NOVEMBER 2015
(10-27-15)

02  Tax Incentive Review Committee, 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., Council Chamber ◆
11  Pension Board/Retiree Health Care, 3:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ◆
12  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆ CANCELLED
16  City Council – SPECIAL MEETING – Election of Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem
16  Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ◆
17  Library Board, 5:45 p.m., Library Conference Room ☝
17  Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 6:00 p.m., Admin Conference Room ◆
17  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
23  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆

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📚 Library - 3400 Seyburn Drive
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✉ University Center, 3350 Auburn Road, Main Floor, Classroom AHUC-02
DECEMBER 2015
(11-05-15)

07  Tax Incentive Review Committee, 5:30 p.m. Council Conference Room ❖
08  Tax Increment Finance Authority, 4:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
08  Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
10  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
14  City Council Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Council Conference Room ◆
14  City Council, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber ◆
15  Board of Review, 11:00 a.m., Admin Conference Room ◆
15  Library Board, 5:45 p.m., Library Conference Room .want
21  Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m., Admin Conference Room ◆

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   4a. City Council – October 26, 2015
   4b. Executive session – February 23, March 9, April 13, April 27, 2015
5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
   5a. Presentation – Mary Donovan, Cutwater Investments Portfolio Manager
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.1. Downtown Development Authority – October 19, 2015
      7a.2. Beautification Advisory Commission – October 21, 2015
   7b. Cash and Investment Interim 3rd Quarter Report
8. OLD BUSINESS
   8a. Public Hearing/Motion – Approval of Community Development Block Grant 2016 Allocations
9. NEW BUSINESS
   9a. Motion – Approve Purchase of a Flygt Submersible Sewage Pump for the Grey Road Lift Station
10. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - City Manager’s Performance Evaluation
13. 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.
The City of Auburn Hills
City Council Meeting
Minutes
October 26, 2015

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
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Lt. Miarka, Fire Chief Manning, City Clerk Kowal, City Assessor Lohmeier, DPW Director Melchert, Mgr. of Public Utilities Michling, Assistant City Planner Keenan, City Manager Assistant Mariuz, City Engineers Juidici & Stevens, City Attorney Beckerleg.
14 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4a. Regular City Council – October 12, 2015
Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.
RESOLVED: To approve the October 12, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None
Resolution No. 15.10.202 Motion Carried (7–0)

4b. City Council Workshop – October 12, 2015
Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Hammond.
RESOLVED: To approve the October 12, 2015 City Council Workshop meeting minutes.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None
Resolution No. 15.10.203 Motion Carried (7–0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
5a. Motion – Confirm Reappointment of Al Travnikar to the Downtown Development Authority
Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Travnikar for serving on the Authority, noting he is a great asset to the Authority and has been a very involved member.
Al Travnikar looks forward to continuing his service to the community.
Responding to Mr. Knight, Mayor McDaniel stated he isn’t sure why there is only this one reappointment.
Mr. Grice explained Mr. Travnikar had a one-year term, in order to have board members terms staggered.
Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.
RESOLVED: Confirm the reappointment of Al Travnikar to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors for a term ending October 31, 2019.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None
Resolution No. 15.10.204 Motion Carried (7–0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - none
7. CONSENT AGENDA

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7a. Board and Commission Minutes
- 7a.2. Planning Commission – September 22, 2015
- 7a.3. Tax Incentive Review Committee – October 5, 2015
- 7a.4. Public Safety Advisory Committee – October 6, 2015

7b. Motion – Approve Police Vehicle Changeover

RESOLVED: To accept the bid of Great Lakes Emergency Products for the 2016 vehicle changeovers, and authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order in the amount of $27,423.00.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 15.10.205

Motion Carried (7–0)

8. OLD BUSINESS - none

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approval of Rezoning from B-2 General Business District to I-1 Light Industrial District / NWC Opdyke/Featherstone (a.k.a. BKG Featherstone)

Mr. Keenan explained this is a request for approval to rezone two parcels totaling 7.2 acres located at the northwest corner of Opdyke and Featherstone Roads, from B-2, General Business to I-1, Light Industrial district. The Light Industrial zoning will be consistent with the non-residential adjacent parcels, with the exception of the R-1 zoning in neighboring Pontiac. That residential area should be well protected from the light industrial use because of the required screening and buffer. Light industrial zoned properties next to residential zoning districts is not an unusual occurrence, as depicted on the City’s zoning map.

The rezoning of these parcels to I-1, Light Industrial district, will also help fill the demand for additional industrial land which was identified in the 2015 Industrial Property Analysis Report and is more appropriate for this location.

This is also a request to construct a 108,250 sq. ft. light industrial building on the rezoned 7.2 acre parcel. Approximately 52,000 sq. ft. of the building will be used for office space, 10,825 sq. ft. for manufacturing operations and 45,465 sq. ft. for warehouse purposes. The building is designed to accommodate one large business or two separate, medium sized businesses.

Staff is very appreciative of the developer who listened to the recommendations and created a solid buffer from the residential area by proposing a landscape buffer six to eight feet wider than required; heavily landscaped with evergreen trees and the installation of a five foot high vinyl fence along the property line. The loading area is positioned away from the residential area and includes a screened wall, 13.6 feet tall. Green space has been increased to 29% up from the required 20%.

Construction is expected to begin in November 2015 with completion in July 2016. The overall cost is estimated at $9.5 million.

Mr. Burmeister asked what zoning the Pontiac Silverdome has.

Mr. Keenan stated the Silverdome has Special Purpose zoning, which allows for industrial, commercial and green; any of those could replace the Silverdome.

Mr. Kittle questioned the conclusion of the 2015 Industrial Property Analysis Report Mr. Keenan referenced regarding the need for additional industrial land.

Mr. Kenan explained the report states the City is running out of light industrial properties for new construction, of which there have been demands.

Mr. Kittle noted businesses are coming into the City and building their own buildings; there are also 1d properties with vacant buildings noted in the report. He asked how this proposed building measures up to the current available buildings in the City today.

Mr. Keenan explained this proposed building is multi-tenant; the applicant has information regarding vacant buildings.

Mr. Kittle acknowledged how foresight the City planners had on Cityzonings, including General Business zoning for this property, but questioned the need to rezone this property.

Mr. Keenan explained the developer found this parcel is the correct size for the proposed development. The City reviewed the Master Plan and the Industrial Property Analysis Report and determined this would be a good fit for a light industrial district.
Mr. Kittle stated his reservations are with respect to a speculative building, since there are other available properties in the City. He noted the façade is very similar to a building on Silverbell Road in Orion Township, of which a good portion is vacant.

Ms. Hammond asked if there will be outside storage, since none is depicted on the site plan. Mr. Keenan stated no outdoor storage is permitted with this use. Mr. Knight noted other places in the City, when abutting residential, there has been some type of masonry wall, a solid wall that can’t be seen through. Mr. Keenan stated a solid vinyl fence with no ability to see through is proposed. Evergreen trees are also included for the buffer.

Mr. Knight asked how the mix of uses and the percentages were determined for the building.

**Conrad Schewe**, Core Partners, representing BKG Featherstone, explained his company has been interested in building in the City and was seeking a building site for a while. Now is a good market for light industrial uses, and the most recent plans for the Silverdome include light industrial uses. Many of the light industrial uses are for high tech companies, where uses can be consolidated, to include office, warehouse and distribution, as well as research and development/manufacturing. Light industrial zoning is the most appropriate classification for this type of use. In determining the percentage of usage for office, manufacturing and warehouse, it is partly determined on the number of parking spaces and what the market indicates. Final ratios are determined once tenants are ready to occupy the space.

Mr. Schewe continued, explaining they are very sensitive to the abutting residential area as demonstrated in the site plan, with the placing of the loading docks, the trash container, and wider green space with the six foot tall vinyl fence. He explained a masonry wall is very stark and very commercial looking as opposed to a fence that is warmer and more residential looking.

Mr. Knight stated he is not excited with this project, though the site plan does fit the site well. He would prefer to see a six story office building or commercial development; he does not think this is the site for a light industrial building. He believes the commercial zoning is much more appropriate for this site and isn’t in favor of the rezoning.

Mr. Keenan stated there was discussion at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the commercial zoning, noting a light industrial use would be less intense than commercial zoning. Commercial zoning would include much more traffic and noise throughout the day and on weekends.

Mr. Tanghe noted there is demand for light industrial space; this property has remained vacant for years as B-2, for which apparently there isn’t any demand. Regarding the Silverdome property, he is aware of ongoing discussions, but there has been no determination made for the use for the property.

Ms. Mitchell thanked staff and the petitioner for realizing this development abuts a residential area and exceeding ordinance requirements to be a good neighbor. She agrees the property has been vacant for many years, but would prefer to see vacant property as opposed to wrong property. She doesn’t feel this rezoning is inappropriate, it fits in very well with the other businesses along Opdyke Road. She asked what percentage of office floor space is allowed in light industrial zoning.

Ms. Mitchell stated there was a lot of conversation at the Planning Commission meeting regarding this item, and the Planning Commission also don’t want another vacant building in the City. She feels sufficient research has been done that warrants the need for this building and will be a good addition to the City.

Ms. Verbeke agrees with Ms. Mitchell, this is a good location for this proposed project. She feels a six story building or large commercial building would be much more offensive for the residents of this area. She appreciates the extra efforts that are being included on this site that will benefit the area residents.

Ms. Verbeke understands the hours of operation are not available, and though the City cannot stipulate hours, she is in favor of the project.

Mr. Kittle asked if there have been any inquiries to the City of businesses seeking this type of development.

