02  Tax Incentive Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ❖CANCELED
09  City Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆
09  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
10  Tax Increment Finance Authority, 4:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ◆
11  Pension Board, 3:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ◆
11  Retiree Health Care, immediately following Pension Board, Admin Conference Room ◆
12  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
17  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
18  Beautification Advisory Commission, 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆
23  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
24  Library Board, 5:45 p.m., Library Conference Room 📚
AUBURN HILLS MEETING SCHEDULE

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03  Board of Review, 9:00 a.m., Council Conference Room ◆
09  Board of Review, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admin Conference Room ❆
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◆ City Council Chamber (Conf. Rm.) – 1827 N. Squirrel Road
◆ Administrative Conference Room – 1827 N. Squirrel Road
◆ Public Safety Building – 1899 N. Squirrel Road
◆ Community Center – 1827 N. Squirrel Road
◆ Department of Public Services (DPS) – 1500 Brown Road
◆ Fieldstone Golf Course - 1984 Taylor Road
◆ Library - 3400 Seyburn Drive
◆ Downtown City Offices – 3395 Auburn Road, Suite A
◆ University Center, 3350 Auburn Road, Main Floor, Classroom AHUC-02
1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   4a. Regular City Council – February 9, 2015
   4b. Council Workshop – February 9, 2015
   4c. Executive Session
       4c.1. November 10, 2014
       4c.2. February 9, 2015
5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
   5a. Motion – Reappointment of Glen Nelson to TIRC, term to expire July 31, 2018.
   5b. Presentation – Promotions to Detective & Oaths of Office for Jeramey Peters and Ivette Brown
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. CONSENT AGENDA
   All items listed are considered to be routine by the City council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.
   7a. Board and Commission Minutes
       7a.3. Tax Increment Finance Authority – February 10, 2015
       7a.4. Zoning Board of Appeals – February 12, 2015
   7b. Motion – Approval of Site Plan / Stanley Photographic Studio
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
   9a. Motion – Approval of Combined PUD Step One-Qualification and Step Two-Site Plan Approval / Adams Outdoor Advertising
   9b. Motion - Prepay of Oakland Macomb Interceptor
10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL
11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Evaluation of City Manager
14. ADJOURNMENT

City Council meeting minutes are on file in the City Clerk's office. NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk’s Office at 370-9402 or the City Manager's Office at 370-9440 48 hours prior to the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.
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 Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke (Arrived at 7:08)
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, City Clerk Kowal, DPW Director Melchert, Manager of Public Utilities Michling, Lt. Miarka, Business Development Manager Carroll, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineers Juidici and Stevens
6 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting – January 26, 2015
Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.
RESOLVED: To approve the January 26, 2015 City Council regular meeting minutes.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell
No: None
Motion Carried (6–0)
Resolution No. 15.02.022

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS - none

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

7. CONSENT AGENDA
7a. Board and Commission Minutes
7b. Motion – Accept Traffic Control Order SS-15 Updates Stop Sign TCO; Revise Yield Sign TCO
RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SS-15 making it permanent and approve revised YS-15 to remove the Yield signs on Quebec at Alberta and replace them with Stop signs.
7c. Motion – Accept Traffic Control Order Private Property SS-2015, Oakland Estates Stop Signs
RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order Private Property SS-2015, Oakland Estates.
7d. Motion – Approve Purchase of Eight New Mobile Computers
RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of eight (8) Dell 6430ATG Mobile Workstations from Dell under the Oakland County Bid at a cost of $17,042.32 and authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order.
7e. Motion – Approve Purchase of 27 New Taser Weapons
RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of twenty seven (27) Taser X26P’s and associated equipment by the Auburn Hills Police Department and authorized the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order in the amount of $27,598.14.
Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 15.02.023

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Approve CKC Agency Agreement for Public and Media Relations

Ms. Carroll explained City Council heard presentations by two consultants, on January 12, 2015, about their respective companies and capabilities. City Council concluded CKC Agency was in the City’s best interests and directed staff to begin negotiations. Staff negotiated an Agreement to begin on March 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015.

Carolyn Krieger-Cohen, founder of CKC Agency, introduced herself and thanked the City for the opportunity. Vickie Winn, Vice President, Media & Community Relations introduced herself, stated she is excited to work on this contract with the City.

Mr. Knight noted this contract is through December 31st, and asked when a review and consideration of extending the agreement would be discussed.

Mr. Tanghe explained prior to the expiration of the agreement, there will be discussion of a new agreement.

Ms. Hammond thanked Ms. Krieger-Cohen and Ms. Winn for negotiating with the City and working within this year’s City budget.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the Public Relations and Media Service Agreement by and between the City of Auburn Hills and CKC Public Relations, LLC (dba CKC Agency) for the period of March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of $3,000 monthly and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 15.02.024

8b. Motion – Approve 2015 Bloomfield Orchards Water Main Replacement Scope of Engineering Services

Mr. Michling explained approval is being sought for scope of engineering services for the sixth phase, of seven, for the Bloomfield Orchards Water Main Replacement Master Plan which began in 2003. The streets included in this sixth phase are Binghampton, Jamestown, Old Salem and Provincetown. This phase includes pipe bursting; there will be no concrete work. The budgeted amount is $1.5 million and the scope of engineering services, is $71,500.

Mr. Michling confirmed for Mr. Knight, there is one more phase after this one.

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED To approve the OHM Scope of Engineering Services for the 2015 Bloomfield Orchards Subdivision Water Main Replacement for the not-to-exceed amount of $71,500.00. Funding is provided from The Water Fund (592-536-977.000).

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 15.02.025

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approve Purchase of Upgrade to Forensic Video Equipment

Lt. Miarka explained forensic video equipment was purchased in 2008 which enables videos from businesses and other sources, to be enhanced and for better viewing. In 2012 there was a partial upgrade to the 2008 system, but as of January 2015, all of the warranties and licensing agreements have expired.

The videos have helped in solving arsons, robberies, and an officer involved shooting. This system has allowed the enhancing and combining of several different videos into one, resulting in seeing the suspect manipulating items in his pocket. The Oakland County Prosecutors Office has also been assisted from the results of this equipment.

Lt. Miarka presented a slide show on how the system works.

Lt. Miarka stated Detective Martin and Sergeant Eftink have been trained in working with this system; future plans include having other officers trained. Both Detective Martin and Sergeant Eftink have certification from the District Court as expert witnesses and Detective Martin has certification of the Circuit Court as well. This system has also been certified by the local courts for use.
This current system does not allow enhancing high definition videos and this new upgrade will make that allowance. The upgrade will replace the software and include a storage capacity, doubling the existing capacity, and an USB that can download a business’s video on site.

Lt. Miarka confirmed this will allow the enhancement of high definition videos and another equipment upgrade shouldn’t be necessary until 2018-2019.

Mayor McDaniel thinks this is phenomenal equipment for the City to have and use, and is pleased to have shared with other communities.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.
RESOLVED: To approve purchase of the Ocean System AVID Forensic Video Equipment upgrade and authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order in the amount not to exceed $12,994.00.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.02.026

9b. Motion – Approve Resolution Accepting Rabeeh Drive, Zaher Drive, and Ramzi Lane as Public Roads

Mr. Melchert explained the Shimmons Woodgrove Subdivision was first submitted as a platted subdivision in April 2000. The approved plat identified property lines and establishes public right-of-ways for roads with the intent that they be dedicated to the City once complete; being owned and maintained by the City.

Construction has recently begun again in this subdivision; the developer sold a number of lots to two different builders and new homes, 13 or so, have been constructed.

There were a number of items to be addressed by the developer in order for this road dedication to take place. The roads have been paved with the final wearing course and have been built to meet public road standards. Excess silt in the detention pond from soil erosion has been cleaned out. Sidewalks in the common areas are completed. Sidewalks will be completed as each builder completes a home. The only outstanding item is the crosswalk on the north side of Shimmons Road, the concrete does not meet ADA requirements and must be redone. The developer has posted a bond for that construction to take place in the spring. The signs and crosswalk markings will be done by the City, but at the expense of the developer who has already made payment.

Mr. Kittle asked if the City has been maintaining the roads.

Mr. Melchert explained just this year, the DPW has started plowing the roads. There are two manholes that need raising, and the bond submitted by the developer includes the cost of that work.

Ms. Hammond asked if this is the last of the roads to be accepted by the City.

Mr. Melchert stated from his understanding, this is the last.

Mr. Tanghe pointed out there was a great amount of work that went into this; Mr. Cohen and Mr. Melchert spent much time and effort talking with the residents, the builders, and the developer trying to get this back on track. Not all communities have staff that would pursue a remedy for a private venture.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.
RESOLVED: To approve the Resolution Accepting Rabeeh Drive, Zaher Drive, and Ramzi Lane as Public Roadway.

Mr. Knight suggested investigating if the City will continue to accept roadways from developers for the City to maintain. It is a big burden to continue to add more roads; maybe charging a fee would help with maintenance.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.02.027

10. COMMENTS AND MOTION FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond:
- Is appreciative of receiving the Goals and Objectives books well in advance of the workshop.

Mr. Knight:
- The road markings downtown are very difficult to see; he would like to see if iridescent paint could be used or reflectors. He understands nothing can be done now, but when the weather gets a little warmer.
- There are 1,506 Auburn Hills’ students in the Avondale School District, or 44.8% of the student population. The other communities are Rochester Hills with 1,256 students or 37.4%; Troy has 465 students or 13.8%; and Bloomfield Hills 132 students, 3.9%.
- On behalf of the Avondale Youth Assistance Association, support from the City is greatly appreciated; he distributed to Council the annual report. The volunteer’s appreciation program was attended by Fire Chief Manning, Senior Director Karen Adcock, and Recreation Director Brian Marzolf.
Is asking for comments or suggestions from the residents regarding a ZBA petitioner who is seeking approval to allow the installation of an electric fence on a commercial business.

City Attorney Beckerleg has indicated that electric fences are not expressly allowed in the zoning districts and case law indicates that if a zoning ordinance does not expressly provide for a specific structure or use, the said structure is not allowed.

Mr. Burmeister:
- Asked how the snow removal from the street corners, creating blind spots, is coming along.
  Mr. Melchert explained the piles are worked on every day, he isn’t sure of what percentage is completed. Work will continue until all is cleared.

Ms. Mitchell:
- Congratulated Senior Director Adcock for being appointed to the Oakland County Community Development Advisory Board.
- Is passing along a compliment to City Council she received from an Avondale school staff member and resident, that Council cares deeply for the community and conduct themselves in a very professional manner.
- Expressed her appreciation to DPW for their response to the big snowstorm; there is always room for improvement, but she appreciates the effort. She noted residents can help by removing their vehicles from the streets when a Snow Emergency is declared.
- Nominations are opened for the Pontiac Youth Assistance Recognition Awards, through April 15th. This is for students in grades 5th through 12th, attending public, private or parochial schools within the Pontiac district or reside within the Pontiac school district. There are three categories: Students who perform personal acts of heroism; students who perform outstanding volunteer work; and students who have personal achievements, such as overcoming a significant obstacle in their life. Nominations are being accepted at www.pontiacyouthassistance.org.
- Recognized Police Chief Olko and members of the Police Department who were recognized at the annual breakfast.
- Saw the blog from the Police Department regarding accepting donations for children’s safety seats and asked for more specific information.
  Police Chief Olko explained the Department has run out of child safety car seats. The Department gives seats to those that can’t afford one, generally when the driver has been pulled over. Donations must be new and in sealed boxes; needed are the convertible car seats and booster seats.

Mayor McDaniel:
- Recognized Jim Stevens, an OHM Engineer, who was recently selected as one of Oakland County’s Elite Under 40, by L. Brooks Patterson.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT - none

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- The Community Center reopened last Monday, after a pipe breaking causing extensive water damage. Half of the gym will not be repaired until the spring. Thanked the residents for their patience, the Community Center staff who pulled together, and other staff who helped to accommodate the displaced staff into their office spaces.
- A meeting will be held with ITC and their plan to remove vegetation in parts of the City. ITC has an aggressive clearing procedure that generally comes as a surprise to many. The City intends to find out the plans from ITC so the residents can be notified.
- Next week is the Tech 248 event, which is an Oakland County initiative to promote the County as a technology hub. Auburn Hills is part of the northeast district, along with partners Orion Township and Rochester Hills. The event will be held Friday, February 20, 2015 at the Rochester Hills Production Brewery, here in Auburn Hills. More information can be found at www.advantageoakland.eventbrite.com.
- The Human Resources department is hosting a meeting to explore the possibilities of an employee health wellness center. These centers are opening across the State, with the most recent being a partnership between Royal Oak, Ferndale and Madison Heights. Some partnerships have also been between private and public sectors. There is a cost savings through preventive health care, but also incentives for employees. Rochester and Rochester Hills will be joining the meeting and there is potential growth for other communities to join.
- Police hiring continues as promotions from the Patrol division to Detectives moves forward.
Has been asked by Oakland University to participate in the NASPAA site visit. NASPAA’s twofold mission is to ensure excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Labor Negotiations IAFF

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adjourn to Executive Session.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.02.028

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

Moved by Burmeister: Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the collective bargaining agreement by and between the City of Auburn Hills and the Auburn Hills Firefighters Local 4404, along with the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018, and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of City.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: Kittle

Motion Carried (6-1)

Resolution No. 15.02.029

14. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor Terri Kowal, City Clerk
CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor McDaniel at 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Mayor Pro Tem Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell,
Absent: Verbeke
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, Sgt.
Stubbs, City Clerk Kowal, DPW Director Melchert, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineers Juidici
and Stevens.

