considering the establishment of a special assessment district to finance and defray a portion of the costs of the project and the City Manager has recommended that the City Council proceed with the project; and

WHEREAS, the project is designed and intended to specially benefit all of the properties in the proposed special assessment district by repairing and improving West Entrance Drive, thereby allowing said property owners better and safer access and travel on said roads, preserving property values and protecting said property owners’ and their invitees’ and customers’ vehicles, among other things; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2019 the City Council adopted resolution number 2 and on January 20, 2020 the City Council adopted resolution number 3, both of which resolutions contained errors and as a result, the City Council needs to adopt a corrected resolution number 2 and after holding a public hearing, the City Council needs to adopt a corrected resolution number 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The City Council tentatively determines that the project is necessary and that it tentatively intends to proceed with the project and to establish the special assessment district to defray a portion of the costs of the project.
2. The City’s engineers, OHM Advisors, who are registered professional engineers,

Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 3rd day of February, 2020, the original of which is on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this _____ day
of
_____, 2020.

Laura M. Pierce
City Clerk

	Parcel ID	Address	Owner Name	Notes
1	14-24-476-021	1080 W Entrance Dr	BJB Properties LLC	
2	14-24-476-005	900 N Squirrel Rd	Bridge Commercial Real Estate, LLC Attention Carolyn Williams	
3	14-24-476-023	1075 W Entrance Dr	Bridge Commercial Real Estate, LLC Attention Carolyn Williams	
4	14-25-201-005	3501 Hamlin Road	Comerica Properties	
5	14-25-201-004	3551 Hamlin Road	Comerica Properties	
	14-24-476-004	Address Not Listed	Comerica Properties	Parking lot and valued on related property. Excluded.
	14-24-476-008	Address Not Listed	Comerica Properties	Retention Basin. Excluded.
	14-24-476-025	Address Not Listed	Comerica Properties	Parking lot and valued on related property. Excluded.
	14-25-226-015	3501 Hamlin Road	Comerica Properties	Designated non-developable parcel. Excluded.
6	14-25-226-001	3701 Hamlin Road	Comerica Properties	
7	14-24-476-024	1100 W Entrance Dr	Fanuc America Corporation	
8	14-24-476-022	1035 W Entrance Dr	FCA US LLC	
9	14-24-476-006	885 W Entrance Dr	DXC Technology Services LLC c/o MacMunnis, Inc.	
10	14-24-476-009	985 W Entrance Dr	Valley View LLC	