Mr. Tanghe stated inquiries are being made all the time. Right now the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Oakland County are globally selling the area, including Auburn Hills. The building on Silverbell Road is further from M-59 and I-75, which is more of a challenge for businesses. Burton Katzman, probably wouldn’t invest this type of money in a spec building if they didn’t have some confidence of getting the building fully occupied reasonably quick after construction.

Mr. Kittle asked if there is another automotive downturn, how that might impact this proposed project.

Mr. Schewe confirmed there is always risk, but there is comfort in this economic cycle. The building on Silverbell is more of a distribution type facility, mostly storage with very little office space. There was quite a few years during the economic downturn that no new buildings were being constructed, so now there is the need. Many of the vacant buildings, especially in some of the southern communities, have become obsolete.

Mr. Kittle agreed buildings become obsolete, but believes those buildings should be refurbished. He isn’t convinced this is the best plan for that piece of property.
Mr. Schewe stated there isn’t any demand to build an office building and he doesn’t believe there will be for quite some time. The market is extremely strong for Auburn Hills, which is a name brand for the auto users. The jobs associated with this type of facility are higher paying jobs.

In response to Ms. Mitchell’s question, Mr. Keenan explained the amount of office space allowed in the proposed zoning district is maxed out, 51,960 with this site plan. This site will not support any more office space, due to the lack of available parking spaces.

Ms. Hammond asked if there are any soil issues with the site.

Mr. Keenan stated he isn’t aware of any, but he doesn’t know the full history of the site.

Mr. Schewe explained environmental borings have been conducted and those came back fine. There are some geotechnical issues to deal with from the fill being placed on the lot over the years, but no environmental issues.

Mr. Keenan confirmed for Ms. Verbeke that all residents and property owners within 1,000 feet of the site had been sent a public participation letter from the applicant and were also sent a public hearing notice by the City.

Mr. Schewe stated there were approximately 270 letters sent, ten came back as undeliverable, he received two phone calls and four or five people attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Tanghe stated he personally contacted the City of Pontiac to let them know of the proposed rezoning and project.

Mayor McDaniel stated he understands Mr. Kittle and Mr. Knight’s concerns, but he feels this is a good looking building and fits very well on this well-traveled road. He believes the due diligence was done well and residents’ concerns were taken into consideration. He appreciates the extra considerations being taken to make the impact to the residential area less imposing.

Mr. Kittle asked when the improvements to the property go on the tax rolls, with a certificate of occupancy or when construction is complete.

Mr. Lohmeier explained when improvements are made to the property, it will be added to the ad valorem tax roll immediately at full rates, and with the spec building designation it will be moved to the abatement side. Full tax rates will remain on the land, with improvements based on the different the tenants. This will go from ad valorem to abatement if all goes well.

Mr. Kittle noted this parcel was not included in the Industrial Property Analysis Report.

Mr. Schewe explained the tenants of building will be paying rent, insurance and taxes on their respective portion of the building, and those companies expect and will be seeking tax abatements. The tenants have a decent amount of leverage within where they decide to locate, and it is hoped those businesses will locate in this new facility.

Mr. Kittle finds it interesting that businesses expect tax abatements.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.
RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and rezone parcels 14-23-351-009 and 14-23-351-010 from B-2, General Business, to I-1 Light Industrial district. The rezoning shall be referenced as Ordinance No. 15-871.

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

Resolution No. 15.10.206

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.
RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Site Plan for NWC Opdyke/Featherstone, subject to staff and consultants conditions.

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

Resolution No. 15.10.207

9c. Public Hearing/Motion – Establish IDD/BKG Featherstone

Mr. Lohmeier explained BKG Featherstone, LLC, has requested that an Industrial Development District (IDD), be established for two parcels, having an address of 815 N. Opdyke Road. The total area is 7.21 acres; the City Assessor requested the owner apply to combine the two parcels. Using both parcels collectively, the owner intends to develop a speculative building for rental purposes. With action just taken by City Council, this property is zoned I-1, Light Industrial.

Industrial Development Districts must be established prior to any new IFEC for real property or personal property, as stipulated by the State.

There are no outstanding or pending appeals involving this property or applicant. An IDD must be requested and approved at least one day prior to seeking a tax abatement. As noted in the previous discussion, the tenants will be seeking tax abatements for this property. Approving an IDD does not guarantee tax abatements will be granted; all the City and State requirements must be met along with City Council approval.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. Hearing no comment closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.
Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the request to establish an Industrial Development District for BKG Featherstone, LLC by adopting the attached resolution.

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

Resolution No. 15.10.208

9d. Public Hearing/Motion - Spec Building Design/BKG Featherstone (AKA NWC)

Mr. Lohmeier noted this is the first spec building application that has been requested since 2007. Establishment of a Speculative Building Designation is a prerequisite to consideration of improvements made more than six months prior to filing an application for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate for any new real and personal property improvements.

A tenant would apply for an IFEC to City Council, occupying 50% of the building, the company would be able to capture 50% of the original construction cost as well as the tenant’s improvements. The capture would require a Speculative Building designation.

This building is truly being built as a speculative building, with the optimism of attracting tenants; there are no pending tenants. This too, does not necessitate City Council to grant any tax abatement requests.

Hearing no comment, Mayor McDaniel opened and closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the request to establish a Speculative Building Designation for BKG Featherstone, LLC by adopting the attached resolution

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

Resolution No. 15.10.209

9e. Motion – Lake Angelus Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation

Mr. Michling explained this is a request for Lake Angelus lift station improvements. This station pumps sanitary sewage from the Canadian section to gravity mains, which were constructed in 1993. There are three major components, a nine foot diameter concrete wet well, an eight foot diameter concrete valve vault, and a control panel. The improvement is to rebuild the inside of the two concrete structures, with new pipe, new valves, base pump and guide rails; the actual pumps will not be replaced.

Bids were received and CSM Mechanical was the low bidder, who have completed similar projects throughout southeast Michigan. Engineering services for this project include construction inspection, and administration services, for the not-to-exceed amount of $13,500.00, provided by OHM Advisors.

Mayor McDaniel asked why the significant difference between the two; CSM Mechanical LLC at $92,210 and Midwest Power Systems at $174,000.

Mr. Michling stated he wasn’t sure, but he is confident with CSM, since they have worked with OHM in other communities doing the same type of work.

Mr. Knight noted there is another lift station on Grey Road, and asked if it is in need of improvements, or if this is unique to the Lake Angelus lift station.

Mr. Michling explained over the last few years there have been small repairs and now is the time to rebuild the inside. He does not see any reason to rebuild the Grey Road pump station any time soon, maybe just a new pump.

Responding to Ms. Hammond, Mr. Michling explained next year there will likely be pump replacements. The pumps are rotated out as they become older or as needed. The pumps are either repaired or replaced, as warranted; the pumps have been repaired since 1993, but no new pumps have been purchased since that time. Pump replacement and repairs are done in-house.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the award of The Lake Angelus Lift Station Project to CSM Mechanical LLC in the amount of $92,210.00, and engineering services for the not to exceed amount of $13,500.00 to OHM Advisors. Funding is provided from the sewer fund (592-535-971.000).

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

Resolution No. 15.10.210

9f. Motion – Galloway Wetland Restoration Project – Scope of Engineering Services

Mr. Keenan explained the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the City a grant of $140,000 to restore approximately two acres of wetland habitat along the Galloway Creek. There is approximately 3.7 acres of wetlands once, located on the parcel and were illegally filled in the mid 1980’s. The grant funds will cover the costs associated with design and construction and do not require matching funds from the City.

The EPA’s main purpose of the grant is to restore wetland habitat within the Clinton River Watershed, which has declined over the decades. In addition to increasing wetland habitat within the watershed, the project will help improve the water
quality of the Galloway Creek and should help provide additional flood protection for properties adjoining and downstream, including Fieldstone Golf Club.

Planning and design will begin within the next three to four months and construction will take place in 2016, with EPA’s goal of completing the project in 2016.

It is recommended to award the Scope for Design and Construction Services to ASTI Environmental, the lowest qualified bidder, for an amount not-to-exceed $29,916.71.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Scope for Design and Construction Services for the Galloway Wetland Restoration Project to ASTI Environmental in the not-to-exceed amount of $29,916.71. Funds to be paid from Storm Water Management account number 101-445-970.000. The project was not budgeted in 2015 but will be offset by grant money. The grant does not require any matching funds from the City.

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

Terry Bailey, President of Foremost Development Company, noted his team; architects Fusco Shaffer and Pappas, O’Brien Construction, and Giffel Webster engineers enjoyed the wonderful experience of dealing with City staff. He hopes construction can begin the second quarter of next year.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Mr. Bailey explained the 600 sq. ft. apartment is a one bedroom; there are three different one-bedroom floor plans – 636 sq. ft., 677 sq. ft., and 696 sq. ft. The two-bedroom apartments are 930 sq. ft. and 1,030 sq. ft.

Ms. Hammond is hopeful this project will be constructed, though she is not happy with street parking.

Ms. Mitchell asked Mr. Bailey to explain why there will be no ventilation in this facility to support a commercial kitchen.

Mr. Bailey explained there was discussions of including a restaurant or coffee shop on the ground floor. He believes a coffee shop is needed in this building and would be a better fit with small boutiques and possibly a bicycle shop. What is needed is foot traffic to make the downtown thrive. A lounge, an office and an exercise facility will be located on the ground level for apartment residents. There will also be a patio with tables and chairs overlooking the river, inviting people to sit and enjoy the river.

Mr. Bailey confirmed for Mr. Knight there isn’t any extra storage space available for the apartment residents, all their property must be kept within their unit; there are car ports for vehicle parking.