Police Chief Olko introduced Jim Santilli, Executive Director of TIA, and Pat Cauley, Chief Engineer for TIA.

Mr. Santilli provided background information on the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA), explaining that the
organization developed in 1967, as a result of Oakland County ranking very high in the number of traffic fatalities. It
began with a group of about 200 business people and officials gathering to determine how to increase traffic safety. The
group came up with 92 recommendations, and realized they needed an entity to oversee the improvements, which led to
the formation of the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County. Over the years the association grew into the
Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan.

The TIA has an independent non-partisan Board, consisting of 26 members, both corporate and public. They are funded
through cities and villages at ½ of 1% of the Public Act 51 monies they receive. The townships’ cost is based on their
population. Many communities in the state, as well as the State Police, are now members of TIA.

While the fatality rate in Oakland was one of the highest in the state in 1967 when the group formed, they are now one of
the lowest for traffic deaths. In 2012, the Oakland County percentage of deaths per 100 vehicle miles driven was .46, one
of the lowest in the state, perhaps in the country.

Lt. Gagnon spoke on the process used by the City’s Police Department to assist the TIA in reducing the number of traffic
accidents in Auburn Hills.

Sergeant Jeremy Stubbs addressed Council regarding our Directed Patrol Unit and the steps followed for a traffic
complaint investigation. The Unit investigates every traffic complaint. Examples of the most frequent complaints: speed,
sight distance, parking complaints, and traffic light issues. The investigation process includes taking information from
reporting party, determining the type of complaint, starting an action plan, conducting a site survey and starting the
resolution process.

The three E’s of traffic management were explained. They are education, enforcement and engineering.

Education includes neighborhood safety campaigns, public safety announcements, traffic safety bulletins, community
meetings, radar speed display trailers, and neighborhood signage. Council Members discussed placement of radar speed
trailers and questioned if more were needed. Sgt. Stubbs replied that if the City had more, we would use them.

Sgt. Stubbs next discussed enforcement issues. Reports and data from all accidents are carefully studied. Time periods
from the collected data are used to guide enforcement (i.e. speeding, disobeying stop signs, improper parking, etc.)

Enforcement is used as an educational tool as well. After implementation of the education and enforcement measures,
the effectiveness is monitored, measured, and re-evaluated.
Engineering includes creating operational and physical improvements to the infrastructure to control speeds and reduce traffic conflicts. It also involves the installation of traffic control devices such as signs, markings and signals. Installation is determined by traffic engineering analysis.

Sgt. Stubbs went on to explain three things about properly set speed limits per Michigan Vehicle Code. Orders are set by a Traffic Control Order (TCO), which is the typical legal mechanism to set speed limit. The TCO is endorsed by governing body and filed with clerk’s office. Proper signage is then ordered for the involved roadway.

Discussion continued, concerning Public Act 85 of 2006, Section 257.627 Speed Limitations which defines how speed limits shall be set. For roads not defined as Highways, the following criteria are used to determine the speed limit of a road: prima facie or statutorily, the number of access points along the road, or a traffic and engineering investigation.

This law states that if these criteria are not used the speed limit is not valid and enforcement action is unlawful.

Another method used to set speed limits is called “Realistic Speed Limits”, which encourage compliance from the majority of drivers; give a clear reminder of reasonable speeds; provide an effective enforcement tool for police; encourages drivers to travel at the speed where the risk of crashes is the lowest, and uses the speed that 85% of the motorists drive on the road as the basic factor.

The 85% factor is used as a primary basis for setting speed limits. Other influences on the limit include road characteristics, such as sight distance, grade, alignment; 85th percentile AND pace speed; roadside development; curves and hazardous locations; parking and Pedestrian activity and crash experience for recent 12 months.

Council Members asked questions of the Police Department Staff, regarding the speeds and traffic issues on Waukegan, and other areas of the City where they may want to change speed limits or traffic control signs. TIA Engineer Cauley reported that they look at speed limits routinely. They have a portal open to the public on their website so that residents can see where the high accident areas are. They also have a private portal for more detailed reports for public safety departments to access.

Council Members thanked TIA staff as well as Chief Olko, Lt. Gagnon and Sgt. Stubbs for the informative presentation.

The workshop adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor            Terri Kowal, City Clerk
Executive Session Minutes –

November 10, 2014
February 9, 2015

These minutes have been provided under separate - confidential cover.
To: City Council  
From: Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor  
Submitted: February 16, 2015  
Subject: Motion – Confirming Reappointment of Glen Nelson to the Tax Incentive Review Committee for a term ending July 31, 2018.

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Please consider confirming the following appointment/reappointment:

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MOTION

Move to confirm the Reappointment of Glen Nelson to the Tax Incentive Review Committee for a term ending July 31, 2018.
5a. Glen Nelson’s Application will be provided at the City Council meeting.

NO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE
5b. Presentation – Promotions to Detective & Oaths of Office for Jeramey Peters and Ivette Brown.

NO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE
1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ouellette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: 
   Present: Beidoun, Justice, Mendieta, Mitchell, Ouellette, Shearer, Hitchcock
   Absent: Ochs, Pierce
   Also Present: Director of Community Development Cohen, Assistant City Planner Keenan, Senior Services Director Adcock, Management Assistant Willett, Executive Assistant Marsh, Management Assistant Mariuz
   Guests: 1

3. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD – None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2014

   Moved by Mitchell to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014 with corrections.
   Supported by Beidoun.
   VOTE: Yes: All
        No: None
   Motion Carried

5. PETITIONERS - None

6. OLD BUSINESS

   6a. Age-Friendly Auburn Hills Program – Overview, Discussion and Recommendations on Action Plan  
       (7:07 p.m.)

   Ms. Willett gave a brief overview on what has been accomplished to date, including an overview of the common themes from the community conversations and focus groups. The common themes include residents wanting to stay at home, lack of awareness about age friendly housing features, an expanded range of technology needs, and items related to alternative methods of transportation, including bike lanes. A number of respondents from the focus groups had a parent living with them.

   Ms. Willett also provided a brief synopsis on the Business Roundtable which had 17 participants from a number of sectors. The three highest ranking needs of seniors were identified as being: increase transportation opportunities, better communication, and location of clean public bathrooms. Ms. Willett also noted that the business roundtable meeting was taped by the City.
Ms. Adcock explained the remaining items the City has to accomplish in order to finalize the plan. The City was granted an extension by AARP in order to assure the City has enough time to assess the data compiled from the survey and focus groups, determine its goals, and develop an implementation plan.

Mr. Ouellette asked if transportation is determined to be more of a need by the residents, could the City explore the possibility of getting donations, sponsorships, or support from businesses that are more frequented by residents utilizing the City’s bus. For instance, if Crittenton Hospital was a frequent stop would they be interested in donating funds to cover the cost of ridership, in return the City could offer advertising on or in the bus.

Ms. Justice agreed with the idea of approaching businesses for donations and thought it would be worth exploring, especially for those businesses that are most frequented by the City’s bus service. Businesses to consider may include Crittenton Hospital or Great Lakes Crossing Outlets. Ms. Justice further noted that 99% of the time she is meeting with clients at their place.

Mr. Ouellette inquired if it would be worth exploring the idea of developing some type of community service booklet with a list of qualified contractors and possibly including coupons within the booklet.

Ms. Shearer agreed that the most important needs in the future for those who wish to age in place would revolve around transportation and home maintenance. Having a list of reputable contractors or volunteers to help with property maintenance at a low or fair cost would be most beneficial. Constructing a ramp might be a feature aging residents might need.

Mr. Keenan mentioned that Mr. Wager, City Building Inspector, is updating a brochure that will assist residents in selecting a qualified contractor.

Ms. Adcock stated that the City has a program that helps residents who are in need of constructing a ramp for their home. She also mentioned that the Senior Services Department has a list of contractors that are licensed and insured.

Ms. Adcock discussed the timeline for the Action Plan and steps involved in completing it by June 1, 2015, deadline.

Mr. Keenan began the discussion for selecting the focus areas within each of the eight domains. He explained the goal of the process is to have the Commission identify the areas residents identified as most important in the survey, as well as, during the public workshops. Mr. Keenan referred to the survey results, provided in chart form, and explained two methods Commissioners could use to determine what items residents believed were most important. Mr. Keenan also noted the findings Ms. Willet provided that summarized the information gathered during the focus groups and community conversation workshops.

Mr. Keenan started the discussion on selecting the areas of focus involving Community Health Services. Areas identified by the Planning Commission included the following: 1) Easily accessible health and social services, 2) Fitness activities for people age 50 and older, 3) Easy to find community and local public health information, 4) Health and wellness programs and classes, and 5) Health and wellness classes for people 50 and over.

Ms. Mitchell suggested combining some of selected items that are similar. The rest of the Commission agreed.

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Cohen proposed that the Planning Commission focus its efforts on items it can control such as Housing Features. Ms. Justice stated that assisting residents in maintaining their homes would be the highest priority and that many residents would benefit from the use of the brochure and list of qualified contractors. She suggested putting a notice in the City newsletter or in a welcome packet that would inform residents that information was available.

Mr. Mendieta asked if the City had some type of volunteer time bank for residents to sign up for to provide a service or assistance to those in need. Ms. Adcock provided a brief description on the City’s SHARP program, which is similar to a time bank program. Discussion concluded with the Commission selecting the following areas: 1) Well-maintained homes/properties, 2) Home repair contractors who do quality work, 3) Trustworthy
home repair contractors, 4) Affordable home repair contractors, 5) Home repair services for low-income residents.

Mr. Keenan turned the discussion on selecting priorities revolving around communication and information. Ms. Adcock mentioned the possible need of someone who knows sign language. Mr. Mendieta spoke about the challenges of languages with many dialects.

Mr. Hitchcock asked what the City does with their old computers and if there was possibility of donating them to seniors who do not have a computer and are homebound. Mr. Cohen stated that City computers are often passed down to other City departments employees. Computers that are older and obsolete have the hard drives removed and destroyed and the remaining parts are recycled. Mr. Hitchcock asked if any of the local businesses donated computers to those in need of one. Mr. Cohen stated he was not aware of any business donating computers.

The discussion regarding Communication and Information ended with the Commission selecting the following areas: 1) Free access to computers and internet in public places, 2) Access to pubic/civic affairs information in one central location, 3) Clearly displayed printed information with large lettering, and 4) Information delivered in person for homebound.

Mr. Keenan moved the discussion to select the areas involving Outdoor Spaces and Buildings. He pointed out that the survey indicates that the public is satisfied with the way the city maintains its buildings and parks. Mr. Cohen informed the Commission that the City has applied for a grant to purchase park equipment for the seniors. After reviewing the graphs, the Commission identified four areas of focus which include: 1) Sidewalks near your home, 2) Safe streets for pedestrians/bicyclists, 3) Pathways for pedestrians/bicyclists, and 4) Sidewalks wide enough for wheelchairs.

Mr. Keenan proceeded with the selection process to select the areas involving transportation and roads. Mr. Hitchcock stated that reliable public transportation during inclement weather would seem to be important. Mr. Ouellette mentioned that last year the voters passed a millage increase for the SMART bus system. Ms. Mariuz mentioned with the five colleges in the City there might be enough interested students willing to participate in a ride share program.

After further review of the Transportation graphs the Commission identified five areas of focus which include: 1) Special transportation for services for the disabled, 2) Easily accessible public transportation, 3) Reliable public transportation, 4) Affordable public transportation, and 5) Conveniently located public transportation stops.

Mr. Cohen asked Mr. Ouellette if he would like to pause the age friendly discussion to update the Commission on the Northeast Corner Neighborhood Master Plan. Mr. Ouellette and the Commission agreed.

6b. Discussion of Northeast Corner Neighborhood Master Plan Update (8:25 p.m.)

Mr. Cohen provided the Planning Commission with a brief overview of the time frame for completing the update to the Northeast Corner Neighborhood Master Plan. Mr. Cohen distributed copies of the 2001 neighborhood plan as well as information regarding the activities that took place in 2007, the most recent year the plan was reviewed. The most recent review also included receiving input from the public. The information provided to the Planning Commission should help better prepare the current Planning Commission members to better understand the history of the area and the issues the residents believed were important to their neighborhood.

6a. Age-Friendly Auburn Hills Program – Overview, discussion continued (8:32 p.m.)

Mr. Keenan asked the Commission if they wanted to continue the discussion of Age-Friendly Auburn Hills or finish the selection process at the March meeting.

Ms. Willett volunteered to create an online survey that will enable the Commission to finish selecting the focus areas for the three remaining domains, Social Activities/Inclusion, Volunteer/Civic Engagement, and Job Opportunities.

The Commission agreed to finish the selection process through the use of an online survey.
7. NEW BUSINESS - None

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Cohen informed the Planning Commission about three items that are anticipated to be placed on the February agenda, including, a multi-family residential development called Mosaic of Auburn Hills located at the southeast corner of Baldwin and Collier and Adams Outdoor Advertising’s billboard sign.

