



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

August 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:06 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, Verbeke
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, City Clerk Kowal, Fire Chief Manning, Senior Director Adcock, Community Development Director Cohen, Assistant City Planner Keenan, Management Assistant Harris, City Engineers Hiltz & Stevens, City Attorney Beckerleg
18 Guests

Mayor McDaniel noted there is an Executive Session will be added to the Agenda, a as Item 13., Land Sale.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – July 25, 2016

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the July 25, 2016 City Council meeting minutes as amended.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.138

Motion Carried (7-0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – Approve Appointment of Adam Ritchie to the Tax Incentive Review Committee

Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. Ritchie to introduce himself.

Adam Ritchie thanked City Council for this opportunity. He explained his background is in Human Resources but has a strong interest in community. He has lived in the City for 10 or so years.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Adam Ritchie to the Tax Incentive Review Committee for a term ending July 31, 2019.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.139

Motion Carried (7-0)

5b. Presentation – Senior Center Partnership Grant with Oakland University

Senior Director Adcock explained this partnership corresponds with the Age Friendly community in the health care sector. Ms. Adcock introduced Debra Colling, who is the Healthy Wellness Coordinator at the Community Center.

Debra Colling introduced Sarah Arena and Chris Wilson, who will be working with the Community Center, and are both doctors of physical therapy as well as professors at Oakland University. Dr. Wilson brought his class to the Community Center last winter and were taught the importance of the Senior Center. This November the class will again visit the Community Center and conduct some general assessments of senior's.

Dr. Arena has been working very hard on being awarded a grant, Prevention Focus Home Based Physical Therapy Utilizing Community Partner Referral. This grant will show the importance of the relationships between medical care and a community's senior services department.

Dr. Sarah Arena presented a PowerPoint presentation. She explained there will be quite a drain on the medical system as the population continues to age and this program is about prevention. Physical therapists are uniquely qualified to provide primary and secondary prevention care, unlike seeking physical therapy after an injury. This program is a preventative intervention program through the use of a physical therapy.

The purpose of this study, is to develop, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of a primary and secondary prevention. The clinical practice model applies the practice of home health care physical therapy. The participants are referred by someone, such as Ms. Adcock, rather than the traditional physician based referral.

Dr. Chris Wilson explained in addition to the study there is a civic goal to serve those seniors most at risk of being homebound, by making sure they are kept safe and healthy at home and reduce hospitalization. Participants will be invited to be part of the study after they have been identified by the Senior Services staff; 65 years and older and in the high risk

category. The high risk category meaning the individual is getting weaker and not able to get around well. The program will begin with five participants and expanding after the pilot program has been reviewed.

The participants will receive six free visits from a licensed physical therapist, in their home for an evaluation and an individualized health and exercise program. Education will be provided related to each participant's specific health condition, including coaching on changing habits. The program will start this September/October and will last for about six months. If there is a medical need outside the scope of the physical therapist, referrals may be made.

Dr. Arena explained an evaluation of each participant will take place prior to beginning program and again at the end of the six months to determine if there have been improvements.

Ms. Adcock explained seeing the seniors on a regular basis, she and staff notice changes and those are the individuals that may be referred to participate in the program.

Dr. Arena explained there will be five visits in the first two months of the six month program, a phone call for the next three months, and a home visit at month six. The study doesn't cover after the six months, but hopefully the individual will feel much better and continue with their individualized plan.

Ms. Adcock stated if any of the participants at the beginning of the program are home bound, hopefully by six months they will be able to get around and make it to the Community Center to participate in classes and continue to improve.

Mr. Kittle understands recognizing those seniors who attend Community Center functions, but what about those that are not seen.

Ms. Adcock explained there are other residents that may receive Meals on Wheels or are known because of the SHARP program, who may qualify for this program. There is also a good number of residents who use the bus transportation, and may be identified as a possible participant. She is confident this program will be very beneficial and it will continue to grow. She noted the program will be advertised throughout the community hoping to reach all residents.

Dr. Arena stated in the first round of funding, the program received \$4,500.

Ms. Mitchell suggested integrating the findings into current programs being offered at the Community Center.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Tax Increment Finance Authority – July 12, 2016

7a.2. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – June 21, 2016

7a.3. Board of Review – July 2016

Mr. Knight noted Randy Wyatt, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority member did not have an excused absence as stated in the minutes and has been absent from the last four meetings.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.140

Motion Carried (7–0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Public Hearing and Motion – Approve Adoption of Ordinance 16-878 Amending the Peddlers & Solicitors Ordinance

Police Chief Olko noted two changes were made to the ordinance as discussed at the last Council meeting. The changes include hours of solicitation be changed to 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a change in wording regarding refrigeration on trucks selling food.