Ms. Hammond explained she has received many comments about the number of vacant storefronts in the downtown area, and appreciates Mr. Bailey’s enthusiasm. She noted many of the vacancies are due to the high rents and asked Mr. Bailey if rent prices will be competitive.
Mr. Bailey explained he and his team have walked the downtown and are aware of what is available and the rent amounts, but he hopes his enthusiasm will lure businesses into this building.

Mr. Kittle agrees the foot traffic is what will get the businesses going and is anxious to see the start of construction.

Mr. Bailey explained the cupola at the top of the building is only accessible from the roof and is more decorative, though there will be low level light inside.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Bailey for choosing Auburn Hills for this project on behalf of the residents and City Council and is pleased there are new plans for this vacant lot.

**Jack Schodowski,** 32 S. Squirrel Road, Shelving Inc., asked when ground breaking will begin.

Mr. Bailey explained there are still more steps that need to be taken prior to breaking ground, but they will be moving forward as soon as possible.

Mayor McDaniel assured Mr. Schodowski the City and Mr. Bailey will keep the lines of communication open.

Mayor McDaniel stated he was invited and attended the 50th anniversary for Shelving Inc., and noted Mr. Schodowski is excited with the prospect of having a new neighbor.

**Moved by Mitchell, Seconded by Knight.**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification and Step Two – Site Plan approval for The Residences at Thirty Two 50 subject to staff and consultants’ conditions.

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

**Resolution No. 15.10.212**  
Motion Carried (7–0)

**10. COMMENTS AND MOTION FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Verbeke:

- Asked Mr. Melchert if there is any news regarding the striping at Joslyn Road and I-75.  
  Mr. Melchert stated he has not heard anything back from MDOT, but will continue asking and keep Council informed. MDOT likely has a contract with a company to do striping and may add the project to the existing list of projects.

- Thanked everyone, both volunteers and staff, who worked on the Halloween Trail at the Community Center.

Ms. Hammond:

- Noted the huge success of the sold-out murder mystery dinner. Another will hopefully be planned in the near future.

- Reminded everyone of the November 3rd election and to go vote.

Mr. Knight:

- Asked what is being done with the Fieldstone building downtown; it has been vacant for quite some time and he has many residents asking about it.  
  Mr. Tanghe stated Fieldstone Architecture has moved into the building, occupying the upper floor and has been operational for several months. Fieldstone Architecture is one of the top 500 growing companies in the nation as listed in Fortune magazine. The lower level of the building remains vacant; the building was purchased as part of a portfolio by a New York developer.

- He wasn’t able to attend the Halloween Trail, but the Saturday afternoon Halloween event went well, with over 500 pieces of candy passed out.

- Asked if there is any possibility of the City asking for the seven acres be returned to Auburn Hills that was given when the Silverdome was built.

- Was surprised by the bid amounts for the Galloway wetlands project, that OHM was so much more than the low bidder.

- He has been very pleased with staff follow up on various items he has asked about.

- Saturday will be the 55th annual Halloween party at the Boys and Girls Club from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., all are invited.

Ms. Mitchell:

- As a follow-up to one of the workshops regarding the 2016 budget approval and an amendment for the 2015 budget, asked what the guidelines are for the reconciliation of the budget and if Plante Moran had any recommendations.

- Congratulated Mr. Marzolf and staff, for the wonderful Halloween Trail event. She also thanked the residents for their participation.

- The downtown Spooktacular was very well attended and thanked all for the work that was done.
The Auburn Hills Historical Society will be presenting historical points of interest in the City, this Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at the library.

The Boys and Girls Club will be holding a party on Halloween.

Please go vote next Tuesday.

Mr. Kittle:

- Asked for a road update, including the streetscape of University Drive, Squirrel Road north of Walton, Taylor Road and Squirrel Road, southbound.

Mr. Tanghe explained gardens will be planted between the fieldstone pillars for the University Drive streetscape. The center median will have three larger features; two are already in progress, the third is closer to the diverging diamond that hasn’t yet begun. The median features include fieldstone representing the City and black slab granite representing Oakland University; these too will contain plantings. Wording Seek Virtue and Knowledge, the motto of OU will be posted on the black granite.

Mr. Melchert explained North Squirrel, north of Walton, is expected to be open in the next couple of weeks. There will be no road work Squirrel Road, Election Day. The anticipated date for the opening of the DDI, is November 10th. Squirrel Road, from M-59 north, the travel time increased during peak rush hour, but not more than by a few minutes. Available alternate routes seem to be ignored by a number of motorists. Taylor Road may be opened by December 1st; some concrete was poured today.

Mr. Tanghe noted there have been statements made about all the ongoing road construction in the City, and many are not-so-nice comments. He explained City road maintenance is important and must be done as necessary and sometimes that involves having many road projects going at once, impacting motorists. The City is not intentionally disrupting traffic, it is what the residents and tax payers of the City expect, good roads. He apologized for the inconvenience.

- Congratulated County Commissioner Vice-Chairman Jeff Matis, being appointed as a Circuit Court Judge in Oakland County

Mayor McDaniel:

- Received a lot of positive feedback from residents regarding the Spooktacular. He thanked the merchants and all staff who helped out, noting it was a record turnout.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT - none

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- A new global headquarters will be coming to the City in the spring, Nexteer, leader in advanced steering and drive line. There will be approximately 150 white collar jobs transferring to Auburn Hills.

- October 16th was the ribbon cutting for Hirotec America; this is the second Auburn Hills location for Hirotec. The City wishes the company well and continued growth.

- Staff had the opportunity to tour the new Noah venue on October 19th. Noah’s is available for business events as well as weddings and special occasions. The technology in the facility is second to none. This is the first Noah’s in the State.

- He and other staff toured the Diverging Diamond Interchange. He congratulated MDOT for running a very successful project; this interchange is the first of its kind in Michigan.

- Staff was joined by Mayor McDaniel and Senator Debbie Stabenow to celebrate the grand opening of the new BorgWarner powertrain tech center expansion. He congratulated and thanked BorgWarner for choosing to locate in Auburn Hills.

City Clerk Kowal reminded everyone of Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. She stated the Clerk’s office is open Saturday, October 31st until 2:00 p.m. if someone needs an absentee ballot.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor                Terri Kowal, City Clerk
At a meeting of the City Council held on the 26th day of October, 2015 at the City Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills MI 48326

It was moved by Council Member Burmeister and supported by Council Member Verbeke:

WHEREAS, Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, authorizes the City Council of Auburn Hills to establish an Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, BKG Featherstone, LLC has petitioned this City Council to establish an Industrial Development District on the property herein described; and

WHEREAS, construction, acquisition, alteration, or installation of a proposed facility within the district has not commenced as of this date of the filing of the request to establish the district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, has given written notice by certified mail to the owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Oakland Press, and public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on 26th day of October, 2015 at which all of the owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of Auburn Hills were afforded an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City of Auburn Hills to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Auburn Hills that the following described parcels of land situated in the City of Auburn Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, to wit:

Parcel identification: 02-14-23-351-009

Parcel identification: 02-14-23-351-100
Legal description: T3N, R10E, SEC 23 MADDOCK ACRES LOT 1 EXC S 275 FT OF W 170 FT, ALSO EXC BEG AT NE LOT COR, TH S 17-09-30 W 173.51 FT, TH N 89-45-28 W 369.29 FT, TH N 00-14-22 E 166 FT, TH S 89-45-28 E 419.78 FT TO BEG. 6.140 acres.

be and here is established as a Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 to be known as the BKG Featherstone, LLC Industrial Development District.

AYES: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke
NAYS: Council Member Kittle
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION 15.10.208 ADOPTED (6-1)

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 26th day of October, 2015, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 27 day of October, 2015.

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Terri Kowal, City Clerk
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION 15.10.209
APPROVING
SPECULATIVE BUILDING DESIGNATION
FOR
815 N. OPDYKE ROAD

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills Mi, 48326 on the 26th day of October, 2015

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Mitchell and supported by Councilperson Burmeister:

Whereas, the City of Auburn Hills has established an Industrial Development District on the 26th of October, 2015, commonly referred to as the BKG Featherstone, LLC Industrial Development District; and

Whereas, BKG Featherstone, LLC has requested designation of a building within said district, located at 815 N. Opdyke Road as a Speculative Building under the provisions of Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended; and

Whereas, the building is being constructed as a manufacturing facility before the identification of a specific user of the building; and

Whereas, the building has not been occupied; and

Whereas, the designation of the building as a Speculative Building would allow future tenants to apply for Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate for real and personal property to be located at 815 N. Opdyke Road; and

Whereas, the availability of tax abatement may serve as an inducement for attracting tenants to occupy the building and increase the tax revenues to the City of Auburn Hills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request for Speculative Building Designation for 815 N. Opdyke Road is hereby approved with the following conditions,

That the Speculative Building Designation does not constitute approval of an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate, but serves to give notice that City Council will consider future applications.

AYES: Mayor McDaniel; Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke
NAYS: Mayor Pro Tem Kittle
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
RESOLUTION 15.10.209 ADOPTED (6-1)

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Terri Kowal, City Clerk
Executive Session Minutes – February 23, March 9, April 13, April 27, 2015

These minutes have been provided under separate - confidential cover.
5a. Presentation – Mary Donovan, CFA, Cutwater Investments Portfolio Manager

NO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

“Not Yet Approved”

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

October 19, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Spurlin called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gliniecki (arrived at 5:40), Hutchison (arrived at 5:37), Spurlin, Travnikar, Wise, Volk and Young

Absent: Genautis and McDaniel

Also Present: Executive Director Grice, Management Assistant Mariuz

Guests: None

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD - None

CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Vice Chairman Young to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes as submitted.