Mr. Keenan informed the Commission that Stanley Photography Studio will also be on the February agenda. The development will be located on the south side of Auburn Road, across the street from Rosetta. The proposed building will have some very unique architectural features to it, but will be somewhat hidden from view due to the site’s lower elevation to Auburn Road and the number of trees preserved on the site. Staff felt that building façade would be acceptable and that the photographic studio would be an excellent addition to the area.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Keenan,
Assistant City Planner
CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ormsbee called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Patricia Ormsbee, Rich Foster, Celeste Yoskovich, Cheryl Verbeke, Ilene Ingram

Also Present: Elizabeth Brennan, Exec. Assistant Community Development

Absent: Karen Lewis, Linda Hogan

Guests: None

LOCATION

Council Conference Room
1827 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI  48326

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD – None

CORRESPONDENCE

Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan Newsletter – Article highlighted the successful 2014 Auburn Hills Perennial Exchange and hosting of BCSEM’s Summer Quarterly Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Yoskovich moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014
Supported by Dr. Ingram

VOTE:

Yes: Ormsbee, Foster, Yoskovich, Verbeke, Ingram
No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)
NEW BUSINESS –

2015 Elections

**Election of Chair**
Ms. Ingram nominated Rich Foster for Chair  
Ms. Ormsbee seconded the nomination  
Voted: Yes: All  
No: None  
Mr. Foster elected as Chairman  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Election of Vice-Chair**
Ms. Ingram nominated Celeste Yoskovich for Vice-Chair  
Ms. Verbeke seconded the nomination  
Voted: Yes: All  
No: None  
Ms. Yoskovich elected as Vice-Chair  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Election of Secretary**
Ms. Yoskovich nominated Irene Ingram for Secretary  
Ms. Ormsbee seconded the nomination  
Voted: Yes: All  
No: None  
Ms. Ingram elected as Secretary  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Keep It Clean Program**
Ms. Brennan asked the group if they would like to schedule clean-up events through the Keep it Clean program this year.  
Mr. Foster asked Ms. Brennan to find out what roadside areas are available for clean-up and report back to the Commission in February. A decision will be made at that time.

**Membership in the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan**
The Commission unanimously agreed to renew membership in the BCSEM at a cost of $20.  
Ms. Verbeke moved to approve the $20 membership expenditure.  
Supported by Ms. Yoskovich  
VOTE: Yes: Ormsbee, Foster, Verbeke, Yoskovich, Ingram  
No: None  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Perennial Exchange Pre-Planning**
Ms. Brennan presented the Commission with an outline of assignments for the May 16th Perennial Exchange. The Commission opted to wait until at least February to commit to specific assignments.

Ms. Yoskovich indicated that she will not be able to attend the Perennial Exchange event this year due to a scheduling conflict. She would like to assist in pre-event marketing efforts, in particular an email invitation / reminder to past Perennial Exchange attendees. Ms. Brennan will provide Ms. Yoskovich copies of the guest lists from past events.
OLD BUSINESS –

Banner Purchase Review

Final design decisions must be made on the “Explore Auburn Hills” banner. Final decisions included

1) Blue / orange are the selected colors
2) Remove “Live” and add “Learn”
3) Remove website from bottom of banner
4) Remove the word “Explore”
5) Tree panel should be only two colors

Ms. Brennan explained that these last minute design changes will cost an additional amount, above and beyond our original quote. The Commission granted approval to use 2015 funds toward the additional design fees.

Light Up the Night – Debrief

Ms. Yoskovich indicated that she enjoyed the program this year and noted that many residents put lights up this holiday season.

The group agreed that addresses are sometimes difficult to collect in the dark.

Ms. Ingram discussed her original thoughts on expanding this program to include a downtown event – A Winter Walk - one in which would involve college students. She explained that after attending the Auburn Hills Tree Lighting Ceremony last December, she thought the Commission should instead consider actively participating in that existing event. She suggested that we discuss options at the February meeting.

Open Discussion –
Ms. Ormsbee resigned from the Beautification Advisory Commission.

Confirm Next Meeting –
Next meeting confirmed for February 18, 2015 at 6:00pm

Adjournment –
The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Brennan
BAC - City Staff Liaison
City of Auburn Hills
Community Development
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hassett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dolly (arrived at 4:16pm), Goodhall, Gupta, Hassett, Molnar and Price
Absent: Dilland (excused) and Thornton
Also Present: TIFA Executive Director Tom Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Don Grice, Finance Director Michelle Schulz, Executive Assistant Karrie Marsh
Guests: None

LOCATION: Auburn Hills City Hall, Administrative Conference Room, 1827 North Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD - None

CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Mr. Goodhall to approve the January 13, 2015 minutes as submitted.
Supported by Mr. Molnar.
Yes: Goodhall, Gupta, Hassett, Molnar, and Price
No: none

FINANCIAL REPORT
Finance Director Michelle Schulz presented the financial report for January 31, 2015, reviewing the activities for this period, including the most recent revenues and expenses. That report included the following Total Liabilities and Fund Balances and Available Cash:

| TIFA 85-A | $ 28,582,171 | Available Cash (TIF-A) | $ 1,472,860 |
| TIFA 85-B | $ 13,774,614 | Available Cash (TIF-B) | $ 9,644,917 |
| TIFA 86-D | $ 26,614,159 | Available Cash (TIF-D) | $ 2,446,805 |
|  | $ 68,970,944 |

There was discussion about the financial report format. Finance Director Michelle Schulz asked the Board what they would like to see on the report specifically. There was a brief discussion about the topic. She will provide what they have requested at the next meeting and will revise it if needed.

Moved by Mr. Molnar to approve the Financial Report of January 31, 2015 as submitted.
Supported by Mr. Goodhall.
Yes: Goodhall, Gupta, Hassett, Molnar, and Price
No: none

Motion carried
OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Tanghe presented a memo dated February 2, 2015 regarding a potential TIFA B site grant opportunity. An automotive company, who wishes to remain nameless at this time, is interested in making Auburn Hills the new location for its global headquarters. The City would like to see this happen. After lengthy discussion and because the company will not likely qualify for any tax abatements, the Board supports the idea of offering the company site grant funding for signage. The TIFA B budget has funds budgeted for site improvements and can offer a not-to-exceed amount of $30,000.00. Staff has researched the costs of commercial signage and believes the offered amount should suffice.

The Board approved of presenting the opportunity to the company and should they accept the offer, staff will direct them to return to the Board at a later date with proposed signage plans and costs in order to make a formal request.

Regarding Item 7b, Assistant City Manager Don Grice discussed a concept for a new Downtown Town Square. A Public Square existed in the Village of Amy, Pontiac Township in 1830. The hope is to honor the past by creating a new Town Square. Although a new Town Square cannot exist exactly where the Public Square was, it will be close to the area and will cover a portion of the previous boundaries.

The project was discussed and ideas were shared. The project would require removing a portion of the parking lot behind the MOM’s memorial and also the Christmas Tree, which is in severe decline due to the construction of the parking garage and water main projects that have occurred. Grass would replace the parking lot pavement for an area for the public to use leisurely. Additional lighting would be needed as well as landscaping. The ice rink could be relocated to that area and The DEN could be used as a warming station. Handicapped parking and relocation of an electric station need to be considered. The cost is anticipated to be less than $50,000.00. Mr. Grice will have Staff present hard numbers to bring back to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Mr. Goodhall stated that he had attended a function and a representative from Illuminating Concepts was present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled TIFA Board meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Administrative Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Mr. Molnar to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.
Supported by Ms. Dolly.
Yes:  Dolly, Goodhall, Gupta, Hassett, Molnar, and Price
No:  none

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Goodhall   Karrie Marsh
Secretary of the Board   Recording Secretary
1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Luttermoser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326

2. ROLL CALL:
   Present: Burrell, Luttermoser, Waltenspiel
   Absent: Knight, Ouellette
   Also Present: Building Official Spencer
   Guests: 1

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Postponed until there is a full Board present.

Mr. Luttermoser announced this will be his last ZBA meeting, he is moving to Arizona; he has served on the Board for the last 12 years.

Mr. Luttermoser read the following statement:

Gentlemen:

The Board of Appeals is made up of the following: Henry Knight, an elected City Official; Greg Ouellette, Planning Commission Chairperson; Trina Burrell, Robert Luttermoser, and Bob Waltenspiel –.

The Michigan Court System has agreed upon the following rules concerning the granting of variances:

To obtain a non-use variance the applicant must show practical difficulty by meeting all the criteria:

1. That strict compliance with ordinance standards would unreasonably prevent the applicant from using of the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity unnecessarily burdensome.
2. That the request is the minimum relief needed to grant fairness to the applicant in a manner that is consistent with the level enjoyed by other property owners in the zoning district.
3. That the problem is due to the unique circumstances of the property.
4. That the problem is not self-created.

This meeting is open to the public and the minutes go on record. We open each public hearing and Board Secretary Ms. Burrell, will read the petition. Then we will hear from City staff representative Jeff Spencer, Building Official. We then will hear from the petitioner or the petitioner’s representatives. Next, we will hear anyone in the audience wishing to be heard during the public hearing.

Persons wishing to be heard must be sworn in. After the Board is satisfied it has received all the relevant testimony it can expect, the hearing is closed and deliberation begins. The Board may or may not call for further testimony after the hearing is closed.

The Chairperson shall ask for a Motion on the order and then ask for Second to the Motion. There may be further discussion by the Board on the motion, except if a motion to table the item is made by a Board member. The item will conclude with a Roll Call Vote on the order.
4. PETITIONERS

Mr. Luttermoser noted there is not a full Board and if Mr. Pate, the petitioner, wishes, the hearing can be postponed until there is a full Board. The opportunity to postpone extends up to the time, just before the Board reaches a decision.

3a. ABF Freight, LLC, 3660 Lapeer Road, to Allow an Electric Fence

ZBA14-0004 – Request for a variance from Zoning Ordinance 372 to allow a 10 Foot Tall Electric Fence at 3660 Lapeer Road (ABF Freight) for a Security System

Ms. Burrell read the application as follows:

Project name is ABF Freight, located at 3660 Lapeer Road; the parcel size is 8.03 acres is located in an Industrial zoning district, with the property I.D. #02-14-02-451-003. The project description is the installation of an electric security fence, which will be 1,680 linear feet. The section of the Zoning Ordinance in which a variance is desired is Zoning Ordinance 372.

This Request is for the Following Variance:

Section of Zoning Ordinance in which variance is desire: N/A – Zoning Ordinance 372

The principle points upon which the appeal is made:

1. - The following peculiar or unusual conditions are present to justify a variance:

   ABF Freight System, Inc., is a nation-wide freight company with highly desirable goods. The following peculiar or unusual conditions are present to justify a variance/appeal:

   1. High value of freight
   2. As the storage area is 1,680 linear feet in perimeter, it is not possible for security guards to effectively and constantly monitor the entire lot.
   3. Property is located away from main roads and the majority of the property is not abutted by any roads making it exceedingly difficult for police to patrol/monitor and easy for criminals to escape.

The location of the property and the high value assets secured in the property are an open invitation to the criminal class which is not deterred by a standard chain link fence. The only system that actually PREVENTS crime and break-ins is the Electric Guard Dog (EGD) security system. Presently, the director has taken a stance that code silence is interpreted as prohibition.

2 - The following hardship or practical difficulty will result if a variance is not granted:

Before ABF moved to this new location they were previously in Bloomfield Township where they were using this same proposed security fencing. Due to the fencing being in place they suffered no break-ins/crime. Prior to moving into Auburn Hills, the codes were investigated. There is no mention of electric fences anywhere. Even regular fences do not require a permit. ABF thought that they would also be able to protect their facilities with the same system once they made the move to Auburn Hills.

The hardship that would result if the variance were not granted is that the business would not be able to continue to use and enjoy the property as unsustainable criminal break-ins would force the business to close and move to another location where they can obtain the protection needed. The Electric Guard Dog security system is the most effective and best economical means possible to protect employees and property.

If the security system is installed as requested and presented, it will provide ABF Freight System, Inc., with an affordable means to protect their assets and employees, allowing them to invest monies into growth, resulting in continued employment and continued or increased tax base for the City. With the failing economy and exploding crime rates, they require this security system as it is designed and intended to be. General safety and welfare of the public is maintained, crime is prevented, and the police can focus on crime other than property break-ins and vandalism.

This variance/appeal is the minimum necessary to relieve a practical difficulty and resulting hardship. Cameras record crime and do not prevent it, guards are unreliable (do not show up for work, sleep on the job, and at times are complacent in the criminal action). The EGD is the most reliable, most economical, and safest security application available. In actuality the installation of the EGD will secure the variance property and increase the security of the surrounding properties and the immediate area by deterring the criminal element.
Mr. Spencer noted the following:

**VARIANCE: Zoning Ordinance 372**

This request is to consider a non-use/area variance to allow an electric fence at the ABF site. The variance is from Zoning Ordinance 372; chain link fences are permitted in residential areas and regulated by Section 1904 of Zoning Ordinance 372. There is however, no regulations for electric or other types of security fences in the Zoning Ordinance.

The petitioner Electric Guard Dog, LLC, has requested to install a ten foot tall electric fence at the ABF site.

The Community Development Department has denied their request to install the fence. The City attorney, has indicated that electric fences are not expressly allowed in the zoning districts and case law indicates that if a zoning ordinance does not expressly provide for a specific structure or use, the said structure is not allowed.

The petitioner proposes to install a ten foot tall electric fence just on the inside of the newly installed eight foot tall chain link fence at ABF. A variance will be required to proceed with the proposed electric fence.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Regional transporting company “ABF” purchased and moved into this facility in the fall of 2012. ABF is performing the same type of business the former tenant/owner Roadway Express performed at this location, which is transporting freight.

In August 2014, a permit was issued for an eight foot tall chain link fence to surround the ABF yard and asphaltered areas. After the chain link fence installation, the petitioner proposed to install an approximately ten foot tall electric fence just on the inside of the chain link fence.

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

The subject property is approximately eight acres. The property is zoned I-1, which is conducive to the proposed trucking transportation.

**BUILDING INFORMATION:**

A cross-dock truck terminal with 12,894 square feet of structure and supporting office.

Continuing, Mr. Spencer noted 45 public notices were mailed November 21, 2014 and January 16, 2015 to property owners within 1,000 feet of the petitioner’s property lines and utilities; no comments were received.