Mr. Knight still has some concern for not allowing bells, chimes or any noise announcing the presence of an ice cream truck. He questioned the use of music.

Responding to Mayor McDaniel, Police Chief Olko stated the noise portion of the ordinance is a carry-over from the previous ordinance. As long as there are no complaints, music playing has not been enforced.

Mr. Kittle suggested striking the sentence prohibiting bells, chimes and noise making as opposed to ignoring a portion of an ordinance.

Ms. Mitchell suggested adding a note, that music played by ice cream trucks is excluded.

Mr. Beckerleg stated language could be added, but believes the ordinance as is, is sufficient. To the best of his knowledge there has never been a complaint regarding an ice cream truck making noise. The City has been using its discretion with this language.

Mayor McDaniel would like a notation included, he doesn't believe ordinances should be adopted knowing there are portions that will not be enforced.

Mr. Beckerleg suggested including '*with music playing at a moderate level being accepted in this section*'.

All Council Members were in agreement.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. Hearing no comment, Mayor McDaniel closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adopt Ordinance 16-878 to amend Chapter 22, Article III, Divisions 1, and 2 of the Auburn Hills Code of Ordinances to regulate Peddlers and Solicitors, with the addition of ‘with music playing at a moderate level being accepted in this section’, as discussed.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.141

Motion Carried (7–0)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approve a One-Year Extension of the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Dr. Koehler Office Building

Mr. Cohen explained this is a second request for a one year extension from Dr. Koehler. The site plan was originally approved in August 2014.

Ms. Mitchell asked if there is a maximum number of requests for building extensions, such as this.

Mr. Cohen stated no, and this is the first two year extension he recalls in his time with the City.

Dr. Harold Koehler, 3250 Walton Boulevard is the location of his current practice. He is hoping building costs will mitigate over the next year; the construction costs have doubled from what was originally budgeted.

Mr. Beckerleg stated this action does not set any precedence.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve a one-year extension of the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for Dr. Koehler’s Office Building. The approval shall expire on August 8, 2017.

Mr. Knight explained this action will not have any negative impact on the City.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.142

Motion Carried (7–0)

9b. Motion – Approve Resolution to Participate in the Clinton River Watershed Council’s WaterTowns Initiative

Mr. Keenan explained Auburn Hills has been working with Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) on their WaterTowns since 2013. The program has recently been updated, including the adoption of a resolution for municipalities that wish to participate. The resolution will demonstrate the City’s commitment to promoting, enhancing and protecting the Clinton River as a resource. Approval of the resolution also assists and provides additional benefits to the Watershed Council and the City when applying for grants.

Amanda Oparka, Clinton River Watershed Council, Watershed Planner, gave a presentation describing the WaterTowns initiative, which connects people with the waterways through recreation, green infrastructure, history, ecology, art and education. The initiative is funded by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation. The WaterTowns is a community based initiative designed to help towns and cities in the watershed leverage assets of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair for water orientated community development. Currently there are 12 water towns; all communities along the main branch of the Clinton River have approved a resolution to be part of this initiative, except Waterford and Pontiac.

In 2014, a partnership was begun with Lawrence Technological University to study green infrastructure in the WaterTowns communities. Mini grants, \$5,000, are available to WaterTowns communities for green infrastructure. This year, the paddling map was updated. New on the water trail is safety signage, which Auburn Hills was the first community to install the signs prior to the Paddlepalooza.

WaterTowns 20/20 vision includes developing a funding campaign; a universally accessible water trail from start to finish, which would be the first of its kind in the state; increase community partnerships; build business partnerships; and install permanent liveries and help communities plan for capital improvement green infrastructure.

Mr. Knight noted there is a marker indicating the half way point of the total river in River Woods Park. He asked if this river initiative extends from Auburn Hills south, or if Waterford and Pontiac will be asked to join the initiative.

Ms. Oparka stated because the River is underground through Pontiac they don’t want to promote that area or the immediate areas at either end. WaterTowns will be speaking with Waterford.

Mr. Kittle asked the cost of the preferred dock system, as shown in the presentation.

Ms. Oparka stated the cost can range from \$20,000 to \$50,000, depending if there is pre-existing site improvements.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution asserting the City’s desire to participate in the Clinton River Watershed Council’s WaterTowns initiative (Attachment A).