Support by Ms. Wise

Yes: Spurlin, Travnikar, Wise, Volk and Young

No: None

Motion carried

5:37 Ms. Hutchison Arrives

5:40 Mr. Gliniecki Arrives

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Grice informs the Board that Financial Reports will begin in 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

6a. Review Amended 2016 Budget

Mr. Grice presents an updated copy of the 2016 budget. From the original budget document, to the most recent update, the budgeted amount for revenue in 2016 has decreased around $2,000. This decrease is due to Michigan Tax Tribunal valuation opinions and the loss of personal property taxes within the district. There are no objections or additional discussion by the board.

No Motion Required

6b. Discussion on Joint Meeting with TIFA Board

Mr. Grice discusses with the Board of Directors when it would be best to hold a joint meeting with the Tax Increment Finance Authority. At this meeting, we hope to have representatives from the Auburn Hills Community Development Department as well as Main Street Oakland County come to discuss the Downtown Master Plan, and the County’s four-point approach to becoming a Main Street affiliated community. It is important that the DDA and TIFA meet to get to know one another, and build a sense of shared goals and understanding, due to the overlap of parks and core downtown commercial retail area. The TIFA board holds its annual meeting in December, and the DDA holds its annual meeting in January. There will be elections of officers at each of these meetings. The board decides to hold Tuesday, February 9 tentatively for the joint meeting.

No Motion Required

NEW BUSINESS

7a. Review and Update on Upcoming District Events and Projects

Mr. Grice and Ms. Mariuz give updates on the following events and project happening within the DDA District.

Amphitheater – Mr. Grice distributes a brochure about the upcoming fundraising campaign for a new amphitheater and splash pad in Riverside Park. There are different levels for corporate sponsorships along with smaller levels of contribution for individuals and families to be involved in the construction of this community asset.
Halloween Trail – The 24th Annual Halloween Trail takes place Thursday, October 22 at Civic Center Park from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Kids dress up in their Halloween costumes, navigate the trails behind the Community Center, and receive treats at designated stations. There will be a Halloween magic show at the Community Center. The event is free and open to children ages 12 and under.

Spooktacular – The 10th Annual Downtown Halloween Spooktacular takes place Saturday, October 24, 2015. From 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM, Downtown merchants and city staff pass out candy and treats to kids and in costume. There are two Halloween Magic Shows at the University Center (12:45 PM and 1:30 PM). There will be live pumpkin carving demonstrations. This event is free and open to all.

CoWork @TheDEN – Staff has been working to find ways to increase traffic and visibility in Downtown Auburn Hills. Recently, Auburn Hills was named the number one place in Michigan to start a small business (NerdWallet). We have been hearing that there is an increase in demand for small office space for start-ups and decided to utilize The DEN as a Coworking space during the hours it is not open to the public. From 7:00 AM to Midnight (with the understanding that at 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and 2:00 PM Saturday and Sunday The DEN is open and available to the public). We are looking into a key card system for Coworkers and The DEN staff and to Auburn Hills Staff. This would be a way to generate income, and could become a key business placement function of the DDA in the near future. As companies expand utilizing the CoWork expand, Auburn Hills can connect them to offices in the City so they can stay local and grow with the community.

Mixer at The DEN – On Thursday, November 12, 2015, the City of Auburn Hills and TIFA are hosting a networking Mixer at The DEN for leaders of Oakland University Student Organizations. We have invited two representatives from all 280+ student organizations at Oakland. This is an opportunity to highlight The DEN and make students in the community aware of this study resource for themselves and their organizations.

Tree Lighting Ceremony - The 22nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is Friday, December 4, 2015 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at 6:00 PM and winners of the 2015 Mayoral Essay contest will help Santa and the Mayor light up the Christmas tree. This year we will have two holiday magic shows, horse drawn wagon rides, s’mores and an ice sculpture. Additionally, Auburn Hills has partnered with Desert Angels a local nonprofit that creates care packages to send to soldiers overseas. During the month of November and at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, we will be collecting donations for the holiday care packages. After all items have been collected, Auburn Hills and Desert Angels will be having a “packing party” to assemble the packages and have them shipped to our troops before Christmas.

Miscellaneous – The property at the corner of Auburn Rd. and Squirrel Ct. has transferred ownership from Burton Katzman to Foremost Development Company. The proposed development is a four story apartment complex with retail on the ground floor. The site plan is going before Planning Commission on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 and is expected to be before City Council on Monday, October 26, 2015. They are expected to break ground in Spring of 2016. Additionally, Parkside Tavern is now open for business and has had great reviews.

No Motion Required

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Mr. Travnikar only had a one-year term to the Board of Directors, he indicates that his term expires October 31, 2015 and he would like to continue to serve in his capacity with the DDA. Ms. Mariuz informs Mr. Travnikar that she will speak with the Mayor regarding his reappointment to the board and inform him of his reappointment no later than the end of the business day on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. All board members upon their first term expiration are reappointed for four years. First terms for board members are staggered per Michigan DDA Legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – The Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors agreed to adjourn until January 18, 2016, unless there is additional business requiring action prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Vice Chairman Young to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.
Supported by Ms. Wise.
Yes: Gliniecki, Hutchison, Spurlin, Travnikar, Volk, Wise and Young
No: None
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. Grice
Executive Director

Samantha R. Mariuz
Recording Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL
Present: Rich Foster, Celeste Yoskovich, Ilene Ingram, Patricia Ormsbee, Karen Lewis, Ron Kobish, Cheryl Verbeke
Also Present: Elizabeth Brennan, Exec. Assistant Community Development
Absent: None
Guests: None

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

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Ms. Yoskovich moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2015
Supported by Ms. Ormsbee
VOTE:
Yes: Foster, Yoskovich, Ingram, Ormsbee, Lewis, Kobish, Verbeke
No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

OLD BUSINESS –
Budget Update
Ms. Brennan reported an available balance of $5,685.18, enough to purchase a set of Downtown lamppost banners. DPW suggested replacement due to aging banner stock. Graphic design to be provided by Jessica Smith.

Mr. Kobish moved to approve the purchase of a set of Downtown lamppost banners in an amount not to exceed $3,500.00
Supported by Ms. Ormsbee
VOTE: Yes: Foster, Yoskovich, Ingram, Ormsbee, Lewis, Kobish, Verbeke
No: None
Motion Carried (7-0)

**Beautification Awards Program Debrief**

Ms. Lewis reported that her neighbors won their first Beautification Award this year and they are long-time residents of the City. They were very happy to be a part of the evening and asked Ms. Lewis to pass along their compliments to the Commission.

Ms. Ingram commended Mr. Foster and Ms. Yoskovich on their opening and closing remarks, and facilitating the raffle.

Ms. Yoskovich stated she is happy to see new people involved in the program.

Ms. Brennan noted that she received very positive feedback – random calls from families that attended to let us know how much they enjoyed it. One family liked the photo of their home so much they requested a digital copy, which Ms. Brennan sent via email. She also noted that as of this date, out of the few award winners that were unable to attend that evening, most had already picked up their awards at the Community Development Department.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Ms. Brennan shared event details that were discussed among City Staff. The event will be held on the first Friday in December from 6pm to 9pm. The BAC table will be located in the tent, which will be set up between the Fieldstone A&E Building and The Den.

The Commission agreed that everyone should be there at the same time instead of scheduling members in shifts. Ms. Brennan will take care of the set up and the commissioners will arrive just before 6pm.

It was decided that the BAC will give away candy canes, glowing/flashing rings and a BAC handout – schedule of events/programs for 2016.

Ms. Yoskovich moved to approve the purchase of candy canes and glow rings for the City’s Tree Lighting Ceremony in an amount not to exceed $300.00.
Supported by Ms. Verbeke
VOTE: Yes: Foster, Yoskovich, Ingram, Ormsbee, Lewis, Kobish, Verbeke
No: None
Motion Carried (7-0)

In previous meetings, the Commission discussed purchasing a large ice sculpture, like the ones found in the winter festivals of our neighboring communities. Ms. Yoskovich presented quotes and the Commission opted to purchase an ice wreath. Total amount is $1,500.00 which includes the ice, carving, transportation/mileage, set up, and lighting. Ms. Brennan said she will contact an additional vendor to see if better pricing is available.

Mr. Foster moved to approve the purchase of an ice sculpture for the City’s Tree Lighting Ceremony in an amount not to exceed $1,500.00.
Supported by Ms. Ormsbee
VOTE: Yes: Foster, Yoskovich, Ingram, Ormsbee, Lewis, Kobish, Verbeke
No: None
Motion Carried (7-0)
**Light Up Auburn Hills**

The Commission agreed to continue the Light Up Auburn Hills program this holiday season, in which residents and businesses with beautiful holiday lighting displays are acknowledged, by a simple card from the BAC.

The group received positive feedback last year and found they were able to engage residents and businesses that may not have participated in other BAC events in the past. Ms. Brennan presented three card designs created by Jessica Smith. The Commission selected one design to be printed then divided the city into sections and agreed to send out 25 cards to each section. Cards and stamps will be provided to each Commissioner the week before Thanksgiving.

**OPEN DISCUSSION –**

Mr. Kobish asked to have his contact information revised on the Commission’s contact sheet. Ms. Brennan said she will make the change and provide new copies at the January meeting.

**CONFIRM NEXT MEETING –**

Next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, January 27th at 6:00pm in the Administrative Conference Room.

**Adjournment –**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Brennan
BAC - City Staff Liaison
City of Auburn Hills
Community Development
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Michelle Schulz, Finance Director/Treasurer  
Submitted: November 5, 2015  
Subject: Cash and Investment Interim Report- 3rd Quarter  

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY  
Public Act 213 of 2007 requires local governments to prepare periodic investment reports for presentation to their governing body. The investment of the City’s working capital or surplus monies is governed by the City’s Investment Policy document which incorporates both state (Public Act 20 of 1943 as amended) and local statutes.  