**Michael Pate,** representative of Electric Guard Dog fencing explained the ordinance does not prohibit electric fences. The company has installed over 3,000 of these fences nationwide.

Mr. Luttermoser asked the number of trucks stored at any given time at the site.

Mr. Pate wasn’t sure of the number trucks stored, but noted many of the trucks carry dangerous cargo, such as nitrogen fertilizers, weapons, ammunition, chemicals and other like products. ABF is one of the larger customers of Electric Guard Dog; other customers include many of the larger trucking companies such as FedEx and Old Dominion Freight.

Mr. Pate noted this site is quite remote and it is difficult from the perimeter to see the inside of the site.

Mr. Luttermoser asked if there have been any break-ins.

Mr. Spencer stated the Police have been called to the site.

Ms. Burrell asked Mr. Pate if he has any records from the Police Department indicating the number of break-ins or attempted break-ins.

Mr. Pate stated that he doesn’t have any numbers, but explained this is a preventative measure. Why wait for a break-in when it can be avoided.

Ms. Burrell noted she was disappointed that break-in attempts were not part of the information supplied by Mr. Pate.

Mr. Luttermoser asked the cost of the fence installation.

Mr. Pate explained there is a three year contract; the cost is approximately 50 cents per foot each month for the three year contract. He also explained the fence is a security system that is audible and monitored at all times. The shock is pulsed electricity that pulses every 1.3 seconds, much less of a shock that a Taser used by law enforcement. The electric fence is only built inside another perimeter fence that is not electrified. There are multi-lingual warning signs posted on the fence at regular intervals. The fence has been tested by Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL), third party organizations recognized by OSHA. The fence is approved to meet all safety standards set by the International Electrotechnical Commission.
Mr. Spencer noted there are no electrical permits necessary for this project. He also explained Deputy Director Hardesty had reviewed this project and had no negative issues with the fence.

Mr. Luttermoser opened and closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m., hearing no comments.

The Board deliberated the merits of the petition.

Moved by Ms. Burrell:

In the matter of ZBA case #ZBA14-0004, Electric Guard Dog, LLC, 3660 Lapeer Road, parcel 14-02-451-003, one variance described as:

To allow a ten foot tall electric fence at 3660 Lapeer Road, ABF Freight System, Inc., transportation business for a security system inside the eight foot tall chain link fence.

Be granted because the petitioner did demonstrate that practical difficulties exist in this case, in that he did set forth facts which show:

1. That strict compliance with ordinance standards would unreasonably prevent the applicant from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity unnecessarily burdensome because, the current ordinance has no provision for electric fencing.

2. That the request is the minimum relief needed to grant fairness to the applicant in a manner that is consistent with the level enjoyed by other property owners in the zoning district because, the owner will be able to protect their facility as they have in the past.

3. That the problem is due to the unique circumstances of the property because, currently the property is not protected.

4. That the problem is not self-created because the requested variance is in keeping with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance, which is to protect the general welfare of the entire community.

Supported by Mr. Waltenspiel.

VOTE: Yes: Burrell, Luttermoser, Waltenspiel

No: None

Motion carried (3-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2014

Moved by Ms. Burrell to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Luttermoser.

VOTE: Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Luttermoser asked if Dr. Koehler has started building his new office on Walton Boulevard.

Mr. Spencer stated not as of yet, but will likely break ground as soon as spring arrives; it’s quite costly to do winter construction.

7. NEW BUSINESS – none

8. COMMUNICATIONS – none

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – March 12, 2015

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Novak
Deputy City Clerk
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Steven J. Cohen, Director of Community Development; and Shawn Keenan, Assistant City Planner  
Submitted: February 18, 2015  
Subject: Stanley Photographic Studio  
Motion – Approval of Site Plan

INTRODUCTION
This is a request from Mr. Bradford Stanley for approval to construct a one-story, 4,100 sq. ft. contemporary style building on a 3.9 acre site zoned I-1, Light Industrial district. The property is located on the south side of Auburn Road, east of Auburn Court. The building will include approximately 1,641 sq. ft. of office space and a 2,459 sq. ft. studio area.

The plans call for minimum site disturbance, extensive tree preservation, and riverbank protection. The building will be placed in the open area on the property, which is approximately ten feet lower than the grade level of Auburn Road.

Stanley Photographic Studio business covers a wide range of media needs including commercial production, cinematography and photography. Clients include Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and Ford Motor Company.

Total investment in the project is estimated at $400,000. Construction will begin in spring 2015 with completion expected to take place in early fall 2015. The business is expected to have four employees.
RESIDENT INPUT
On Monday, February 9, 2015, City staff received a phone call from Mr. Tom Patton the owner of the adjacent business to the west. Mr. Patton was pleased with the proposed development but wanted some clarification as to how the stormwater was going to be managed on the site. Mr. Patton was informed that the stormwater generated on the site will be managed through the use of two bio-swales and one detention pond.

Mr. Patton also wanted to know if any large construction equipment would need to use his entrance drive during construction. He was assured that City staff will inform the development's project manager, during the pre-construction meeting, that heavy equipment ingress and egress to the site will be limited to the subject parcels existing access drive, to the maximum extent possible. Mr. Patton was also encouraged to contact the City's Community Development Department if any issues occur during construction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Please be advised that this project has been reviewed by the City's Administrative Site Plan Review Team (consisting of the City Manager, Police Department, Fire Department, Community Development Department, Department of Public Services, Engineering Consultant, and Woodlands Consultant) and has received a recommendation for approval.

We recommend Conditional Approval of the Site Plan and offer the following discretionary findings of fact:
1. The Site Plan contains sufficient basic information required by the Zoning Ordinance for a recommendation.
2. The requirements of Section 1815, Items 7A-7E of the Zoning Ordinance can be met as follows:
   a) All requirements and standards of the Zoning Ordinance, and other city Ordinances, can be met.
   b) Safe, convenient vehicular and pedestrian ingress/egress has been depicted; primary access will be to Auburn Road.
   c) Traffic circulation features within the site and the location of parking areas avoid common traffic problems and can promote safety.
   d) A satisfactory and harmonious relationship will exist between the proposed development and surrounding area.
   e) The proposed use will not have an unreasonable, detrimental or injurious effect upon the natural characteristics of the subject parcel, or the adjacent area.
3. Based upon the project's total square footage, nine parking spaces are required and nine parking spaces are depicted.
4. The parking layout meets minimum requirements and parking spaces are provided for the handicapped (one is required and one is provided). The one space is van accessible.
5. Building and parking setback requirements will be met.
6. Greenbelts will be provided.
7. Landscape requirements will be met and calculations have been submitted.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

8. A note indicates that exterior lighting shall meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. All lighting shall be shielded and directed downward and away from adjacent properties. No light poles are being proposed.
9. A note indicates that signs shall meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
10. A note indicates that parking spaces shall be double striped.
11. A note indicates ground-mounted and roof-mounted mechanical equipment will be screened.
12. A note indicates no outside storage will take place on the site including pallets, overnight vehicles, or trailer storage.
13. An eight foot pathway is proposed along Auburn Road. Complete Streets considerations were discussed. Due to the ten foot elevation change between the pathway and building’s final grade, a sidewalk connection was considered impractical.
14. A Tree Removal Permit is not required.
15. The developer has submitted a USGBC LEED checklist identifying a number of green/sustainable design elements being incorporated into the development. At this time the owner is not proposing to pursue LEED certification.
16. A note indicates that the trash receptacle will be less than one cubic yard and stored within the proposed building. Refuse will be recycled whenever possible. It is expected that the daily operations of the proposed business will generate a very limited amount of trash.

Conditions:
1. The developer has agreed to prep the parking lot with the installation of an electrical stub at the planned electric vehicle charging station location and will run conduit from the power source to the stub to support future installation, when needed.
2. Developer shall draft, execute, and record with the County Register of Deeds a cross access easement with the adjacent property owner to the west (2790 Auburn Road). The cross access easement shall be reviewed and approved by City Staff and the City Engineer prior to recording.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
Recommended Approval on February 17, 2015 (7-0 vote).

MOTION
“Move to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Site Plan for Stanley Photographic Studio, subject to staff and consultants’ conditions.”

I CONCUR: ______________________________________________________________________
THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ouellette called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Present: Beidoun, Hitchcock, Mendieta, Mitchell, Ochs, Ouellette, Pierce. Absent: Justice, Shearer. Also Present: Director of Community Development Cohen, Assistant City Planner Keenan, Senior Services Director Adcock. Guests: 5

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

5. PETITIONERS

5b. **Stanley Photographic Studio**

Motion – Recommendation to City Council for Approval of Site Plan

Mr. Keenan explained the request from Mr. Brad Stanley to construct a 1,400 sq. ft. building on the 3.9 acre site on the south side of Auburn Road, just west of the Sunoco gas station. He described the low impact development features of the development which include: minimum site disturbance, extensive tree preservation, riverbank and river corridor protection and the use of bio-swales. No regulated trees will be removed.

Mr. Keenan described the site as being well suited for the proposed use and that the contemporary style building helps capture the creative and artistic nature of Mr. Stanley's business. He explained that the building will be tucked back on the site within the trees and the trees along Auburn Road are being preserved. Mr. Keenan also noted that the grade of Auburn Road is ten feet higher than the final grade of the proposed building.

Mr. Keenan stated the goal is for construction to begin this spring with completion anticipated this fall. The overall cost of the project is estimated to be around $400,000.

Mr. Ouellette welcomed Mr. Stanley to Auburn Hills and asked if he could provide some information about his business.

Mr. Stanley explained that his business concentrates on delivering to his clients' high quality still photography for advertising as well as creating premium motion footage for the purpose of advertising on television and the internet.

Mr. Ouellette asked about the connection of his parking lot with the parking lot to the adjoining business to the west.

Mr. Stanley explained that his parking lot will be connected with the parking lot to the west and that a cross access easement will be provided.

Mr. Hitchcock asked about the status of the cross access easement.

Mr. Keenan stated that one of the conditions of approval was for the developer to submit, for City approval, a copy of the cross access easement with the adjacent property owner to the west. Once City Staff and the City engineer approves the easement the applicant will then have it recorded with the County Register of Deeds. Mr. Keenan informed the Commission that the owner of the property to the west is in agreement with having a cross access easement. He also noted that the cross access was favored by the police and fire departments.

**Moved by Ms. Mitchell to recommend to City Council approval of the Site Plan for Stanley Photographic Studio, subject to staff and consultants' conditions**

**Supported by Mr. Hitchcock**

**VOTE:** Yes: Mitchell, Hitchcock, Beidoun, Mendieta, Ochs, Ouellette, Pierce. No: None. Motion Carried (7-0)
Development Application

Project Name: Stanley Photographic Studio

General Project Location: Auburn Road, West of Squirrel

Parcel Size: 3.77 acre Zoning: 

Sidwell Number(s): 02-14-35-227-006

Project Description: Photo Studio

Building Size (sq. ft.): 4,100 sp. ft.

Check requested review(s)

☒ Site Plan
☐ Tree Removal Permit
☐ Special Land Use Permit(s) 

☐ Land Division
☐ Land Exchange

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☐ Planned Unit Development - Step 1/Step 2/Combined
☐ Rezoning _______________ to _______________

☐ ZBA Variance or Interpretation
☐ Other _____________________________________

Name: Bradford Stanley
Signature: __________________________

Business Name and Address: Studio Properties LLC, po box 82115

City: Rochester State: MI Zip Code: 48308 Phone Number: 248-608-6904

Fax Number: ______________________ Alt. Phone Number(s): cell 248-761-4429

Name: Same as above
Signature: __________________________

Business Name and Address: 

City: __________________ State: ____ Zip Code: ________ Phone Number: __________________

City of Auburn Hills Community Development Department, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 / Phone: 248-364-6900 Fax: 248-364-6939
Home Page Address: http://www.auburnhills.org

Inv. # 34280 39154

(Provide additional sheet if necessary for multiple property owners)
February 9, 2015

Shawn Keenan  
Assistant City Planner  
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS  
1827 Squirrel Road  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

RE: Stanley Photo - Site Plan Review

Dear Mr. Keenan:

We have completed the site plan review for the above referenced project with respect to grading, paving, storm drainage/detention, and availability of municipal utilities to serve the site. The site plan, received by this office on February 5, 2015, was prepared by Environmental Engineers, Inc. The review comments are noted below.

PERMITS:
Various permits will be required for this site, including but not limited to the following:

- Water main extension permit from M.D.E.Q.
- SESC permit from the O.C.W.R.C.

GENERAL:
The site is located on the south side of Auburn Road and east of Rosetta Drive. The applicant is proposing to construct a 4,100 square foot commercial building on the 3.77 acre site (less than one acre will be disturbed) which is zoned I-1, Light Industrial. The proposed site work will include 9 adjacent parking spaces, above ground detention, bio-swales and construction of safety path in the Auburn Road right-of-way. The adjacent parcel to the west is also zoned I-1, while the parcel to the east is zoned B-2 (General Business). A legal description of the parcel is shown on the plans, but should be added to the cover sheet. The east access driveway, which will serve as the primary access for the site, connects to Auburn Road. A cross-access easement with the neighbor to the west is shown and should be finalized prior to engineering approval with a copy provided to the City of Auburn Hills and OHM for review prior to recording.

