



*The City of Auburn Hills*  
City Council Meeting  
Minutes

June 6, 2016

**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, Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight  
Absent: Council Member Verbeke  
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, City Clerk Kowal, Lt. Gagnon, DPW Director Melchert; Manager of Roads & Fleet Brisson, Management Assistant Harris, City Engineer Juidici, City Attorney Beckerleg  
1 Guest

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – May 23, 2016

**Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the May 23, 2016 City Council meeting minutes.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 16.06.095**

**Motion Carried (6–0)**

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation of Proclamation to Acme Manufacturing Company

Fritz Carlson, explained Acme Manufacturing is a fourth generation family business, machine tool building and a factory automation supplier. Last year, 70% of their business was exported all over the world; their export business in the last four years has grown more than 450%. The company has approximately 85 employees and as their business continues to grow, so do the number of employees. The business began 106 years ago, in 1910, by his great grandfather with the help of Henry Ford, in downtown Detroit. The company sells to about 20 different industries. In 1999 the company built a facility in Auburn Hills, and has been here ever since, appreciating the support of the City.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Carlson for sharing the success and for being a corporate resident of Auburn Hills. He presented Mr. Carlson and his team the following proclamation:

##### **Acme Manufacturing Company**

**WHEREAS**, Acme Manufacturing Company was founded in 1910 and operates its Corporate Headquarter functions in Auburn Hills, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Four generations of Carlson family members have successfully continued to operate this world-class business in nine locations on four continents; and

**WHEREAS**, Acme Manufacturing Company builds and integrates programmable robotic and dedicated systems that perform buffing, polishing, grinding, deburring and superfinishing operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Acme Manufacturing Company has been an exporter of machinery since 1950 and was previously recognized for excellence in advancing the United States Export Expansion program in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Acme Manufacturing Company has sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service with the highest quality of product and has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion, that has once again been recognized with the Presidential “E STAR” award; and

**WHEREAS**, Acme Manufacturing Company’s dedicated employees have shown a commitment to innovation and collaboration and have made a positive impact on jobs and the economy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, the Auburn Hills City Council appreciates Acme’s investment in the community and congratulates and commends the innovative work of Acme Manufacturing Company and its employees.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Carol Beck**, 265 Grey Road, asked if there is any information available regarding the truck traffic using Grey Road.

Mayor McDaniel apologized for her not receiving information, he thought information had been forwarded to her.

Police Chief Olko explained a traffic survey was done on the truck traffic using Grey Road. The hoses across the road count the number of axles, and there were seven incidents of multiple axle vehicles. There is no determination of what type

of vehicle the number of axles belong to, whether it is landscaping equipment, delivery truck or large trucks. Truck traffic could be prohibited on Grey Road if Council wishes, however, it will have a financial impact.

Mr. Melchert explained the City receives road funding from the State through Public Act 51. Most of the City roads are funded with a major road classification and a smaller amount of funding for local road classifications. Grey Road is classified as a major road and as such, receives over \$29,000 annually, based on linear footage. If Grey Road were to be converted to a local road, the City would lose over \$22,000 annually. When Grey Road was last resurfaced with the cape seal, the City spent close to \$250,000. The funding that would be lost if Grey Road were to become a local road, would have a large impact on the City's road maintenance finances.

Ms. Beck asked why Grey Road is classified as a major road and not a residential road.

Mr. Melchert stated, Grey Road has always been classified as a major road, since he's worked for the City, 1995, because of the connection from Adams Road to Auburn Road.

Mr. Knight recalled in 1956 Grey Road was a *post* road, a major road, the level below a primary road. From the post road, stemmed subdivision streets. Since he has lived on Grey Road, it has always been a semi-major road.

Ms. Beck noted the road isn't wide enough for two semi-trucks to pass, nor does the road have curbing or street markings. It shouldn't be classified as a major road.

Mr. Knight stated at one time there was some street markings, but the residents asked that the street marking not be done.

Mayor McDaniel suggested Ms. Beck send any additional comments or concerns to Mr. Grice. He stated Grey Road is designated as a major road and the City receives funding from the State.

Ms. Beck is curious why semi-truck traffic is allowed on Grey Road but not allowed on Squirrel Road and who made those decisions.

Mayor McDaniel told Ms. Beck someone will be in contact with her and answers to her questions.

Mr. Kittle understands the classification of roads, but believes Grey Road is a residential street.

Mayor McDaniel doesn't dispute Grey Road is a residential area, but the road is classified as a major road. If a change in classification is to be considered, the financial impact of funding street maintenance also has to be considered.

Ms. Hammond explained there is a sign at South Boulevard that states truck traffic is not allowed on Auburn Road, but there are no signs disallowing truck traffic on Squirrel Road.