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.143

Motion Carried (7–0)

9c. Motion – Approve Conditional Offer of Employment for City Assessor

Mr. Tanghe explained as stated in the City Charter, there are three department heads that are appointed by City Council, including City Assessor. As established by State law, Auburn Hills is required to retain an Assessor Level IV, which not many are available. A committee consisting of Mayor Pro-tem Mitchell, Council Members Verbeke and Knight, and himself met to interview Bill Griffin for the position of City Assessor. At the conclusion of the interview, the committee was unanimous that Mr. Griffin did indeed meet all the requirements and he would be a good fit for Auburn Hills.

Bill Griffin explained he started his assessing career at Bloomfield Township, leaving Bloomfield Township as Deputy Assessor for Romulus as City Assessor. After three and a half years at Romulus, he took the assessor position at Shelby Township and then back to Bloomfield Township when that assessor retired. He is looking forward to building a new staff and having fun.

Ms. Hammond asked how long Mr. Griffin planned on working at the City.

Mr. Griffin stated he is 54 years old and plans to work another 10 years.

Mr. Kittle asked Mr. Griffin of his philosophy of mentoring people, cultivating many people to learn the assessing process.

Mr. Griffin explained he has used co-ops and mentored them. He knows Oakland County hires people that are not yet certified and bring them through the process. There is a program, Michigan Certified Assessing Technician (MCAT), that he may consider using to hire a new residential assessor. This person can be trained in the specifics of the City. Many of the people that have worked under him over the years, have gone on to become assessors.

Mr. Knight noted Mr. Griffin seemed excited to be part of the development team who looks at new developments.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Verbeke and Mr. Knight for taking the time of hiring a new assessor. He is pleased to hear Mr. Griffin is excited about rebuilding the assessing department. He explained the Tax Incentive Review Committee is also being rebuilt and City Council is looking to review the policies. City Council will be seeking advice from Mr. Griffin during this process.

Mr. Griffin stated is familiar with tax review committees and is looking forward to the challenge. He is also familiar with PA 198, IFT's and districts.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To to direct the City Manager to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Bill Griffin for the position of City Assessor, subject to pre-employment requirements. Should all requirements be met, City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a confirmed offer of employment to the candidate at the starting annual salary of \$90,000; and for the candidate to return to the City Council meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to be officially sworn-in.

Mr. Knight noted the annual salary is \$90,000 and there are no fringe benefits other than four weeks of vacation.

Ms. Mitchell stated Mr. Griffin and his qualifications exceeded her expectations.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.144

Motion Carried (7-0)

9d. Motion – First Reading of Ordinance to Amend Article V, Nuisances, of Chapter 34, Environment

Mr. Cohen explained this ordinance amendment was drafted to address a blind spot in the code of ordinances. Earlier this year court action was brought against a tenant of a single family home to address vehicle damage done to the front lawn. The Oakland County judge dismissed the case because the ordinance cited on the ticket referenced the zoning ordinance of parking a vehicle on the lawn, but didn't address driving and causing damage to the lawn.

The amendment was drafted by City Attorney Beckerleg with the intent of not prohibiting the occasional and infrequent driving on a lawn, but to provide a mechanism for the City to address the unusual occurrence of damage that is done to property due to repetitive driving on a lawn.

Mayor McDaniel asked for clarification, that the initial intent of this ordinance is being able to enforce this exact scenario which the City was unsuccessful in prosecuting this case in court.

Mr. Beckerleg stated that is correct and noted it doesn't prevent the occasional driving on the lawn, but prevents continued driving that damages the lawn.

Ms. Mitchell asked for an expanded explanation of the statement and following comment for '*No Grandfathering of the Blighting Activity*' *In order to avoid any pre-existing legal nonconforming "grandfathered" arguments, this ordinance amendment is proposed in the City Code and not the Zoning Ordinance.*

Mr. Beckerleg explained the ordinance referring to parking vehicles on lawns is located in the Zoning Ordinance. If someone has been parking their car on their lawn for a very long time, they could argue that zoning ordinance provision could not be enforced because they are 'grandfathered in' for parking. The fix for the scenario is to make it a regulatory ordinance where grandfathering doesn't exist.

Mr. Burmeister stated in concept he likes this ordinance, however, with viewing the photos of the particular yard he asked if crushed concrete in those ruts make the yard any better.

Mr. Cohen noted if an appropriate driveway were made where the tire tracks are, he would be in compliance with the ordinance. It was suggested to construct a driveway, but he has no interest in making a driveway.