An existing tree survey, tree replacement and landscaping plan for the site have been included in the plan set, and appear to be acceptable with one exception: the extent of the proposed 10’ stone access path on sheet L-1 should match sheet C-2. This can be addressed during the engineering review. The City of Auburn Hills standard notes are included in the plan set along with the standard Fire Department notes. The City of Auburn Hills Standard Detail sheets were not included in the plan set and must be included in the engineering review submittal. The applicant shall indicate measures for soil erosion and sedimentation control in the engineering review submittal.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES:
An existing 12” water main extends along the north lane of Auburn Road and runs across the street from the sites northern border. The applicant is proposing to tap the existing 12” water main by jack and boring 70’ of a new 8” water main under the road to provide service to a new hydrant to be installed on site. A 1” service lead from the new 8” main is proposed to provide service to the building.
An existing 12” sanitary sewer main extends along part of the northern border of the site. The applicant is proposing to extend a 6” service lead to the northwest of the property to an existing manhole. Two cleanouts are proposed along the 6” service lead.

**STORM SEWER AND DETENTION:**
The applicant proposes to capture site storm water via two (2) bio-swales and convey it into an above ground detention pond. Storm water treatment is provided via the bio-swales prior to reaching the detention pond. The applicant proposes to outlet via an outlet control structure and level spreader to the undeveloped southern portion of the parcel to the south, and ultimately to the Clinton River. Detention calculations are provided, and appear to meet City requirements in regards to detention and outlet control. Additional details on the bio-swales and storm sewer will be needed for the engineering review.

**PAVING:**
The proposed pavement slopes on the site appear to be consistent with the City of Auburn Hills standards between 1% and 4% for parking and 1% to 6% for drive areas. The exception is the entrance drive which exceeds 7%, but this is unavoidable due to the existing site topography. The site’s parking areas are proposed to be asphalt pavement; 4” of asphalt on 8” aggregate base with 18” concrete curb and gutter. The driveway opening is exiting, and no changes are proposed. An 8’ wide HMA path is proposed in the existing right-of-way along the north property line. Proposed concrete and asphalt pavement cross-sections have been provided and appear to be adequate. Furthermore, a location for the proposed trash enclosure for the site is not shown and should be noted on the plans if it is to be stored indoors. Existing features to be removed (trees, existing asphalt, etc.) should be noted as such on sheet TS-1 for the engineering review.

**GRADING:**
Existing and proposed grades are shown via contours and spot elevations. The site slopes steeply down from the north then becomes more gradual before reaching the banks of the Clinton River. The proposed grading outside of the parking area does not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern, as the applicant proposes to leave a significant portion of the site undisturbed.

**TRAFFIC:**
Access to the site is proposed via a driveway to Auburn Road, and a cross-access easement to the adjacent property to the west, which also has access to Auburn Road. The parking lot is a 2-way drive adjacent to the building. The applicant is proposing 9 parking spaces which include 1 ADA van accessible parking stall and 1 parking stall designated for a future electric vehicle charging station. Furthermore, the parking spaces are dimensioned on the site plan and appear to meet City requirements with the exception of the Van accessible parking stall. The clear zone should be shown on the passenger side of the space. Concrete sidewalk is proposed along the north side of the building, including a small patio area. The sidewalk will provide access from the parking area to the building.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**
The site plan is in substantial compliance with City of Auburn Hills requirements, and has been stamped “Approved” by our office. We ask that the site plan approval acknowledge the:

1. The site improvement plan, designed in accordance with Ordinance No. 806, shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to construction. A detailed cost estimate for the improvements shall be submitted with the plans signed and sealed by the design engineer.
If you have any questions or are in need of any further information, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

OHM Advisors

Andrew Cousino for Timothy J. Juidici, P.E.

Transmitted via e-mail to Shawn Keenan: February 9, 2015

cc: File

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Stanley photo studio is a professional photography studio that focuses on commercial quality photos including the auto industry. This project entails a new office and studio for Stanley Photo. In order to responsibly design the site, we have taken the following into consideration as we provide our client with a justifiable site that is tailored to the design demands of today. This is a brief summary of the design features and construction strategies that are being implemented in the development of Stanley Photo.

**Stormwater management:**
- Sheet drainage is filtered by the bio swale which flows to the retention pond.
- From the retention pond a spillway is employed to direct water to the Clinton River, thus minimizing the pollution of the Clinton River.

**Green features of the building:**
- As new green innovations continue to come to market, opportunities will continue to be made available to reduce carbon footprints and make construction even more energy efficient. In this building we use the following sustainable elements.
  - Water efficient plumbing features
  - Energy efficient lighting features
  - Thermally efficient building enclosure
  - Regional materials
  - Electronic vehicle charging stations are planned for staff and visitors
# LEED v4 for BD+C: New Construction and Major Renovation

## Project Checklist

**Project Name:** Stanley Photographic Studio  
**Date:** February 4, 2015

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Certified: 40 to 49 points, Silver: 50 to 59 points, Gold: 60 to 79 points, Platinum: 80 to 110
CHECK LIST

PROJECT NAME

Stanley Photographic Studio

(Check all that apply)

✓ SITE PLAN

SPECIAL LAND USE

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

REZONING

PUD

The following items have not been included in your packet of information since they are either common non-controversial items or the recommendations have been noted in the project’s cover letter. However, if you wish to see a copy they are on file in the Community Development Department.

(Check all that apply)

✓ Public Notice
✓ Police Department Approval Letter
✓ Woodlands Consultant Approval Letter
✓ Citizen’s Participation Letter and Report (No response from the public)
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager and Steven J. Cohen, Director of Community Development
Submitted: February 18, 2015
Subject: Motion – Approval of combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan approval
Adams Outdoor Advertising – Digital LED Billboard

INTRODUCTION
This is a request from Adams Outdoor Advertising to construct a new state-of-the-art digital LED billboard on a vacant parcel adjacent to I-75, west of Giddings. The property is zoned, I-1, Light Industrial District. The cost of the proposed sign is estimated at $400,000.
GENERAL DEVIATIONS FROM THE ZONING ORDINANCE (SECTION 1811 3C.2)

1. 10,000 foot minimum billboard spacing requirement. The proposed billboard pole location is approximately 4,740 feet from the billboard sign on the Great Lakes Golf & Sports Complex property to the west and 5,435 feet from the billboard sign at the end of Lapeer Road West to the southeast.

2. 200 foot minimum setback from I-75 ROW. If the 200 foot setback were to be adhered to, then the billboard pole would be placed near or in the wetlands on this site and too far away from I-75. The current proposal meets modern setback standards for billboards from highway ROW at 25 feet and will honor the 25 foot wetland setback.

3. Billboard pole setback from property lines shall be equal to the height of the sign. The billboard will be 55 feet tall and the pole structure is proposed to be setback 25 feet from I-75 ROW and 25 feet from the west property line. The sign pole will be setback 185 feet from the adjacent industrial building, Louca Mold, to the west. Louca Mold has agreed to provide an access easement to the site to Adams Outdoor. Once again, the typical setback of a billboard is 25 feet.

4. 1,000 foot setback from any residential property line. If the billboard pole was placed at the minimum setback of 200 feet from the I-75 ROW on this site, then it would be 834 feet from the residential property located on the south side of Taylor Road. The setback from residential property at the current pole location is estimated at 1,009 feet.

5. LED billboard. The current ordinance does not permit LED digital billboards. The City Council has approved six LED billboards to be constructed along I-75 and M-24. Four such signs are operational today.

6. 25 foot height limitation above the grade of I-75. The proposed sign will be 55 feet tall and approximately 40 feet above the centerline grade of I-75, which is a typical industry standard. The sign requires this proposed height so that it may be visible to drivers traveling northbound on I-75, as shown below.
As outlined in the attached Development Agreement, the following "recognizable net public benefits" have been offered:

1. **Financial Payment.** Adams Outdoor has agreed to pay $125,000 to the City of Auburn Hills. The intent for the payment is to assist with improvements to the City’s parks and recreation system.

2. **Free Advertising.** Adams Outdoor has agreed to provide free advertising on both faces of the new LED billboard.
   a. 56 messages per hour daily - approximately one per minute - on both sides of the sign at no cost to the City in perpetuity. There will be an advertising rotation of eight messages per 64 seconds. The City will receive an eight second message per every advertising rotation on each face of the sign.
   b. With 450 messages per hour (on each face of the sign), the City would obtain 12.5% of the time (on each face of the sign) for a variety of advertising messages to promote economic development and community places/events.
   c. The present day market value of this free advertising is estimated at $52,000 per year. Over a 20-year period, that translates to a value to the City of just over one million dollars.

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**Examples of Past City Advertising Messages on LED Billboards**
PUD STEP ONE - QUALIFICATION / PUD STEP TWO – SITE PLAN (cont.)

3. **Amber Alerts.** Adams Outdoor will coordinate with the Police Department and/or other local authorities to display emergency information important to the traveling public such as Amber Alerts or alerts concerning terrorist attacks or natural disasters.

**KEY STANDARDS**

The following sign restrictions are outlined in the attached Development Agreement and agreed to by Adams Outdoor:

1. **Message Change.** Advertising images will change no more frequently than every eight seconds.
2. **Brightness Control and Resolution.** The sign will be equipped with photosensitive equipment which automatically adjusts the brightness and contrast of the sign in direct relation to the ambient outdoor illumination. The sign will be designed with a resolution pixel pitch of 20 mm or less.
3. **Movement Restriction.** The sign will only have static messages. The use of animation, flashing, scrolling, or blinking characters will be prohibited.
4. **Content.** The billboard will not display advertising for high-proof liquor or sexually oriented businesses.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The proposal has been reviewed by the City’s Administrative Site Plan Review Team (consisting of the City Manager, City Attorney, Police Department, Fire Department, Community Development Department, Department of Public Works, and Engineering Consultant) and has received a recommendation for approval.

The Community Development Department recommends Approval of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) application to allow the construction of a digital LED billboard sign and offer the following discretionary findings of fact:

1. The location of the use will not negatively impact adjacent areas, which are zoned non-residential.
2. The land will be used in accordance with its immediate character, which is planned and zoned for non-residential development.
3. Applicable requirements of Section 1830 in the City’s Zoning Ordinance will be met.
4. The use will promote the purpose and intent of the City’s Zoning Ordinance.
5. The use will be consistent with the health, safety, and general welfare of the City of Auburn Hills, and purpose and intent of the City’s Zoning Ordinance.
6. The terms and conditions of the use approval have been addressed in a Development Agreement.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended Approval on February 17, 2015 (7-0 vote).

**MOTION**

“Move to approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan approval for **Adams Outdoor Advertising** subject to the terms and conditions of the staff recommendation and Development Agreement.”

I CONCUR:  

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ouellette called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Present: Beidoun, Hitchcock, Mendieta, Mitchell, Ochs, Ouellette, Pierce
   Absent: Justice, Shearer
   Also Present: Director of Community Development Cohen, Assistant City Planner Keenan, Senior Services Director Adcock
   Guests: 5

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

5. PETITIONERS

5a. Adams Outdoor Advertising – Digital LED Billboard (7:06 p.m.)
   Public Hearing/Motion recommending to City Council a combined PUD Step One – Qualifications/Step Two – Site Plan approval.

Mr. Cohen explained this is a request from Adams Outdoor Advertising to construct a new state-of-the-art digital LED billboard on a vacant parcel adjacent to I-75, west of Giddings.

Mr. Cohen provided an extensive overview of the project, history of billboards in Auburn Hills, and outlined the following key points:
1) The PUD process was recommended by staff due to the number of deviations requested from the Zoning Ordinance in terms of the billboard’s location, setbacks, height, and use of digital technology.
2) A Development Agreement has been drafted listing the “recognizable net public benefits” offered by Adams Outdoor
   a) Financial Payment. They will pay $125,000 to the City of Auburn Hills. The intent for the payment is to assist
      with improvements to the City’s parks and recreation system.
   b) Free Advertising. They will provide free advertising on both faces of the new LED billboard in perpetuity.
   c) Amber Alerts. They will coordinate with the Police Department and/or other local authorities to display
      emergency information important to the traveling public such as Amber Alerts or alerts concerning terrorist
      attacks or natural disasters.
3) The Development Agreement also places the following restrictions on the sign:
   a) Message Change. Advertising images will change no more frequently than every eight seconds.
   b) Brightness Control and Resolution. The sign will be equipped with photosensitive equipment which automatically
      adjusts the brightness and contrast of the sign in direct relation to the ambient outdoor illumination. The sign will
      be designed with a resolution pixel pitch of 20 mm or less.
   c) Movement Restriction. The sign will only have static messages. The use of animation, flashing, scrolling, or
      blinking characters will be prohibited.
   d) Content. The billboard will not display advertising for high-proof liquor or sexually oriented businesses.

Mr. Ouellette welcomed Adams Outdoor to Auburn Hills.

Mr. James Faycurry, Real Estate Manager for Adams Outdoor Advertising, provided additional comments giving dimensions on the height of the sign being at 55 feet tall, but will appear much lower due to the fact that the sign will be installed at much lower elevation (about 15 feet lower than pavement). Although the sign is 25 feet from the I-75 ROW, it will appear to be much further away (about 100 feet) from the I-75 freeway pavement due to the amount of space separation between the roadway and the I-75 ROW line. He stated access easement to the sign is being provided from Louca Mold to the west.
Mr. Cohen stated the design and location of the sign was placed in the proposed location, in coordination with staff, because: 1) it would not disrupt any regulated trees or wetlands; and 2) have easy construction and maintenance access through the adjacent parking lot of Louca Mold.

Mr. Ouellette asked how often the sign is serviced.

Mr. Faycurry indicated the sign will be serviced once or twice every couple of years. Maintenance checks and certifications are done yearly. Crews check out the general function of the signs frequently.