Mayor McDaniel stated the City will look at both Auburn and Squirrel Roads and see what can be done. Changing the road designation for Grey Road and losing the State funding is not a good option, particularly in these times when road funding is hard to come by. He will ask staff to look at viable options, and will get back her.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

### 7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Beautification Advisory Commission - May 18, 2016

7a.2. Public Safety Advisory Committee - May 24, 2016

### 7b. Motion – Approve Bid Award Panasonic Arbitrator In Car Video Recording Systems

**RESOLVED: To purchase five (5) Panasonic Arbitrator 360HD mobile in-car recording systems and 22 software support licenses from Insight Public Sector Inc. in the amount of \$35,111.13, and authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order.**

### 7c. Motion – Resolution of Support for SB 557

**RESOLVED: To approve the resolution in support of Senate Bill 557, and direct the Clerk to provide copies to Governor Snyder, the Michigan Senate and House of Representative as well as the Michigan State Department of Transportation.**

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Kittle.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 16.06.096**

**Motion Carried (6–0)**

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### 8a. Motion – Award of Contract for Pavement Striping 2016

Mr. Brisson explained this is the 2016 street marking program that in years past has been under budget. There is a product that has been around for quite some time, but has recently been improved, poly long-line striping, and is expected to last five years, in contrast to what is currently being used, spray thermos. The poly long-line is brighter and is more visible at night. He would like to start using poly on roads that are good to excellent, where this striping works best. The suggested

roads for recessed poly are the new N. Squirrel Road to Dutton Road; Taylor/Lapeer Road intersection when completed, striping Taylor as a three lane road from Lapeer Road to Giddings Road; and Squirrel Road from Walton Boulevard to Featherstone. With these projects, the cost is over budget by approximately \$800.

Mr. Kittle asked if the Squirrel Road striping from Walton to Dutton is part of the Squirrel Road reconstruction project and if this new striping will be done on the University Drive Bridge.

Mr. Brisson stated the same contractor is doing N. Squirrel and has already restriped I-75 / University Drive Bridge. He is asking approval for the poly to be recessed, so the snow plows will not scrape up the markings. The downtown will also be done in the recessed poly, if approved.

Mayor McDaniel asked if the current striping will be blacked out prior to the new striping being done.

Mr. Brisson suggested the black shadowing not be done, it won't last more than a year. If Council would like to see the black shadowing done, it is included in the proposed bid.

Mayor McDaniel explained his concern is if the new lines don't overlay the existing lines exactly, the appearance isn't as clean.

Mr. Brisson stated the new striping will be directly over the existing striping; there shouldn't be any shadowing issues.

Mr. Brisson confirmed the poly striping should last much longer than what is currently being used. He hopes this poly will last three to four years downtown, but depends on how quickly the road deteriorates. He noted, the parking spaces will be done the conventional method, in-house.

**Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To approve PK Contracting, 1965 Barrett Drive, Troy, Michigan 48084 to perform street marking services for a cost of \$82,867.06. Funding is provided from Major Streets (202-452-935.100) and Local Streets (203-453-935.100)**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 16.06.097**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### 9a. Motion – Approve Purchase of DPW Digital Radio Upgrade

Mr. Brisson explained \$60,000 was budgeted for the conversion to digital two-way radio equipment. An annual maintenance contract on the existing analog system costs approximately \$ 11,500.00 per year including the repeater. The proposed new digital system has a five year warranty on the radio equipment and the conversion/upgrade to the existing repeater will have a one year warranty. The annual maintenance contract on the repeater will be \$ 1,500 per year starting in mid-2017. The digital radio portion of the upgrade project will pay for itself in 4.51 years when considering no maintenance contract will be needed until 2021.

The Local Government Radio Channel logging and recording equipment was not originally budgeted for, an extra \$2,218.80, making this item over budget, though the funds are available in the DPW's operating budget.

**Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Kittle.**

**RESOLVED: To approve upgrading the Local Government Radio Channel to a digital system and award the project to Comsource Inc., 41271 Concept Drive, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 in the amount of \$68,512.55. Funding is provided from Fleet Operating Budget, account number 661-442-799.000.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 16.06.098**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

### 9b. Motion – Approve Bid Award Police Rifle Optics

Lt. Gagnon explained in 2002, the Department began purchasing Colt AR-15 A3 patrol rifles. Currently the Department has 33 of these rifles; 22 assigned to each patrol car and 11 designated for training. All officers must be trained, qualified, and certified annually. The basic iron sights are currently being used on all the rifles, peep sights, and are very challenging low-light or stressful situations. The team of use of force and firearm trainers evaluated different types of optics in order to increase the shooters ability. The Trijicon MRO (Miniature Rifle Optic), was selected for its durable construction and large aperture which maximizes the viewing area allowing for better situational awareness and faster target acquisition. The Trijicon MRO is an electronic red dot optic with no magnification.