Mr. Burmeister asked if the City has enough patrol officers to enforce this ordinance, citing all the residents that drive on their lawns.

Mr. Cohen explained the intent of this law is when a complaint is made for continuous driving on lawn that a Code Enforcement Officer will investigate and use their best judgement on how to proceed. This is a tool that will be available if need be.

Mayor McDaniel noted there is specific criteria required for a driveway. This ordinance was not written only because of this one incident, it is filling a loop hole as noted by the judge.

Mr. Kittle asked if a blind eye would be turned if a person were doing work in the backyard and machinery has torn up the lawn.

Mr. Cohen explained this ordinance is for compliance, making sure torn-up lawn is repaired or replaced within a reasonable amount of time. Work being done is understandable, the Code Enforcement Officer may go the resident and ask when the repairs will be completed and then recheck when that date approaches.

Mr. Tanghe explained this ordinance proposal deals with those people who choose to tear up their lawns.

Mayor McDaniel noted the Ordinance Enforcement Officers are very good and use their discretion well, so he doesn't believe there will be any problems with this ordinance.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Mr. Beckerleg explained selective enforcement is not going to allow somebody to avoid prosecution based on this ordinance.

Mr. Beckerleg explained each individual case must be investigated and determine the willingness of the homeowner to repair the yard or cite the individual because there is no intention of making any repairs.

Mr. Cohen noted prior to any tickets issued by Code Enforcement Officers, Mr. Beckerleg is first conferred with.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article V, Nuisances, of Chapter 34, Environment, of the Auburn Hills City Code and Set for Public Hearing and Second Reading/Adoption at the Meeting of September 12, 2016.

VOTE: Yes: Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: Burmeister

Resolution No. 16.08.145 Motion Carried (6-1)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kittle:

- Hopes the bird ordinance is rethought. The grass needs mowing on N. Squirrel Road on the road right-of-way. Mr. Grice explained that is the home owner's responsibility; however, if needed, the City will cut it.
- Asked about Taylor Road and the 50 or so feet needed to connect to Lapeer Road. Mr. Juidici explained he has been working with DPW and MDOT to secure the permit for the work to be done in the right-of-way. There are still a few wrinkles that need to be ironed out, but he does have a meeting scheduled for next week to resolve the issues. The contractor is still under contract and is planning completion this year. A deceleration lane is needed and there is very little room to accommodate such a lane.
- When traveling south on Lapeer Road, there is a sign at a 45 degree angle that says Fieldstone Golf Course to the right. He would like a similar sign for those traveling from Opdyke Road, to north on Lapeer Road. The golf course is difficult to find for those not familiar with the area.
- Would like to commend the logo team for a job well done, there are just different opinions.
- Looking forward to the golf course inspection with Mr. Grice.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Asked the status of the sidewalk on Auburn Road from Oakmont to Cherryland, noting how nice it looks. Mr. Juidici stated the sidewalk has been replaced with the new ADA ramp, the wall has been completed and there are few other minor issues to be completed. Trees will be planted in the fall between the sidewalk and the road and the area will be cleaned up.

Ms. Verbeke:

- Ms. Pat is a fixture in the youth department of the library and she will be retiring at the end of the month after 30 years of service. She has been a great asset and all the children and adults will miss her.
- Paving was done on northbound I-75, Joslyn Road exit ramp and the paving stopped just before the worst part of the road, and she is curious why the paving stopped and if there is a plan to complete the Joslyn Road paving.
- Commended staff for the wonderful National Night Out event and all of the volunteers.

- Asked when the next Tax Incentive Review Committee meeting will be held.

Ms. Hammond:

- Thanked Police Chief Olko and staff for the excellent National Night Out. She enjoyed the scaled-back event.
- Thanked Target, they are phenomenal in what they give to the City youth.
- Asked for a report at the next meeting of how the dispatch changeover is going.
- Noted the cable station was nothing but a static picture, with no sound.

Mr. Tanghe noted there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Community Media Network to discuss an analysis of all the equipment. Ms. Carroll will be providing an update at the August 22, 2016 Council meeting.

Mr. Knight:

- He too, enjoyed the wonderful National Night Out for a few minutes, when he snuck out from his precinct during the election. He thought the attendance was down a bit, but noted how well liked and exciting the border patrol helicopter is. He was pleased to learn there were 100 volunteers for the evening.

Ms. Verbeke heard complaints that there was no dunk tank and it was suggested next year City Council take turns sitting in the dunk tank.