Mr. Faycurry also stated their message boards are never left blank. They are turned off when not being used. Adams Outdoor provides public service and community service messaging like Amber Alerts. Also, First Responders have access through a third party clearing house in case of an emergency.

Mr. Hitchcock questioned the protection to the base of the sign and motorists due to its proximity to the freeway.

Mr. Faycurry responded the site cannot be accessed by Taylor Road and their urban area signs are fenced in with a lock. It is possible, but highly unlikely, that a motorist could run into the billboard sign pole if their vehicle left the highway at a high rate of speed. But, they could also hit other items as well off-road, such as trees or the MDOT highway fence.

Mr. Beidoun inquired how the City would access messages on the sign.

Mr. Faycurry stated the messages are controlled remotely at the regional office in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Cohen further explained that the City would e-mail Adams Outdoor a schedule and three to five ads that would run on a weekly rotation. The City would typically send messages two weeks in advance of posting. Messages could change more frequently for time sensitive circumstances, but that would be an infrequent occurrence. Adding a City message to the billboard sign is as simple as the City sending the ad via e-mail to Adams Outdoor and them loading into their computer program. Based on past experience with other companies, that can be done in minutes. The Development Agreement also includes assistance by Adams Outdoor with artwork and message creation, if needed. Today, City staff create all the messaging.

Mr. Ouellette opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Hearing no more comments, Mr. Ouellette closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Comment by Ms. Mitchell thanking Adams Outdoor for their willingness to display City messages and Amber Alerts.

Moved by Mr. Pierce to recommend to City Council approval of the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan approval for ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING – DIGITAL LED BILLBOARD subject to the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement.
Supported by Mr. Beidoun.

VOTE: Yes: Beidoun, Hitchcock, Mendieta, Mitchell, Ochs, Ouellette, Pierce
No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)
Development Application

Project Name: Adams/Taylor Road Digital Billboard

General Project Location: 1623 Taylor Road
SB I-75, 1250 feet West of Giddings Road

Parcel Size: 100' x 100' Zoning: I-1

Sidwell Number(s): 14-03-376-024

Project Description: V-Shaped monopole structure with Back to Back digital faces (2 displays)

Building Size (sq. ft.): 14'x48' centermount structure Project area 10,000 Square Feet

Check requested review(s)

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☐ Special Land Use Permit(s) _____________________________

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Name: James Faycurry
Signature:

Business Name and Address: Adams Outdoor Advertising/ 880 James L. Hart Parkway

City: Ypsilanti Twp State: MI Zip Code: 48197 Phone Number: (734) 327-8999
Fax Number: (734) 327-9104 Alt. Phone Number(s): (248) 705-2600

Name: Pat Gitler - Trustee
Signature: Patricia Gitler

Business Name and Address: Dorothy Lovings Trust- 1251 Otter Ave.

City: Waterford State: MI Zip Code: 48328 Phone Number: (248) 738-0274

(Provide additional sheet if necessary for multiple property owners)

Please contact the City of Auburn Hills Community Development Department, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 / Phone: 248-364-6900 Fax: 248-364-6939 Home Page Address: http://www.auburnhills.org

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DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

I-75 DIGITAL BILLBOARD SIGN
FOR ADAMS OUTDOOR

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

This Development Agreement (this "Agreement") between ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Minnesota Limited Partnership ("Developer"), and the CITY OF AUBURN HILLS, a Michigan municipal corporation ("City"), is to confirm certain obligations relating to development and use of a LED digital display billboard sign located in the City of Auburn Hills and more particularly described on the attached Exhibit "A" hereto (the "Property").

BACKGROUND

1. The Developer received Planned Unit Development approval from Auburn Hills City Council on ___________________ pursuant to the City’s Zoning Ordinance, for the purposes of constructing, installing, and maintaining a new LED digital display billboard sign (automatic changeable copy sign, hereinafter, the “Billboard”) on the Property.

2. The Developer will apply for building construction and associated trade permits for the installation of the Billboard and pay the applicable fees.

3. The Developer shall locate, construct, install, and maintain the Billboard on the Property, which shall have the exact location, design, dimensions, and materials shown on Exhibit “B” of this agreement.

4. It is the purpose of this Agreement to confirm the rights and obligations of the Developer with respect to the Property and the Billboard.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration given, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties, it is agreed as follows:

1. The digital display on the Billboard shall have a pixel pitch of 20 mm or less.
2. The digital display on the Billboard will not use animation, flashing, scrolling, or blinking and will display only static messages. The rate of change between successive static messages will not exceed more than one (1) change every eight (8) seconds.

3. The digital display on the Billboard shall be equipped with photosensitive equipment which automatically adjusts the brightness and contrast of the signs in direct relation to the ambient outdoor illumination. If complaints arise in regard to display brightness, the Developer agrees to work in good faith with the City to address the concerns in a timely fashion and to meet and/or exceed national illumination standards for the technology.

4. The Billboard will not display advertising for high-proof liquor or any sexually oriented business.

5. The Developer shall provide a one-time payment of $125,000 to the City within forty-five (45) days of the installation and activation of the Billboard.

6. The Developer, without charge to the City, will design and display on the LED digital display of the Billboard advertising messages for the City. The Developer will display advertising messages daily in accordance with the following:

   A. There will be an advertising rotation of eight (8) messages per sixty-four (64) seconds (eight (8) seconds for each message) on both faces of the sign. The City will receive an eight (8) second message per every advertising rotation on both faces of the sign. Thus, the City will receive and there will be display of approximately fifty-six (56) City messages per hour on both faces of the sign.

   B. The City shall reserve its rights under this Paragraph 6 unto itself for non-commercial/non-profit messages only. At no time shall the City convey, trade, barter, or exchange its rights under this Paragraph 6 with/to any other entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall be entitled to display messages related to City matters, City sponsored events and/or activities and/or businesses owned by the City and/or its Authorities, but the use of corporate or organization logos by the City that are not those of the City shall only be in the context of promoting City economic development and shall not be used to advertise the corporation and/ or its products. Developer shall have the right to reject any advertising message for the City that does not conform to these limitations.

   C. It is incumbent upon the City to exercise its right to receive advertising messages on the Billboard as set forth in this Paragraph 6. Any failure of the City to so exercise its rights shall not result in liability on the part of Developer to the City nor shall it be cause for the City to claim a breach of this Agreement on the part of the Developer.
7. Upon request for auditing purposes, the Developer shall provide a report to the City outlining the display dates and times of City messages on the Billboard.

8. The Developer shall coordinate with the City of Auburn Hills Police Department and/or other local authorities to display, when appropriate, emergency information important to the traveling public including, but not limited to Amber Alerts or alerts concerning terrorist attacks, accidents, or natural disasters on the Billboard. Emergency information messages shall remain in the advertising rotation according to the protocols of the agency that issues the information. For purposes of clarification, emergency information messages will be provided during the time allocated for City messages outlined in 6A, unless the Developer voluntarily provides additional display time.

9. The Developer shall provide to the City of Auburn Hills Police Department and Community Development Department contact information for person(s) who will be available to be contacted at any time (twenty-four (24) hours per day) and who are able to turn off the Billboard promptly if a malfunction occurs.

10. The Developer has negotiated with the City the terms of this Agreement, and such documentation represents the product of the joint effort and agreement of the Developer and the City. The Developer fully accepts and agrees to the final terms, conditions, requirements and obligations of this Agreement. The Developer understands that this Agreement is authorized by applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances and constitutions, and that a party to this Agreement shall be entitled to injunctive relief to prohibit any actions by the other party that are inconsistent with the terms and provisions of the Agreement.

11. The Developer’s rights to develop the Property as provided for in this Agreement are fully vested on the City’s execution of the Agreement. Plans in conformity with the Agreement shall be approved. The Agreement shall run with the land constituting the Property, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Developer and the City, and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and transferees, and immediately upon execution of the Agreement by all parties, a memorandum of the Agreement, or the Agreement itself, shall be recorded with the Oakland County Register of Deeds. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with Michigan law, and shall be subject to enforcement only in Michigan state or federal courts. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement is consistent with intent and provisions of the Michigan and U.S. Constitutions and all applicable law.

12. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and may not be modified, amended or terminated except in writing executed by the parties.

THIS AGREEMENT is executed by the respective parties on the date specified with the notarization with their names, and shall take effect on the date that this agreement is fully executed by all of the parties.
ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Minnesota Limited Partnership

By: ______________________________

Randall F. Romig
Vice President of Real
Estate and Asset Management

STATE OF MICHIGAN  )
COUNTY OF OAKLAND ) ss

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _______ day of ______________, 2015, by ______________________ of ____________________, on behalf of said company.

__________________________ Notary Public
__________________________, County, Michigan

My commission expires: _______________________

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS, a Michigan Municipal Corporation

By: ______________________________

Kevin McDaniel, Mayor

and

By: ______________________________

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN  )
COUNTY OF OAKLAND ) ss
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ________ day of ___________________, 2015 by Kevin McDaniel, as Mayor, and Terri Kowal, as City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Auburn Hills, a Michigan municipal corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

_________________________ Notary Public
_________________________, County, Michigan

My commission expires: _________________________

Document Drafted by: Derk Beckerleg
2600 Troy Center Drive
Troy, MI 48007-5025

When Recorded Return To: Terri Kowal, City Clerk
1827 N. Squirrel Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
NORTHBOUND | PHOTO VISUALIZATION
PLOT PLAN AREA

SIGN FRAME ELEVATION

NOTES

1. Complete any site grading work necessary to restore the pre-construction grade in the wetland buffer area.

2. Complete seed bed preparation by leveling the soil surface by disc or hand raking to a minimum of 50% of the broadcast seeding of seed mix.

3. Install sod between the dates of May 1st and October 15th.

4. Complete sodding between October 16th and November 30th on a permit issued by the City of Auburn, Oak Island.

5. For the construction of the storm drain system, the City of Auburn, Oak Island requires the installation of a minimum of 20% of the total length of the storm drain system.

6. Contact the City of Auburn, Oak Island for additional information on the requirements for the construction of the storm drain system.
CHECK LIST

PROJECT NAME

Adams Outdoor – LED Billboard

(Check all that apply)

SITE PLAN

SPECIAL LAND USE

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

REZONING

✓ PUD

The following items have not been included in your packet of information since they are either common non-controversial items or the recommendations have been noted in the project’s cover letter. However, if you wish to see a copy they are on file in the Community Development Department.

(Check all that apply)

✓ Public Notice

✓ Woodlands Consultant Approval Letter (No regulated trees removed)

✓ Citizen’s Participation Letter and Report (No response from the public)
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; and Michelle Schulz, Finance Director
Submitted: February 4, 2015
Subject: Motion: Prepay Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain (OMID) Segment 4-Contract 5B

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY
Since 2010 the City has been assessed its pro-rata share of multiple segments/contracts of the OMID project. As of December 31, 2014, the total outstanding long-term principal debt owed by the City for its share of the OMID segments is as follows:

OMID 2010A $ 758,539
OMID 2010B $ 192,238
OMID 2011A $ 995,637
OMID 2013A $2,261,189

The City has recently received a letter from the Water Resources Commission advising the City that the OMID District is currently planning to secure financing up to $20 Million. A State of Michigan SAW loan will be used to secure funds for approximately $10 Million in connection with repair of the sewer on the Oakland Arm of the system in Shelby Township and the City of Utica. A public bond issue for approximately $10 Million will be used to secure funds for work on the Northeast Sewage Pump Station. Both the SAW loan closing and public bond issue are schedule for April 2015. The letter states that this round of financing will complete the rehabilitation of the OMID system as initiated in 2009.

The City’s pro-rata share of the Series 2015 bond is 3.3059% which amounts to estimated principal debt of $330,590. The City’s pro-rata share of the Series 2015 Saw Loan is also 3.3059% which amounts to estimated principal debt of $330,590. The City has the option of prepaying the entire assessment for either the SAW loan, or the public bond sale, or both. The County, has advised the City these figures are subject to change until the bid process is complete. It was suggested that the total pro-rata share may be higher with a not to exceed estimate of $375,000 on each assessment. In order to prepay, the District must receive a certified copy of a resolution from the municipality’s governing body attesting to the fact that the City would like to prepay their entire assessment for either one or both of the bond issues. The certified copy of the resolution must be given to the Water Resources Commission no later than Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Absent the resolution to prepay, the City will be included in both bond issues and their assessments and related interest will be collected over 20 years. Once the City adopts the resolution, it cannot rescind the decision. The prepayment of the entire assessment will be due on April 1, 2015. The prepay information in this paragraph pertains only to Segment 4, Contract 5B with an estimated $20,000,000 project cost.

The factors supporting the prepay option for the Series 2015 bonds include the following:

- The City has prepared for emergent projects such as this by maintaining appropriate cash reserves.
- The City’s returns on excess reserves currently are slightly below 1% and are not anticipated to increase at a pace necessary to exceed the interest payments that this debt would require.
- Prepayment is aligned with the City’s longstanding philosophy to maintain low levels of debt through appropriate planning and budgeting.
- For the current year, the Water and Sewer fund anticipates no additional capital needs that have not already been budgeted.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION
The staff recommends that the City prepay its pro-rata share of the OMID Bond Series 2014A in the estimated amount of $661,180 not to exceed $750,000.

MOTION
Move to approve a resolution to prepay the OMID Bond Series 2015-North East Pump Station-Public Sale in the amount of $330,590 not to exceed $375,000 and the OMID Bond Series 2015-SAW Loan in the amount of $330,590 not to exceed $375,000 and to authorize the City Manager to satisfy the prepay filing requirements set forth by the Water Resource Commission on or before February 25, 2015.