Trijicon is based out of Wixom and have numerous defense contracts with the Department of Defense. This product has been very reliable.

Thirteen companies submitted bids, with Botach Inc , from Los Angeles being the low bidder, at \$13,167.

Lt. Gagnon demonstrated the old sights compared to the red dot optic. He stated officers qualify at 100 yard distance for accuracy; in the hands of a trained person these are accurate up to 300 meters. The larger viewing window provides: an officer can shoot with both eyes open; helps prevent tunnel vision; decreases the amount of time to align the sight on target;

allows for better target identification; increases the operator's awareness of the sighted area and area beyond the intended target; and improves accuracy and target identification in low light conditions.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Lt. Gagnon stated the new optics will be installed by the range officers, in-house.

**Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Mitchell.**

**RESOLVED: To approve purchase of 33 Trijicon MRO Rifle Optics from Botach Inc. in the amount of \$13,167.00 and authorize the Chief of Police to convey acceptance by purchase order.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 16.06.099**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

## **10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Hammond:

- Thanked Fieldstone for the use of their golf carts and DPW for the transporting of the golf carts that were used for the Memorial Day Parade.
- Concerts in the park season has begun, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evenings.
- Summerfest and the Ice Cream Social will be June 24 and 25.

Mr. Knight:

- Witnessed Mayor McDaniel and his canoeing partner beating Rochester Hills Mayor at the Paddlepalooza by 14 minutes.
- Superior Concrete has been removing equipment from the site.
- Thanked Mr. Grice for moving the Do Not Enter sign that was obstructing the view of the beautiful monument sign on University Drive and I-75.
- A sign on N. Squirrel Road noting to left at the clock to head south on Squirrel is blocked by a tree.
- He counted 200 people at the first concert in the park, Friday night.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>, as part of Summerfest, there will be the car show, and sponsors are being sought for the awards.
- Complimented DPW for the excellent smooth road patching that has been done.
- Only 25% of the people are eligible to give blood; he donated his 165<sup>th</sup> pint today. He asked anybody able to give blood to do so, there is always the need.
- Milford had their Memorial Day parade with no politicians, clowns, or throwing candy. He believes the Memorial Day parade is to honor the dead, not to celebrate. He would like to see the Auburn Hills parade be a little more reverent.

Mr. Kittle:

- Agreed with Mr. Knight, Memorial Day not a celebration, but a day of remembrance.
- Thanked Mr. Melchert and the team for putting together the Squirrel Road review with the walk through and check list. He wasn't able to stay for the entire review and asked what the next steps are to address the lengthy list and to expect completion.

Mr. Melchert stated the finishing of paving will take place tomorrow and with the turf growing the membrane holding the seed and soil will be removed soon. He will forward the punch-list to Mr. Kittle.

Mr. Kittle noted the silt fencing and the drainage on Shimmons Road.

- The four county regional transportation initiative, a \$2.9 billion project, s will be on the August ballot along with the many other questions including Avondale Schools, and the City's millage request. He hopes the voters don't get millage weary, as suggested by L. Brooks Patterson.
- Asked if the Fieldstone's website or phone inquiries increased after the airing of the interview with Gordon Marmion, following the golf tournaments on television.

Mr. Grice stated he will be meeting with Mr. Marmion tomorrow, so he will ask and update Council.

- Has anyone heard how Noah's banquet facility is doing?

Ms. Mitchell has heard Noah's is doing very well, specializing weekends around weddings and larger receptions, and smaller activities during the week. The schedule appears to be quite full.

Mayor McDaniel understood there is no longer the option of renting a portion of the building because of the demand.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Was contacted by a resident in Thornhill Estates who is concerned with northbound Squirrel Road traffic. Because of the traffic back-up drivers are cutting through the subdivision; they would like to know if the City can do something about the cut-through traffic.

Police Chief Olko stated she too has noticed traffic backing up as far back as Tienken Road. She will take a look at the traffic signal function for northbound Squirrel during the evening rush hour. Traffic cannot be stopped from using Thornhill; it is a public road.

Mayor McDaniel:

- Regarding the Paddlepalooza, since becoming the Mayor, the Mayor's Cup has stayed in Auburn Hills for the last three consecutive years. The event was well attended and a lot of fun, though the river was lower than expected. Each year the event seems to be bigger than the last, maybe all of Council can team up in canoes for next year's race and challenge Rochester Hills to do the same.
- Noted not only did Rochester Hills lose to Auburn Hills, but so did the Orion Township, who's Supervisor is the brother of the Rochester Hills Mayor.
- Thanked OHM City Engineer Jim Stevens for being his canoeing partner, paddling hard to cross the finish line first.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - none**

**12 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- There were 60 + attendees who pre-registered for the Paddlepalooza; there was a significantly more participants than expected.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.