In September of 2009, the Investment Policy was amended to allow the City to contract with external investment firms to manage a portion of the City’s surplus operating funds. After establishing the appropriate custodial accounts with JPMorgan/Chase, $20.0 million was transferred to each of the unique custodial accounts to allow the investment firms of Ambassador Capital and MBIA (since renamed to Cutwater Asset Management), to begin investing the City’s funds December 2009. Later in 2010, the custodial accounts were moved from JPMorgan/Chase to Comerica.  

In January of 2011, the City engaged the services of Asset Strategies to provide a level of due diligence beyond internal staff review, perform quarterly reviews of the performance of the City’s investment portfolio, and to ensure the City’s investment portfolio remains in compliance with Public Act 20.  

In March of 2012, the City invested an additional $5.0 million each with the two investment managers. Then recently, in September 2014, Ambassador Capital was dissolved and the remaining investment manager, Cutwater Asset Management, temporarily was given authority to manage the funds allocated to Ambassador. City Council subsequently approved the recommendation of internal staff and Asset Strategies to name Cutwater Asset Management as the City’s sole investment manager in January 2015.  

In April 2015, Council approved the City to transfer funds into the Oakland County Local Government Investment Pool. Staff will transfer into and draw from this account based on cash flow and operational needs.  

During October (not yet reflected on this report), staff liquidated approximately $3.4M of the cutwater investments to cover operating needs of the General Fund. Staff intends to liquidate an additional $7M-$10 before the end of the year to meet cash needs of the General Fund.  

Attached you will find the 2015 Interim Cash and Investment Performance Report for third quarter ending September 30, 2015. The document provides a summary of the City’s investments and current performance with Cutwater Asset Management, various Certificate of Deposits, and Oakland County’s Local Governmental Investment Pool fund as well as a monthly summary of total operating cash on hand.  

STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
The staff recommends the acceptance of the 2015 Interim Cash and Investment Performance Report  

MOTION  
Move to receive and file the 2015 Interim Cash and Investment Performance Report-3rd Quarter  

I CONCUR:  
Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager
## City of Auburn Hills
### 2015 Interim Cash and Investment Performance Report-3rd Qtr

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<td>Total interest Received YTD</td>
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*Note: Fair Market Value presented includes Accrued Interest
Annualized Return Year to Date Net of Fees 1.13%

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*Monthly Interest Yields since inception range from (1.55% to .639%)

## City Managed Certificate of Deposits

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**Level One Bank was withdrawn on 10/19 at maturity amount of $246,476.71

NOTE: Private Bank presented 6/30/201 matured mid September at an amount of $249,101.76

## Total Operating Cash-Checking For Month Ending:

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<td>$ 14,963,871.83</td>
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To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager and Karen Adcock, Senior Services Director  
Submitted: November 3, 2015  
Subject: Public Hearing and Approval of Community Development Block Grant Funding Allocation for Program Year 2016

**INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY**

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that provides funds annually to counties and communities. CDBG funds housing, public facility, public service, and community development activities that benefit low-income households and persons with special needs. Oakland County receives CDBG funds as the agent and distributes the funds based on the total population and the number of low/moderate-income residents in the community. There are 52 participating communities.

All eligible projects must meet at least one of the following CDBG national objectives: Primarily benefit low- or moderate-income persons or households, OR Aid in the elimination of slum or blight conditions (rigid guidelines), OR Meet an urgent community need (for example: natural disasters).

Historically the city has followed the first objective: benefit low-or moderate-income persons or households by funding Minor Home Repair, Yard Services for Seniors and Disabled Residents, Haven and both Youth Assistance programs.

A couple of the PY 2016 CDBG Program Rules to remember during the process.

1. Maximum number of projects funded -4
2. Maximum amount funded for Public Service – 30%
3. Public Service contracts of same type not permitted
4. Public Service contracts may have a two year duration and start on July 1
5. Cannot spend funds before receiving Letter to Spend
6. Must draw at least one time every 9 months
7. All funds must be spent in 2 years from Letter to Spend. After 2 years – possible recapture

There are several steps in the CDBG application process. The first step was attending the annual application workshop this past October.

Next, the community must determine local need(s), by hosting a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This is when residents and other interested parties can present their ideas for CDBG funding use. **It is important to remember we are not proposing to fund individual agencies tonight.** We are determining what our community needs. It will not be until July 2016 when we actually receive our grant dollars that we can seek bids for services/projects. For example, we fund Yard Services (lawn and snow plowing) for seniors. However, we have to seek bids for that service each year.

The city has historically funded Minor Home Repair and Public Service Projects: Yard Services: Senior Snow Plowing and Lawn Mowing; Youth Services (Avondale & Pontiac Youth Assistance), and Battered And Abused Spouses.
There is a maximum 30% cap on Public Service projects. City Council has indicated an interest in what other public service eligible projects are available for consideration. Below is a brief synopsis of each category.

1. **Yard Services**: Lawn Mowing and Snow Plowing
2. **Disabled Services**: Services for persons with disabilities, regardless of age. Public Services (including labor, supplies, and materials) directed toward improving services and facilities may include: Accessible Technologies (large print books, TDD machines), recreation/education and employment
3. **Emergency Services-Subsistence Payments**: activities designed to provide one-time or short term (no more than 3 months per household per year) emergency payments on behalf of an individual or family, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness, prevent the loss of utilities, or payment of rent/mortgage to prevent eviction
4. **Housekeeping Services**: Clean the interior of a home
5. **General-Safety & Repairs Services**: Projects that are under $600 and do not require a permit and can be completed by a handyman or local maintenance
6. **Housing Counseling Services**: Provide fair housing services, housing discrimination, mortgage defaults, etc.
7. **Battered & Abused Spouses – Haven Shelter**
8. **Legal Services**: Provide legal aid to low and moderate income persons
9. **Senior Services**: Meals on Wheels, Prescription Drug Programs, Senior Day Care, Counseling, etc.
10. **Transportation Services**: Transportation services for a specific group, i.e. elderly
11. **Youth Services**: Youth recreational and educational opportunities

There are numerous other eligible projects to allocate the 70%, however the Minor Home Repair program is one program that has had a positive proven impact on the community by improving and/or maintaining homes. Other eligible projects: Clearance and Demolition; Rehab Publically Owned Residential Buildings; Housing Rehabilitation Administration; Code Enforcement; Non Residential Historic Preservation. Details of each are included with this memo.

**To keep consistent and in compliance with the guidelines for a CDBG Public Hearing it would be best to follow this format:**

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At the close of the Public Hearing further discussions may ensue, City Council may vote on the proposed budget as presented or revise the proposed budget as the City Council sees appropriate.

HUD along with the county directs that each line item is to be voted upon as a separate motion, and if any member of the voting body has a direct relationship to an agency that will be funded, that member is to abstain from the individual line item vote.

Once the Public Hearing has closed it is the responsibility of the governing body to do two things: Sign the HUD Conflict of Interest Certification and to adopt a proposed CDBG budget. From there city staff will complete the application and submit to the county by the December 18, 2015 deadline.

Below are several motions for consideration, #1 must be adopted in order to be part of the CDBG program. Motion # 2 and Motion #3 are reflective of the amounts funded for 2015 and are direct services offered through
the city. Motion #4 and Motion #5 are categories the city has historically funded. Motion #6 has been left blank for potential changes in funding categories.

**Maximum number of projects allowed to fund four (4) projects and each project can be no less than $2,500.00 and only 30% can be Public Service projects.**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Staff recommends Council to consider the following motions to accept the CDBG budget.

**MOTION #1:** Move to accept the Conflict of Interest Resolution as part of the CDBG application and to authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit documents to Oakland County.

**MOTION #2:** Move to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item *Minor Home Repair* in the amount of **$48,585** as part of the approximate amount of **$69,406** and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

**MOTION #3:** Move to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item *Yard Services* in the amount of **$12,882** as part of the approximate amount of **$69,406** and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

**MOTION #4:** Move to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item *Youth Assistance* in the amount of **$_________** as part of the approximate amount of **$69,406** and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

**MOTION #5:** Move to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item *Battered and Abused Spouses* in the amount of **$___________** as part of the approximate amount of **$69,406** and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

**MOTION #6:** Move to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item *<Insert Public Service Category>* in the amount of **$___________** as part of the approximate amount of **$69,406** and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

**I CONCUR:**

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
(a) Applicability. (1) In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the conflict of interest provisions in 24 CFR 85.36 and 24 CFR 84.42, respectively, shall apply. (2) In all cases not governed by 24 CFR 85.36 and 84.42, the provisions of this section shall apply. Such cases include the acquisition and disposition of real property and the provision of assistance by the recipient or by its subrecipients to individuals, businesses, and other private entities under eligible activities that authorize such assistance (e.g., rehabilitation, preservation, and other improvements of private properties or facilities pursuant to Sec. 570.202; or grants, loans, and other assistance to businesses, individuals, and other private entities pursuant to Sec. 570.203, 570.204, 570.455, or 570.703(i)).

(b) Conflicts prohibited. The general rule is that no persons described in paragraph (c) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

(c) Persons covered. The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the recipient, or of any designated public agencies, or of subrecipients that are receiving funds under this part.

(d) Exceptions. Upon the written request of the recipient, HUD may grant an exception to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section on a case-by-case basis when it has satisfactorily met the threshold requirements of (d)(1) of this section, taking into account the cumulative effects of paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(1) Threshold requirements. HUD will consider an exception only after the recipient has provided the following documentation: (i) A disclosure of the nature of the conflict, accompanied by an assurance that there has been public disclosure of the conflict and a description of how the public disclosure was made; and (ii) An opinion of the recipient's attorney that the interest for which the exception is sought would not violate State or local law.