I CONCUR: ___________________________

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
February 3, 2015

The Honorable Nancy Buschmohle
Treasurer
City of Auburn Hills
1827 N. Squirrel Rd
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Re: Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain – Proposed Project Financing
    Segment 4 – Contract 5B, Sewer Lining and Repairs
    Northeast Sewage Pump Station - Repairs and Upgrades

Dear Ms. Buschmohle:

Please be advised that the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District is planning to secure financing up to $20 Million in connection with the referenced projects. A State of Michigan SAW loan for approximately $10 Million and a public bond issue for an additional $10 Million are anticipated to secure these funds. Both the SAW loan closing and the public bond issue are scheduled for April 2015. The rate of interest for the SAW loan is anticipated to be 2.5% for 20 years and the rate of interest for the public bond issue is estimated to be 3.20% for 20 years. This round of financing will complete the rehabilitation of the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor system as initiated in 2009. In addition, necessary improvements to the Northeast Sewage Pump Station will also be done.

The SAW loan will be used to fund the work in Contract 5B which is for the repair of the sewer on the Oakland Arm of the system in Shelby Township and the City of Utica. The work will include the construction of access shafts, lining of large diameter sewer pipes, grouting and sealing of leaks, manhole rehabilitation and a televised inspection of the pipe upon project completion.

The Northeast Sewage Pump Station project will be funded using the proceeds from the public bond issue. The work involves the rehabilitation of the discharge chamber and gatehouse due to severe deterioration of the concrete from hydrogen sulfide gas. The demolition of damaged pipes and structural components, installation of new pipes and flow management devices, access accommodations, ventilation improvements and corrosion control measures will be addressed by this project. The funding will also be used for the design and installation of a new pump to improve the overall efficiency and reliability of the facility. The project cost includes legal, financial and other related expenses.

Please be advised that each municipality has the option of prepaying their entire assessment for either the SAW loan, or the public bond sale, or both. However, in order to prepay, the District must have a certified copy of a resolution from the municipality’s council or board attesting to the fact that the municipality would like to prepay their entire assessment for either or both of the bond issues. A certified copy of that resolution should be submitted to the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (District Secretary) no later than February 25, 2015. If the District does not receive a copy of a certified resolution by that day it will assume that the municipality will be included in both bond issues and their
assessments collected over 20 years. Once a municipality decides to prepay their entire assessment and adopts a resolution to that effect, that municipality cannot rescind that decision. After the resolution is submitted, an invoice will be sent for the prepayment of the entire assessment to be remitted to the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District in c/o the Oakland County Treasurers Office. The total amount will be due on April 1, 2015.

The estimated dollar amounts for the assessments for each municipality based on the estimated bond issues are set forth in the attached schedules as determined from the apportionment percentages adopted by the District in 2010.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jacklyn Thomas, Staff Assistant, at 248-858-1270 or thomasjm@oakgov.com.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steven A. Korth, P.E., Manager

Enclosure

c: Holly Conforti, Oakland County Fiscal Services
   Nancy Ryan, Macomb County Public Works
   Meredith Shanle, MFCI
$330,590
Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District
Drain Bonds (Series 2015-Public) (Limited Tax General Obligation)

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Interest Start Date (Dated Date): 04/01/15
Memorandum

TO: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager
FROM: Doreen E. Olko, Chief of Police
DATE: February 9, 2015
SUBJECT: 2014 End of Year Traffic Crash Report

The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages (U.T.C.C.T.V.), Section R28.1124 Rule 124, requires our police department to prepare an annual traffic report that shall be filed with the executive head and ordinance making body of our governmental unit. Per the statute, this report shall contain the following items:

- number of crashes
- number of persons killed,
- number of persons injured
- number of traffic crashes investigated
- the plans and recommendations of the police department for future safety activities
- other pertinent data on the safety activities of the police, as they pertain to traffic and traffic engineering
- other pertinent traffic crash data

This report has been prepared to fulfill our obligation under the U.T.C.C.T.V.

The crash data stays consistent year to year with passenger cars being involved in crashes more frequently than any other vehicle. Most crashes occur during daytime hours and peak hours during the morning and evening rush hours. The most frequent type of crash is rear-end crashes followed by single motor vehicle crashes.

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2014 Crash Data

In 2014, there were 2049 total crashes in the city. This represents a 10% increase in crashes over 2013. Of these crashes 837 (41% of total) were for rear end type crashes. The next highest category was single motor vehicle crashes at 20%. The road conditions were dry for 62% of the total crashes. In 2014, there was a 40% increase in crashes where the road conditions were either icy, snowy, or slushy.

Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled (AVMT) data was researched for Oakland County using Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Highway Performance Monitoring System. The following shows the increase in traffic for urban roads in Oakland County:
Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled (Thousands):
2010 11,320.200
2011 11,819,293 4% increase
2012 11,976,551 1% increase
2013 12,557,427 1% increase

2014 AVMT data will not be published until July of 2015. In addition, crash statistics were reviewed for neighboring communities, as well as the total crashes in all jurisdictions within Oakland County.

Bloomfield Township  10% increase in crashes 2013 to 2014
City of Troy  7% increase
Rochester Hills  no increase/decrease
Pontiac  6% increase
All of Oakland County  5% increase

In 2014 there were 46 crashes (2% of total) that involved alcohol. The Department made 174 alcohol impaired driving arrests as well as 26 arrests for operating under the influence of drugs in 2014.

**Intersection Data:**
The below chart lists the top ten intersections for crash frequency:

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Walton Blvd and Squirrel Rd is the City’s highest crash frequency intersection. It falls at number 32 on the list of intersections in Oakland County.

**Injuries:**
In 2014 there were 350 crashes (17% of total) that involved injuries. That includes injuries ranging from complaint only up to fatal injuries. There was a 7% decrease in injury crashes 2013 to 2014.

- K type (fatal)  2
- A type (incapacitating injury)  22
- B type (non-incapacitating)  82
- C type (possible injury)  244
- Property Damage Only 1699 (83% of all crashes are property damage only)
Fatalities
There were two (2) crashes resulting in two (2) fatalities in Auburn Hills in 2014. The crashes were investigated by the Auburn Hills Police Department.

In one instance, the crash occurred on eastbound M-59 east of Squirrel Road. The responsible driver left the roadway and struck a tree. The driver suffered fatal injuries and there were no passengers in the vehicle. The investigation revealed that the driver had been suffering sleep deprivation prior to the crash.

The second fatality occurred on northbound I-75 north of Walton Blvd. The responsible driver left the roadway and struck a pedestrian. The pedestrian parked his semi on the right shoulder and was outside of his vehicle when he was struck. The pedestrian suffered fatal injuries and the responsible driver fled the scene. The responsible driver was identified through a detailed and thorough investigation which resulted in charges.

SOCCIT:
The South East Oakland County Crash Investigation Team is a collaborative effort of the cities of Auburn Hills, Troy and Bloomfield Township. The team is charged with investigating fatal and serious injury crashes that occur within the borders of the three (3) communities. The team was called out 15 times in 2014. Of the 15 call outs, three (3) of the crashes occurred within the City of Auburn Hills. Six (6) of the call outs were in Troy and six (6) in Bloomfield Township. The team continues to train together four (4) times a year. The team has registered its training classes with MCOLES and has had investigators from outside agencies attend the training classes. SOCCIT continues to use best practices of traffic incident management in order to conduct investigations as efficiently as possible to clear the roadway of these unplanned obstructions while at the same time providing high quality investigations.

Safe Communities-Traffic Grant:
Safe Communities is a series of enforcement initiatives under a grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP), administered by the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County (TIA). In 2014, the Department conducted 589 hours of reimbursed overtime patrols. The enforcement initiatives for the 2015 grant period will include:

- Impaired Driving Enforcement- Drive Sober or get Pulled Over

For the 2014 Safe Communities Grant, our Department participated in Impaired Driving Enforcement, Click it or Ticket, and High Visibility Enforcement. High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) takes place on roadways with a high prevalence of alcohol-involved crashes. In this endeavor we have collaborated with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Troy Police Department, and the Waterford Police Department. During the details officers wear reflective traffic vests to aid visibility and recognition of the special program when they are outside of their vehicle. Information cards are given to motorists stopped for non-alcohol-related traffic offenses. There were seven enforcement periods in 2014. The department stopped 112 vehicles and made 6 Operating While Impaired (OWI) arrests during the seven details. Click it or Ticket enforcement involves a spotter and signs warning drivers that they are entering a seatbelt enforcement zone. The spotter officer stands in a location to observe drivers without seatbelts and who then calls out the vehicle and violator descriptions who are then stopped by waiting patrol units. The department did 251.5 hours of Click it or Ticket enforcement; officers stopped 348 vehicles, and issued 218 seatbelt citations. The department did 255.5 hours of Impaired Driving Enforcement within the city; officers stopped 306 vehicles and made 22 OWI arrests.
For 2015, Safe Communities Grant will reimburse the City of Auburn Hills up to 300 hours of overtime for police officers to participate in Impaired Driving Enforcement details. By participating in these enforcement details, we believe the streets of Auburn Hills are a safer place to travel.

**Drivers Education Programs:**
The Police Department has and will continue to host programs and provide information designed to educate the new and experienced driver. Some examples are:

- Traffic Safety Bulletins
- Nixle.com/Twitter/Social Media
- S.A.F.E. Streets
- Winter Driving Safety
- Bicycle Safety

In 2013 our Department’s bicycle rodeo program was completely redesigned. The new program follows a set curriculum and is far more focused on educating children in the safe operation of bikes. One (1) rodeo was conducted in 2014 at Will Rogers Elementary.

In 2014 the department, in conjunction with the Oakland University Police Department, conducted two traffic enforcement details along border roadways. A total of 44 vehicles were stopped during the details and 38 citations were issued. The majority of the citations were issued for Disobeying a Stop Sign.

The Department will continue to be proactive in traffic management. We will work collaboratively with Road Commission of Oakland County and entities like the Traffic Improvement Association to analyze traffic patterns and ensure that traffic flows as efficiently as possible. We continually monitor high crash areas and target enforcement efforts accordingly. In addition we work with our public and private partners to find alternatives to help solve traffic issues at identified problem locations.

We are proud to share our 2014 Traffic Crash/Safety Report. We recognize traffic safety is a key element in our community’s quality of life. Furthermore, we are encouraged that the programs we have planned for 2015 will only enhance the excellent reputation of Auburn Hills as a wonderful place to live and work.

*This report was compiled using data obtained on 2/9/2015. The State of Michigan does not close the crash report system until March 31st of 20.*
February 11, 2015

Chief Doreen Olko
Auburn Hills Police Department
1899 N. Squirrel Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2753

Dear Chief Olko,

We would like to commend the Auburn Hills police department and especially Detective Craig Damiani who worked with us in the recent death of my brother, Tim Last.

We were treated with kindness and respect by everyone in your department. Detective Damiani was considerate of our feelings, thoughtful in his responses, and thorough in his investigation. He understood our needs, was compassionate, and made a difficult situation easier on our family. We felt very comfortable with him and appreciated the good advice he provided.

Thank you to the Auburn Hills Police Department for all that you do to help the community – residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Thomas A. Last
Mary Z. Last
OAKLAND COUNTY

OU medical school wins full accreditation

By Diana Dillaber Murray
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Dr. Robert Folberg, founding dean of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, has received the notice he's been waiting for: The medical school has won full, five-year accreditation to fulfill a promise made by OU and Beaumont Health System.

Folberg and Beaumont leaders committed six years ago to building an innovative new medical school in Oakland County that provides exceptional training for new physicians.

The accreditation means that the OUWB School of Medicine joins the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University in the ranks of Michigan medical schools with full accreditation.

The school holds its first Match Day, when students will learn where they will be residents, on March 20, and the school’s inaugural class graduates May 15, said Brian Bierley, spokesman for Oakland University.

Interviews are underway for the medical school’s fifth class, which will see about 125 students accepted from more than 6,100 applications.

“We are grateful to many people from Oakland and Beaumont and to our faculty, staff and students for having the vision and drive to reach today’s announcement of full accreditation,” Folberg said Tuesday.

Full accreditation was granted by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association. The committee, which notified Folberg on Tuesday, is the nationally recognized accrediting authority for medical education programs leading to a medical degree in the United States and Canada.

Beaumont Health Systems President and CEO Gene Michalski said: “Medical education has been a part of Beaumont’s mission throughout its 60-year history and is a commitment that is shared by Oakwood and Botsford, our partners in the new Beaumont Health.

“We congratulate Dean Folberg, his staff and the OUWB faculty, including 1,405 Beaumont physician faculty members, for attaining this important milestone for our medical school,” Michalski said in a statement.

Oakland University President George W. Hynd, said he’s “delighted” by the accreditation news and proud of Folberg, his staff and Beaumont.

“We know our medical students will appreciate this validation that their medical education is rated among the very best in the country.”
Kathy Genautis is the single mom of two, Abbie and Jonathan (pictured at left with mom Kathy), who both attend Oakland University. Abbie is in the nursing program and Jonathan is a music major.

Along with working full time for Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. in Auburn Hills, Kathy is the owner of Sweets! (http://www.sweetsauburnhills.com/), a coffee shop and ice cream parlor that also serves fresh baked goods and homemade soup.

Sweets! is located in Downtown Auburn Hills at the intersection of Auburn and Squirrel Roads, approximately a mile south of Oakland University. Sweets! also employs two additional Oakland University Students, Nicole Bazinski and Kelly Perrin (pictured below with Kathy), both of whom are considered part of the Genautis’ extended family.

Sweets! has become a popular spot for a group of OU medical students, who you can often find studying and hanging out, and Oakland University Students receive a 10% discount on any purchase at Sweets!