- He is very appreciative of the parking garage stop sign and the yellow line; it looks very good.
- He was out at the concrete site and the clean-up is coming along very well.
- Asked about the 25% of water that was unaccounted for, asking if there was any determination of the loss.

Mr. Tanghe stated the DPW has been working on the issue, and it was 14%.

Mr. Knight asked for a report on how much water is used for outdoor watering.

- He again wants to suggest having a year-for-year claw back for the tax abatements, this would likely result in fewer requested years. He would like to have some discussion in the near future.
- Friday night concerts have been averaging 220 people. Last week a record was set with 11 couples dancing. In two weeks, the last concert, the Optimists Club will be having a picnic at 6:00 p.m. at the gazebo and invited Council members.
- He appreciates the sidewalk being completed at Cherryland, but it is a disgrace that the same can't be said for Auburn/Adams Road sidewalk. It's time to either buy property to construct the sidewalk around the big tree or cut the tree down, but the sidewalk should be completed.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Congratulated Police Chief Olko and her staff for National Night Out, it was an enjoyable evening seeing so many community members.
- A reminder, she will have her coffee session this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Bigby Coffee on Joslyn Road.
- Congressman Trott is having a military academy applicant reception this Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for young people who are considering to apply for military. Parents and/or guardians are welcomed too. The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and RSVP's are being accepted by calling 248-528-0711. She appreciates Congressman Trott's community outreach.
- Thanked the residents for supporting the Fire Department millage at the recent election and trusting City Council with the funding.

Mayor McDaniel:

- Thanked Police Chief Olko and her staff as well as all City staff that helped to make National Night Out a success. He noted the residents were also appreciative of the event.
- He too, thanked the residents for their support with the Headlee Override Amendment. He appreciates the residents allowing City Council to be good stewards of the tax dollars.

Mr. Kittle:

- There is a special library board meeting to interview candidates for an empty board seat.
- He requested a delay in discussing quarterly water bills. With the current drought and the water rates, the quarterly bills could be quite burdensome for some residents.

Ms. Kowal thanked all those residents who voted, noting the largest turnout was the group that voted by absentee ballot. There were 1,400 residents who voted by absentee ballot and 1,200 that went to the polls. She thanked all those that worked the election and the support of City Council.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Listening to Dr. Koehler this evening postponing construction for his new building because of the demand of skilled trades people, he wants to remind people that there are many skilled trade jobs available. College is not for everyone and skilled trade jobs pay very well.
- He is becoming more intrigued with Mr. Knight's year-for-year tax abatement idea. The new assessor will need to be part of the conversations, and he may have some new, fresh ideas. The next few Council workshops will focus on the budget, but after those are completed the tax abatements could be scheduled for discussion.

Mayor McDaniel explained tax abatement discussions will take place, but first the new assessor must be on board and the rebuilding of the TIRC committee complete and then discussions can begin.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: Adjourn to Executive Session.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 16.08.145

Motion Carried (7–0)

Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. Reconvened regular meeting at 9:24 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION NO. 16-08-143
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this resolution is to declare Auburn Hills' formal participation in the WaterTowns™ initiative through the Clinton River Watershed Council. The resolution reflects Auburn Hills' support for the Clinton River and its tributaries as valuable community assets, and our commitment to collaborate with residents, businesses, neighboring cities, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to advance watershed management, the blue economy, tourism, and green infrastructure.

A RESOLUTION declaring Auburn Hill's participation in the WaterTowns™ initiative

WHEREAS, WaterTowns™ is a water-oriented community development initiative designed to assist towns and cities within the Clinton River Watershed to leverage the assets of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair and to protect and improve water quality;

WHEREAS, the WaterTowns™ initiative is managed by the Clinton River Watershed Council, an organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and celebrating the Clinton River, its watershed, and Lake St. Clair;

WHEREAS, Auburn Hills recognizes the recreational and economic potential of its water resources;

WHEREAS, Auburn Hills desires to incorporate environmental best-management practices as an integral part in community planning and development;

WHEREAS, Auburn Hills is located within the Clinton River Watershed, and is a member of the Clinton River Watershed Council;

WHEREAS, there is no financial commitment required to participate in the WaterTowns™ initiative;

WHEREAS, Auburn Hills desires to collaborate with the Clinton River Watershed Council to develop and implement a local WaterTowns™ strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the , that the Auburn Hills Mayor and City Council declare Auburn Hills a participant in the WaterTowns™ initiative.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of 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 8th day of August, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 10th day of August, 2016.

Terri Kowal, MMC, City Clerk