(2) Factors to be considered for exceptions. In determining whether to grant a requested exception after the recipient has satisfactorily met the requirements of paragraph (d)(1) of this section, taking into account the cumulative effect of the following factors, as applicable: (i) Whether the exception would provide a significant cost benefit or an essential degree of expertise to the program or project that would otherwise not be available; (ii) Whether an opportunity was provided for open competitive bidding or negotiation; (iii) Whether the person affected is a member of a group or class of low- or moderate-income persons intended to be the beneficiaries of the assisted activity, and the exception will permit such person to receive generally the same interests or benefits as are being made available or provided to the group or class; (iv) Whether the affected person has withdrawn from his or her functions or responsibilities, or the decision making process with respect to the specific assisted activity in question; (v) Whether the interest or benefit was present before the affected person was in a position as described in paragraph (b) of this section; (vi) Whether undue hardship will result either to the recipient or the person affected when weighed against the public interest served by avoiding the prohibited conflict; and (vii) Any other relevant considerations. By applying for CDBG funds, the Participating Community certifies that they have read the above:

| Community Name: |
| Name of Highest Elected Official and Title: |
| Signature of Highest Elected Official: |
## PY 2016 CDBG APPLICATION

(Please complete Part 1 only once per application)

### Part 1 - Applicant Information

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Total # of Projects:

# of Public Service Projects:

Public Service %:

### Signature of Highest Elected Official (or Designee)

| Name of Highest Elected Official:                                       |
| Title of Highest Elected Official:                                      |

### Signature of Highest Elected Official:
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Part 3 - Project Description
(Please complete for each project)

Sample
Project #1 Allocation: $3,000.00
Project #_____ Allocation: $_______

Project Description

Provide a detailed description of the proposed project

How will CDBG funds be used

CDBG National Objective (See Eligible Projects List on pages 9-45)

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# of clients to be served in PY 2016

Type of clients to be served (See Eligible Projects List)

People
Households
Housing Units
Public Facilities

#

Senior Center Projects Only

Estimated Current Membership
White alone
Black or African American alone
American Indian and Alaska Native alone
Asian alone
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander alone
Some other race alone
Two or more races
### Project Location

- **Sample Project #1**

**Allocation:** $3,000.00

*(Please complete for each project)*

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- **City/Township/Village Wide**
- **Area Wide Benefit Only**
- **Specific**

**Parcel ID# Public Facilities Projects Only**

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### Environmental Review Record (ERR)

*(Please ✓ each box as it applies and attach all required documents)*

- **Exempt Project**
- **Project Location Map Attached (Google)**

- **Categorically Excluded Project**
- **Statutory Checklist**
- **Project Location Map Attached (Google)**

- **Flood Plain Map**
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Part 6 - Attachments Checklist  (Please attach documents as they apply)

Attachment #1 Notice of Public Hearing (See Application Guide)

Notice of Public Hearing Option 1

| Notice must be published at least 10 days prior to the public hearing |
| Notice must be placed in a newspaper of general local circulation. |
| Affidavit of Publication from newspaper | Public Hearing Date: |

Notice of Public Hearing Option 2

| Notice must be published at least 10 days prior to the public hearing |
| Notice must be placed on website and at the city/township/village hall |
| Copy of web notice w/posting period | Public Hearing Date: |

Attachment #2 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (See Application Guide)

Meeting Minutes Option 1

| A true copy of the Public Hearing Minutes is attached that |
| Clearly show an opening and closing of the public hearing |
| Sets forth and approves the planned use of CDBG funds |
| Approves the Application and Subrecipient Agreement |

Meeting Minutes Option 2

| A true copy of the Governing Body Resolution is attached that |
| Clearly show an opening and closing of the public hearing |
| Sets forth and approves the planned use of CDBG funds |

Attachment #3 Conflict of Interest Certification (See Manila Envelope)

Conflict of Interest Certification

| Enter Community Name |
| Enter Name of Highest Elected Official and Title |
| Signature of Highest Elected Official |
To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; and Mark Michling, Manager of Public Utilities  
Submitted: November 5, 2015  
Subject: Motion - Approve Purchase of a Flygt Submersible Sewage Pump for the Grey Road Lift Station

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

The Grey Road lift station, which pumps sanitary sewage from the Grey Road area to gravity mains, was rebuilt in 1997 and is comprised of three major components: 9' diameter concrete wet well, 8' diameter concrete valve vault, and a control panel. Inside the wet well are two submersible sewage pumps that propel the sewage up to a level that will allow gravity to move the sewage through the system.

The three pumps, which rotate from well to shelf, were purchased in 1997 and are now 18 years old. In 2015 two of the three pumps failed. In February the first pump failed and was rebuilt at a cost of $6,975.00, while the extra (shelved) pump was rotated into service. In March a second pump failed and the cost to rebuild was quoted at $7,975.00 versus the cost of a new pump at $15,350.00. Due to the age of the pumps, the fact two pumps have failed in one year, and since the repair quote is approximately 50% of the cost of a new pump, staff recommends purchasing a new pump to put into the rotation.

There are two major suppliers for pumps of this size, ABS and Flygt. Through past experience we have found that the ABS pumps have a higher failure rate and are less energy efficient resulting in higher operating costs. In 2012 following an engineer’s recommendation, staff switched to Flygt pumps and controllers in all of our lift stations. Flygt pumps are sold exclusively through Kennedy Industries in this section of the country. Based on the fact Kennedy Industries is a single source supplier who we have worked with exclusively in the past for new equipment and repairs to existent equipment, staff is requesting to purchase a new Flygt pump from Kennedy Industries for the Grey Road lift station. The quote we received was for a Flygt model NP3153-433 Imp, 20hp, 3 phase, 230 volt, with 6” discharge for $15,350.00 and funds are budgeted for this purchase in the 2015 sewer fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the purchase of a Flygt submersible sewage pump, model NP3153-433 for the Grey Road sanitary lift station from Kennedy Industries, 4925 Holtz Drive, Wixom MI 48393, for the price of $15,350.00. The pump was budgeted at $25,000.

MOTION

Move to approve the purchase of a Flygt submersible sewage pump model NP3153-433 from Kennedy Industries for the price of $15,350.00. Funding provided from the sewer fund account number (592-535-971.000).

I CONCUR: THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER
Veterans Appreciation Event
Wednesday, November 11th, 2015
8:30am - 2:30pm
Please join us for breakfast (lunch upon returning with Blue Mother Presentation) and a trip via chartered bus to Great Lakes Cemetery. Fee is $5.00 donation with proceeds going toward Auburn Hills Community Center Transportation Program.
Tour begins and concludes at the Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Rd. Please RSVP as space is limited by calling the Center at 248.370.9353. Sponsored by Pixley Funeral Home.
October 21, 2015

Auburn Hills Police Department
1899 N. Squirrel Rd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

ATTN: Police Chief Doreen Olko

On behalf of Cooper Standard, I would like to express our great appreciation for your participation in our Trunk or Treat event held Thursday, October 15, 2015. The event was a tremendous success with your assistance.

We would also like to recognize your efforts and dedication of resources to our recent Active Threat Table Top Exercise. This collaboration will strengthen our continued efforts for a safe working environment for our colleagues.

We appreciate and are grateful that you are such great community partners with us.

Sincerely,

Joe Emmi
Vice President – Business Development
Thank you so much for your dedication and service to our neighborhood.

May God continually bless you.

The Wright Family
687 Provincetown Rd
Auburn Hills, MI
November 3, 2015

Debra Colling
Health and Wellness Coordinator/Community Liaison
The Auburn Hills Community Center
1827 N. Squirrel Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Dear Debra:

On behalf of Alana’s Foundation, I sincerely thank you for your continued participation in the Alana’s Foundation school-located flu vaccination program. By doing so, 99 members of the Auburn Hills community were protected from the flu this season.

As you may know, Alana’s Foundation was founded in 2009 in memory of my daughter, Alana Yaksich, who died from influenza in 2003 at the age of 5 1/2. Our mission is “to educate the public about the importance of yearly influenza vaccinations and in doing so, increase vaccination rates by providing convenient and affordable flu vaccination options”. By working with various community vaccination administrators, we have vaccinated over 8000 students, staff and families in and around the Detroit metro area over the last 9 years.

The “flu” is often not taken seriously. I never knew the flu could kill until we lost Alana. Two factors continue to be the driving force of Alana’s Foundation 1. the heartbreak of losing a child and 2. knowing a simple yearly flu vaccination helps protect people from this potentially deadly virus.

It is my hope that these clinics make it easier for everyone who wants to receive a flu vaccination has convenient and affordable access to getting one. I truly believe all the schools and communities that offer flu vaccinations to their students and families are exceptional and allow Alana’s Foundation to reach more people efficiently and effectively ensuring a healthier community so no one has to endure the pain of a loved one dying from a vaccine preventable disease.

As schedules and calendars fill up quickly, we strongly recommend you email info@alanasfoundation.org at your earliest convenience to secure your preferred date and time for the 2016-2017 flu season.

Thank you again for being part of such an important public health effort that IS making a difference in the lives of others. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding your 2016 participation.

Sincerely,

Zachary Yaksich
Zachary Yaksich
Alana’s Dad
Alana’s Foundation President/Executive Director

* Alana’s Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in memory of Alana Yaksich who died of influenza in February 2003. Recognition includes the 2012 Michigan Honoree for the Center for Disease Control Childhood Immunization Champion Award, the 2012 Alliance for Immunization in Michigan Outstanding Achievement Award, and the 2015 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit - Immunization Excellence Honorable Mention for Influenza Season Campaign. Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent provided by the law. No goods or services were provided for this donation. Federal Tax ID #: 26-4353167
More than 100,000 Oakland County residents went to the polls Tuesday to voice their opinions on a variety of issues.