Abbie Genautis anticipates graduating in December 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, with a place on the executive board during her sophomore year. She is involved with SNAOU (Student Nursing Association of Oakland University) - attending meetings, supporting fundraisers, and spending time with other nursing students. One of her favorite memories of OU is watching the Red Wings play during "Nurse's Night at the Joe" with SNAOU members. She also enjoys attending OU basketball games and watching her younger brother play in the Golden Grizzlies Band.

Jonathan Genautis is a sophomore at Oakland University. As a music major, he participates in many ensembles including the Wind Symphony, the Golden Grizzlies Band, and is president of the Drumline at Oakland University. Outside of school he plays drums and sings in the metal band, The Oath lies Here, with fellow OU student Keith Wright. In between classes and on the weekends, he works at his family’s store, Sweets!. Jonathan is pursuing a music education degree at Oakland, and hopes to become a music teacher.

Nicole Bazinski is a student at Oakland University. She is an English major going into secondary education. She hopes to be a high school English teacher. She attends OU with her brother, Stephen, who is a freshman. Her dad graduated with his master's degree from OU and teaches there as well. Her fondest memory was starting classes on the first day of freshman year and meeting new friends. She has been working part-time at Sweets! since this past summer.

Kelly Perrin, a freshman at Oakland University studying vocal music performance and education. Kelly is from Kalamazoo but has called Auburn Hills her home for the past five months. Most music majors take an average of seven classes per semester which can make finding a job rather difficult. Kelly feels fortunate to have found Sweets! just down the road from her house! Even though she doesn't work many hours, she still feels appreciated for the time and effort she spends there. Having an employer who understands the challenges of scheduling work around school for a college student is very valuable to Kelly and one of the things that makes Sweets! a wonderful place to work for her.

Want to see your family highlighted in an OU Family Connection newsletter? Contact Adrienne Penney at penney@oakland.edu (mailto:penney@oakland.edu) or (248) 370-4504.
Hit-and-run crash backs up southbound I-75 morning commute

By Andrew Kidd
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The driver of a vehicle believed to have been involved in a hit-and-run accident that caused a major traffic back up on southbound I-75 in Auburn Hills has stepped forward, according to Auburn Hills Police.

The driver of the Ford Explorer Sport Trac that an eyewitness reported was involved in a hit-and-run accident contacted the Auburn Hills Police Department after seeing news reports of the incident. Investigators met with the driver and inspected the vehicle, finding no evidence that the vehicle made contact with the other vehicles involved despite being in the area at the time of the accident.

Auburn Hills police and fire department personnel responded to a report of a vehicle crash on southbound I-75 north of Lapeer Road at around 5:28 a.m. Friday.

An initial report released by the police department indicated that a 1997 Ford Escort was struck by a dark-colored Ford Explorer Sport Trac, causing the Escort to become disabled in the left lane of southbound I-75. The Escort was then struck by a 2013 Chevy Malibu.

An eyewitness earlier told emergency personnel that the dark-colored Ford Sport Trac fled the scene southbound on I-75 and was last seen in Troy.

Further investigation revealed that the driver of the Ford Escort lost control of his vehicle, striking a median wall and disabling the vehicle in the left lane. The Escort was then struck by the Malibu.

The driver of the Escort, a 33-year-old Waterford man, was transported to McLaren Oakland Hospital with serious injuries and remains in critical condition as of Friday afternoon. The driver of the Malibu, a 52-year-old Mount Morris man, was transported to McLaren Oakland with non-life-threatening injuries and released Friday afternoon.

The crash caused three lanes to close this morning. The Auburn Hills Police Department announced that all lanes were open as of 9:06 a.m. Friday.

Members of the South Oakland County Crash Investigation Team investigated the scene.

Traffic backed up on southbound I-75 north of Lapeer Road in Auburn Hills around 8 a.m. Friday.
BorgWarner Announces $1.0 Billion Share Repurchase Program

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., Feb. 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- BorgWarner today announced that its board of directors has authorized a share repurchase program of up to $1.0 billion of the company's common stock over the next three years.

"This share repurchase program demonstrates confidence in the long-term growth of our business and a continued commitment to create and deliver value to our shareholders," said James R. Verrier, President and Chief Executive Officer, BorgWarner.

The timing and amount of any share repurchases will be based on market conditions, share price and other factors. Repurchases may be made in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Repurchases under this program will be funded from one or a combination of existing cash balances, indebtedness and future free cash flow.

BorgWarner Inc. (NYSE: BWA) is a product leader in highly engineered components and systems for powertrains around the world. Operating manufacturing and technical facilities in 58 locations in 19 countries, the company delivers innovative powertrain solutions to improve fuel economy, reduce emissions and enhance performance. For more information, please visit borgwarner.com.

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FCA US Names Gardner to Dealer Network Post

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., Feb. 17, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- FCA US today appointed Alistair "Al" Gardner as Vice President Dealer Network Development, in addition to his current role as President and CEO of the Chrysler Brand.

Gardner replaces Peter Grady, who previously announced his intent to retire, effective March 31, 2015. Gardner joined the Company in 1986 and has held various positions with increasing responsibility in the sales, service and business operations. He was named President and CEO of the Chrysler Brand in November 2013.

About FCA US LLC

FCA US LLC is a North American automaker with a new name and a long history. Headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, FCA US is a member of the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. (FCA) family of companies. FCA US designs, engineers, manufactures and sells vehicles under the Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram and FIAT brands as well as the SRT performance vehicle designation. The company also distributes the Alfa Romeo 4C model and Mopar products. FCA US is building upon the historic foundations of Chrysler, the innovative American automaker first established by Walter P. Chrysler in 1925; and Fiat, founded in Italy in 1899 by pioneering entrepreneurs, including Giovanni Agnelli.

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OU, Pontiac join in partnership

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Oakland University and Pontiac are joining forces in a wide-ranging partnership between the college, the city and its schools, with goals such as improved college attendance rates among Pontiac students, real-world learning opportunities for college students and economic development.

Talks between the city and nearby 21,000-student, Auburn Hills-area university began after Oakland University President George Hynd’s appointment last fall and zeroed in on four major priority areas.

“While there’s lots of encouragement to get involved in Detroit — and Oakland University is involved in Detroit — it seemed to me more reasonable to really look in our own backyard,” Hynd said at a college and succeed there, Brown said.

“Suddenly, from kindergarten on, college is part of their vocabulary.”

The city and university have much to offer each other, both Hynd and Waterman said. A list of dozens of Oakland University and Pontiac resources was brainstormed in previous meetings held at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.

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Oakland University cancels several classes after pipe burst in Dodge Hall

Oakland University's Dodge Hall of Engineering will be closed until further notice due to a bursted pipe, according to the university's website.

The building was shut down at 4 p.m. Tuesday as a result of the weather-related incident.

All classes and activities scheduled in the building have been cancelled until further notice.

Students are advised to contact their instructors for any additional information.

The Oakland Press will provide more information as it becomes available.

— Staff reports
Ceiling collapse at OU residence hall caught on camera

Nobody was hurt after a ceiling collapsed at around noon Tuesday at Oak View residence hall on Oakland University's campus, according to campus police.

But the moment was caught on camera.

Oakland University police released the video of the Feb. 17 collapse on Wednesday via Twitter. Police indicated the cause was likely related to recent frigid temperatures.

Oak View is a new housing addition to the campus located on Meadow Brook Drive just east of the Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments. Completed in 2014 at a cost of around $30 million, the residence hall has a 500-student capacity.

— Online coordinator Andrew Kidd
Most investment in county in January from foreign companies

By John Turk
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Oakland County’s business development teams closed 12 deals that brought a total of $65 million in investment to the area, according to a recent government report.

And continuing with Executive L. Brooks Patterson’s push for international relations, the deals included more than $50 million in foreign direct investment from six overseas companies.

Among the largest investments in the past month is Germany-based engineering firm Durr Systems, Inc., which has pledged to invest $40 million into a former DTE Energy call center in Southfield that will consolidate the company’s operations in Auburn Hills, Plymouth and Wixom under one roof.

Durr’s move to the building, which is located on Northwestern Highway, will create 320 jobs and retain 180. About $21 million will be put toward renovations of the facility and $19 million will go toward expansion.

Significant foreign investments made in Oakland County in January include:

- Japanese auto supplier NHK International Corp.: Wixom/Novi; $9 million investment; 26 new jobs; 75 retained jobs.
- Canadian auto and medical device firm Sciemetric Instruments: Troy; $100,000 investment; 15 new jobs.
- Korean auto parts supplier Kdaco: Farmington Hills; $1.2 million investment; four new jobs, 18 retained jobs.
- Japanese chemical coating manufacturer JCU USA: Novi; $300,000 investment; four new jobs.
- China-based WTL (USA) LLC: Novi; $300,000 investment; four new jobs, four retained jobs.

The January deals add to 30 others made last year that accounted for nearly 2,000 jobs created and $171 million in foreign direct investment, which was more than a quarter of the $659 million in total business investment in 2014, county officials said.

The business development team has trips planned to Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan and Taiwan in 2015. The team will also be attending the 2015 SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, D.C., in March and will partner with the Michigan Economic Development Corp., Patterson said. Further, Deputy County Executive Matthew Gibb will be joining Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on a trade mission to China in August.

“We’ve worked hard to develop our international reputation with our 30 trade missions between us and Automation Alley,” Patterson stated.

“The trip is a trip, we’re building a reputation as an attractive location for foreign investment.”

More than 1,000 international firms from 38 countries have business locations in Oakland County.

DOCUMENTARY EXAMINES EVOLUTION OF BLACK POWER MOVEMENT

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The film clips that make up the documentary, "Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975," that is to be shown at Oakland Community College Auburn Hills Campus Tuesday, Feb. 24 were found 30 years after they were made.

The powerful documentary that examines the evolution of the Black Power Movement in American society is directed by Goran Olsson and co-produced by actor Danny Glover. It features the "lost" footage shot by a group of Swedish journalists found three decades later in the cellar of a Swedish TV station.

Featured in the interviews are activists, artists, musicians and scholars in the movement such as Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture), Eldridge Cleaver, Kathleen Cleaver, Bobby Seale, Huey P. Newton, Emile de Antonio, William Kunstler and Angela Davis.

According to an article on IFCFilms, "THE BLACK POWER MIXTAPE 1967-1975," "mobilizes a treasure trove of 16mm material shot by Swedish journalists who came to the U.S. drawn by stories of urban unrest and revolution. Gaining access to many of the leaders of the Black Power Movement, the filmmakers captured them in intimate moments and remarkably unguarded interviews."

Also featured in the documentary is music by Questlove and Om'Mas Keith, and commentary from prominent African-American artists and activists who were influenced by the struggle — including Erykah Badu, Harry Belafonte, Talib Kweli, and Melvin Van Peebles, which IFCFilms said, "give the historical footage a fresh, contemporary resonance and makes the film an exhilarating, unprecedented account of an American revolution."

The film will be shown free to the public at noon Feb. 24 in Room 240, G Building at OCU’s Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills.
Neighborhood House outgrows longtime location

By Mike Scott  
Special to The Oakland Press

St. Andrew Church has long been the perfect home for the offices of the Rochester Area Neighborhood House, an organization that helps low-income families from the communities of Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Oakland Township and Addison Township, in a variety of ways.

But now the organization has grown out of its familiar and rent-free office in the Rochester-based parish. That is just the latest sign of the Neighborhood House's growth and ongoing impact on the community.

Rochester Area Neighborhood House was founded in 1968 as a vision of seven ministers looking for a center where all communications of need could be channeled and shared. Last year it assisted more than 2,700 families, including 350 new clients, with emergency services, personal and job counseling, transportation services and other support.

The Neighborhood House provides this support with just one full-time staffer, a few part-time employees and a slew of volunteers who maximize the private and corporate donations received each year, something that is necessary since the organization takes no federal or state money, said Fund Development Manager Michelle Zelazny. There were more than 2,800 volunteer hours served by local residents.

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for the Neighborhood House in 2014 alone.

"Our motto is 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors,'" Zelazny said. "It's one of the reasons we are so well off financially stable, because of the volunteers and community support."

Referrals come from a variety of sources, including other churches and nonprofit agencies.

Over the years Neighborhood House has developed programs such as The Clothes Closet of Neighborhood House, which has a long history dating back to 1937. Pre-qualified clients and donors can visit The Clothes Closet at 44 Mill Street in Rochester.

The Food Pantry is located off of Oak Street at the back of First Congregational Church on 1315 Pine Street in Rochester. Pre-qualified clients and donors can find The Food Pantry off of Rochester Road between Tenken and Woodward.

Other programs include a financial focus class, which helps individuals and households better manage their money and pay off debt. Private counselors can meet with individuals to help them achieve a path to self-sufficiency while other counselors help prepare low-income families for job interviews, resume writing and basic job searching strategies.

Transportation services can also be provided to area businesses, doctor's offices and even the Neighborhood House office, Zelazny said.

"We are always fighting the perception that our entire community is affluent," Zelazny said. "But when the economy went downhill (around 2008-2009) we saw a lot of white collar workers coming in here who never thought they would need assistance. We gained a lot of visibility then and word of mouth has continued to grow."

One of the Neighborhood House's two largest fund-raisers of the year will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, when Rochester Hills City Councilman Mark Tisdel will hold his annual "Tisdel in Concert" to benefit the organization. Tisdel is an accomplished vocalist and guitarist.

The concert will be held at First Congregational Church in Rochester and will last approximately 90 minutes. It will also feature Phyllis Bengry on piano. Limited tickets at $20 each still remain ($25 at the door) by visiting www.ranhp.org or calling 248-651-5836.