Keego Harbor approved a proposal to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana, Rochester Hills voters appear to have supported current mayor Bryan Barnett's write-in re-election campaign, and proposals involving schools were approved in four school districts spanning many communities.

With 238 of 240 precincts reporting in full, voter turnout was at 21 percent in the county, according to Oakland County's election website. A total of 109,713 ballots had been counted as of 10 p.m.

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Kevin McDaniel (1,168 votes), Cheryl Verbeke (1,059) and Maureen Hammond (1,033) all secured four-year city council seats.

Bob Rittle finished fourth with 1,012 votes, winning a partial two-year term on the city council.

Voters also elected Cathy Nurek Moldenhauer (1,210 votes) and Kanelo Kastran (1,105) in an uncontested race for two six-year terms on the library board.

Richard Siepielski won a partial term on the library board which ends on Nov. 20, 2017 by getting 858 votes, defeating Roundup Page 3
Richard Bernstein to deliver lecture at Baker College

By John Turk
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Baker College of Auburn Hills on Wednesday, Nov. 11, will be hosting a lecture from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein.

Baker College President Peter W. Karsten, Ph.D., said before Bernstein's election in 2014 to the Michigan Supreme Court, Bernstein was a "gifted lawyer and tireless advocate for the rights of the disabled and others; he has a wonderful story to tell."

The free lecture, which is open to students and the public, will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Baker Student Center, located at 1500 University Dr. in Auburn Hills. Space is limited, officials said, so those planning to attend should come early.

Bernstein, who has been blind since birth, will speak about his life and the challenges he's faced, along with stereotypes he has overcome to achieve his goals.

Bernstein, Michigan's first blind justice, is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He earned a law degree at the Northwestern University School of Law.

Along with many years of legal practice at his family's firm in Farmington Hills, Bernstein is an accomplished athlete. He has completed 18 marathons — including competitions in New York City, Idaho and Israel — and in 2013 was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

For more information about the lecture or Baker College of Auburn Hills, call Admissions Office representative Nicole Chirco at 248-340-0660, email her at nicole.chirco@baker.edu or visit baker.edu.
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Woman accused of striking officer with car while fleeing appears in court

By Paul Kampe
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An Auburn Hills woman accused of resisting arrest and striking a police officer with her vehicle while fleeing the scene of a recent traffic stop appeared in district court Monday, Nov. 2.

Breanna Rochelle Smart, 22, is accused of striking officer Martin Mikolajczak, 37, after resisting an early-morning arrest Oct. 23. She has pleaded not guilty to multiple felony counts including fleeing and eluding, resisting and obstructing an officer and assault with a dangerous weapon.

She appeared in 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills for a probable cause conference where she waived her right to an examination, according to Auburn Hills Police Lt. Jill McDonnell.

Smart’s bond was also amended, allowing her to post 10 percent cash or surety, McDonnell said, but Smart is still being held at Oakland County Jail on $75,000 bond, according to online jail records. She is expected back in court again at 1:15 p.m. on Nov. 16.

Online: Video of the incident can be viewed at THEOAKLANDPRESS.COM.

Just after 2 a.m. on Oct. 23, Mikolajczak initiated a traffic stop near Opdyke and Pontiac roads. Dashcam video released last week by Auburn Hills police shows him attempting to place Smart under arrest, before she breaks free of his hold.

Smart then put her car in reverse, slamming the officer into his patrol vehicle before she drove away, according to the video.

Mikolajczak was treated for non-life threatening injuries and is back to work, police said late last week.
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Woman sues Fiat Chrysler for years of discrimination

By Paul Kampe
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When clay design sculptor Valerie Davis found an inflatable monkey draped over her cubicle wall at the Fiat Chrysler Automobile headquarters in Auburn Hills, the discovery was nothing new.

For a decade, Davis, who is black, says her co-workers at the Auburn Hills-based automaker engaged in racial discrimination while management turned a blind eye.

According to a federal lawsuit filed last week, Davis, 47, of Grosse Pointe, claims company officials did nothing to curb her co-workers' racist behaviors, which often involved the use of a monkey in several incidences from 2004 to this year.

"How much can a person tolerate before they do something," Troy-based attorney Shereef Akeel said.

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Online: View the lawsuit document at THEOAKLANDPRESS.COM.
"It's intolerable. It's outrageous. An employee can only do so much to report discrimination. ... It's incumbent upon human resources to ensure employees are working in a hostile-free environment."

Included in the lawsuit, filed Oct. 26 in the Eastern District court in Detroit, were 13 photos of the alleged incidents.

"(They) speak volumes," Akeel said.

The suit says the company and its employees "engaged in horrific, discriminatory conduct."

Davis was hired in 2000 and the incidents began some four years later when co-workers began using "monkey call" devices to make a whistling noise and referred to her as "chickee monkey." A co-worker also once asked Davis if her breastmilk would taste like chocolate milk. Others also asked Davis, who lived in Detroit at the time, if she lived in "the ghetto."

In 2013, co-workers began placing monkeys, stuffed and inflatable, in and around Davis' cubicle, according to the lawsuit. One of the toys was wrapped in Christmas lights similar to a noose.

"We have at least 11 different monkeys," Akeel said. In at least one other incident, Davis' co-workers imitated attorney Johnnie Cochran's infamous line from the O.J. Simpson murder trial from the mid-1990s — "if the glove does not fit, you must acquit," according to the suit.

A company spokesman said Monday afternoon Fiat Chrysler had not been served with the lawsuit, but issued a statement:

"FCA U.S. prohibits workplace discrimination and does not tolerate harassment of any kind," read an emailed statement. "The company takes complaints of discrimination and harassment seriously and investigates complaints in a timely and impartial manner. Employees who violate this policy face disciplinary action up to and including discharge. FCA uses its best efforts to protect the privacy of all individuals involved throughout the investigation process."

"The incessant display of monkeys had a profound negative impact as to Davis' employment conditions," the lawsuit reads. "FCA fostered, allowed and forced (Davis) to work in a hostile work environment which permeated with disciplinary intimidation, ridicule and insults based on race which was severe and pervasive to alter the conditions of her employment and create an abusive working environment."

The offenders, like Davis, are still employed by Fiat Chrysler, according to the lawsuit.

Davis and her attorneys are seeking a jury trial and monetary damages, according to the lawsuit.
LEGOLAND Discovery Center in Auburn Hills is looking to hire several positions, WXYZ reported.

The attraction, which broke ground in late September, is slated to open Spring 2016.

According to the Merlin Entertainment website, the open positions include:
- Staff accountant
- Duty manager (guest experience)
- Duty manager (health and safety)
- Duty manager (admissions)
- Maintenance technician
- Food and beverage supervisor
- Retail supervisor
- Commercial manager

The full list of jobs and requirements can be found at http://bit.ly/1HbuW3N

Zachary Phillips, 4, of Clarkston, shows off his LEGO machine at the groundbreaking ceremony for LEGOLAND Discovery Center Michigan at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills.
Pistons owner says Palace still home for now as former mayors push for move to Detroit

BY TERRY FOSTER
The Detroit News

Auburn Hills — The Palace remains the venue of choice for the Pistons until further notice.

Owner Tom Gores, however, reaffirmed that a move to downtown Detroit remains a possibility despite recent upgrades to the Auburn Hills arena.

"We've talked about this for a long time," Gores said. "I think you've got to respect the home you are in. Whatever home you are living in you've got to make it the best possible.

"So I don't rule out downtown, but for now this is our home. I can't have guests in the house and not take care of this house."

Former Detroit mayors Dennis Archer and Dave Bing support a move to the unnamed Red Wings arena, which is under construction west of Woodward and east of Clifford and scheduled to open in 2017.

"I am biased and I am not afraid to say it, the Pistons belong downtown," Bing said. "Basketball is a city game, and (Gores) understands that. You are losing a lot of opportunity from the population standpoint by staying where he is. You don't see a lot of people from Detroit, Canadians, Downriver people, people from Ohio or Ann Arbor. Downtown Detroit is a much easier place to get to."

Archer, who served as mayor from 1994-2002, agrees with Bing, even if it's for just a few games a year.

"Mr. Gores has encouraged his folks to have discussions with the Red Wings, if nothing else than to play several games in the new area," Archer said. "I am encouraged by that."

The Pistons played at Cobo Arena from 1961-78 before moving to the Pontiac Silverdome. Late owner Bill Davidson then built The Palace in Auburn Hills, where the Pistons have played since 1988.

Bing believes a window of opportunity to move the team downtown will happen in the next 2-3 years.

"I think there are conversations going on internally but once again, until an arena is built they don't have a place to play downtown," Bing said. "(Gores) has to build a good team so he has a good product. That is not going to happen overnight."

Long-term investment

Bing said the new stadium should be a boost to the city's economy if the proposed 45-block area around it also is developed.

"If they do all the other things around the stadium, all the development they are talking about," Bing said. "That is permanent. It's long-term. You are going to have people living there."

Archer agrees.

"It is going to be outstanding," he said of the new arena and its impact. "This is going to be spectacular. This city is going to come back in ways we never dreamed of and it will give new hope for the city."

Pro sports essential

Archer said cities need pro sports. He was mayor in Detroit when Cleveland lost the Browns to Baltimore in 1995.

"That city was devastated," Archer said. "All of the mayors worked together and told the NFL it was not appreciated and not respected and demanded to do something."

The NFL eventually replaced that team with the current Browns.

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Clarence Tobb, Jr./Detroit News

Pistons owner Tom Gores says a move downtown remains possible, but "you've got to respect the home you are in."
Students host pro-life demonstration at OU

By Paul Kampe

A handful of volunteers staged a pro-life demonstration at Oakland University in blustery temperatures Thursday, Oct. 29.

Students for Life co-president Christina Lo Piccolo said the group saw “a pretty even mix” of attendees, some of which were pro-choice supporters, who engaged in discussion about abortion.

“Whether you’re pro life or pro choice, it’s important to be informed,” she said. “A lot of students seem to be indifferent and that surprises me.”

The group placed several hundred pink crosses in the lawn outside the school’s student center to represent the number of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood on a daily basis.

Lo Piccolo said a pro-choice group was scheduled to protest alongside their demonstration, but had not arrived as of 12:30 p.m.

Roughly 100 students stopped in the first two hours the rally was staged. One of which was senior Zuzanna Gos, an international relations major who called the scene “eye opening.”

“People need to realize what Planned Parenthood is all about,” she said. “It offers some good benefits, but it also promotes murder.”

In 2013, Planned Parenthood noted that just three percent of its 2.7 million patients nationwide received abortions. However, an anti-Planned Parenthood group calling itself the Planned Parenthood Project says 94 percent of the organization’s pregnancy services are abortions.

The federally funded organization also offers other sexual and reproductive health care such as treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and cancer screenings.
Seven Auburn Hills residents will be running for four seats on the city's council in the Nov. 3 election. Three of the seats are four-year terms, while one is for a two-year term. Candidates were sent an election survey via email. Summaries of their responses are below:

- **Sean Johnson**: A program manager in the automotive industry, the 36-year-old has lived in the community for nearly 10 years. Johnson has master's degrees in operations management and manufacturing management from Kettering University.

According to Johnson, the top issues facing the community are attracting potential new residents and businesses, improving relations between the city and the community and having a better connection between the city and its public schools.

"There are groups of people and families that do not feel fully engaged in the Auburn Hills experience," he said. "I believe this is because they feel their voices are not being heard. I will work to future develop these relationships."

- **Bob Kittle**: President and CEO of the data aggregation firm Munitrex, Kittle, 56, has lived in the city for 16 years. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration. Elected in 2013, Kittle said the city's most pressing issues are: balancing the needs of affordable, yet outstanding delivery of services in a challenging economic environment; planning for the changing demographics of its senior population; and effectively managing growth.

"Auburn Hills is fortunate to be growing both its residential and commercial property base at a fast clip, but with rapid growth comes many challenges," he said. "These challenges must be anticipated, not discovered by accident."

Kittle said the council needs to be well-versed about updating the city's infrastructure, ensuring affordable housing for seniors and operating the city government at the lowest possible cost.

- **Kevin McDaniel**: A healthcare sales consultant, McDaniel, 36, is a fourth-generation city resident and has lived in the community for nearly all of his life. He has a bachelor's degree in management information systems from Oakland University.

Currently the city's mayor, McDaniel was re-elected in 2011. He said the council has already taken steps to ensure availability of affordable senior housing, but needs to continue to address the need. Ensuring public safety and strategic financial investments are other areas of concern, he added.

"There are more developments currently being proposed for our downtown, and it will be crucial that we make sure that these are smart investments that will best complement our existing buildings," he said.

"I am extremely proud of my experience and record when it comes to getting residents, developers and private investors working together, to bring the very best in smart development to Auburn Hills."

Maureen Hammond and Adam Ritchie are also seeking the position, but did not respond in time for inclusion.

Three residents are also running for two six-year seats on the city's library board: Kanelo Kastran, Cathy Nurek Moldenhauer and Sylvia Clark.

Meanwhile, two residents are also running for one partial term on the library board ending in November 2017: Sharna Hatcher and Richard Siepelski.

There are no city proposals on the ballot.
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Anti-Planned Parenthood rally at OU

By Paul Kampe
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An Oakland University student organization is partnering with a national organization to host a pro-life demonstration on the Rochester-area campus Thursday, Oct. 29.

Oakland University Students for Life is collaborating with Students for Life of America on the Planned Parenthood Project, a traveling demonstration aimed at educating college students about what it says are Planned Parenthood’s “real motives.”

The group—which calls Planned Parenthood a “Goliath of the abortion industry” which preys on college-age women—plans to post crosses marking the number of abortions it says are performed daily by the organization.

Some 850 crosses memorializing aborted babies and banners are expected to cover the lawn between the school’s Oakland Center and its Kresge Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is being held at more than 80 campuses nationwide and was last held at Oakland University in 2013.

“Many students started talking about it,” Students for Life co-president Mirna Awrow said. “Lots of students were shocked this much taxpayer money goes to an organization like this.”

The group has some 15 active members and has two main focuses: educating students about abortion and offering resources for women to help continue their pregnancy, Awrow said.

“We try to engage students in talking and educating them on the topic,” she said.

A spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood in Southeast Michigan said via email the organization respects the rights of protesters, but “we stand by the right of our patients to be able to get health care without fear of violence, harassment or intimidation,” Desiree Cooper said.

“If these protesters were truly committed to reducing the number of unintended pregnancies, they would work with Planned Parenthood to increase access to affordable birth control and comprehensive sex education.”

Abortions are not the only service offered by Planned Parenthood, though.

Cooper noted Planned Parenthood served nearly 71,000 Michigan residents last year meeting a wide array of needs. More than 12,000 received breast health exams, 8,800 received pap tests, 1,600 received prenatal care, 15,500 received HIV testing and counseling, while nearly 800 underwent a procedure to address precancerous cervical cells.

“Our nurses, doctors and staff work tirelessly to ensure that women and families are always able to access affordable, high-quality health care in a safe and caring environment,” Cooper said. “We do more to prevent unplanned pregnancies and abortion than any other health care provider in the world. In fact, the overwhelming majority of our services are preventive— including contraception, life-saving breast and cervical cancer screenings, prenatal care, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.”
Legoland reveals 10 metro Detroit landmarks to be built out of Legos

By Jenny Kalish
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The Legoland Discovery Center of Michigan on Wednesday announced the 10 Detroit area landmarks that will be displayed — in Legos — at its new Miniland attraction at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, WXYZ reported.

Suggestions for which landmarks should be featured were submitted via Facebook, asking users to suggest a “building, statue or artistic creation.”

The landmarks selected include:
- GM Renaissance Center
- Spirit of Detroit
- Belle Isle
- Motown Museum
- Fox Theater
- Guardian Building
- Comerica Park
- Uniroyal Tire
- Michigan Central Station

An additional round of voting will be held from Nov. 2 through Nov. 16 to decide which landmark will be unveiled at a special event prior to the Legoland Discovery Center Michigan's grand opening in the spring, according to the report.

The winning landmark will be revealed Nov. 18.
Kunselman's new position was not posted for other applicants and a candidate search was not conducted, Hynd said, noting if Kunselman was not available, the university would have proceeded in that fashion.

Kunselman, who has a bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and Carnegie Mellon University, respectively, joined Chrysler as a product engineer and has held several leadership positions with the company. According to a university press release, he also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan.

A Pennsylvania native and current White Lake Township resident, Kunselman was appointed to Oakland's board of trustees by Gov. Rick Snyder three years ago.
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Fiat Chrysler announces partnership with Pistons, Palace

Auburn Hills-based Fiat Chrysler Automobiles has purchased the naming rights to areas within The Palace of Auburn Hills and the DTE Energy Music Theatre, according to a press release from Palace Sports and Entertainment, which operates both northern Oakland County venues.

The West Atrium at the Palace of Auburn Hills will now be known as the Dodge Atrium, while the Ivy Lounge at DTE Energy Music Theatre will now be known as the Jeep Ivy Lounge.

The Dodge Atrium serves as the main entrance for the Palace of Auburn Hills, also hosting the Dodge Ticket Store and Pistons Locker Room store, according to the release.

The Jeep Ivy Lounge is used for DTE Royal members before, during and after events at the Clarkston-area amphitheater, and can also be rented for parties and special events.

Vehicle displays will be constructed at both locations to showcase the partnership. Both the atrium and the lounge will receive inside and outside signage to reflect the new branding.

The Palace recently unveiled $11 million in upgrades, including new seating and new restaurant concepts.

Palace owners had previously spoken of selling the naming rights for the entire arena. It is currently one just two venues in the NBA without a corporate naming sponsor.

DTE Energy Music Theatre is formerly known as Pine Knob Music Theatre. The utility company bought naming rights to the venue in 2002, according to the Palace Sports and Entertainment website.

AUBURN HILLS

Woman facing felonies after police officer injured

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An Auburn Hills woman is facing felony charges after police report she struck and injured a police officer in a hit-and-run incident on the city's west side early Friday morning.

Brianna Rochelle Smart, 22, was arrested without incident at 10:45 a.m. after resisting arrest and striking the officer with her vehicle hours earlier, police said.

Smart was charged by the Oakland County Prosecutors Office with:
• Fleeing and eluding a police officer: third degree, a felony punishable by five years in prison and/or $1,000 fine
• Assaulting/resisting/obstructing an officer causing injury: a felony punishable by four years in prison and/or $5,000 fine
• Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault): a felony punishable by four years in prison and/or $2,000 fine
• Driving while license suspended/revoked/ denied: a misdemeanor punishable by 93 days in jail and/or $500 fine

Smart was arraigned at the 52-3 before District Court in Rochester Hills before Judge Lisa Asaadorean.

A not-guilty plea was entered on Smart's behalf and bond was set at $75,000 cash or surety. A probable cause conference was set at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 2 before Judge Nancy Tolwin Carniak.

Smart was lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

Early-morning incident

Just after 2 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle near Odyke and Pontiac roads. The officer placed Smart under arrest, but she was able to get free and return to her vehicle, police said.

Smart allegedly then backed her vehicle up, striking the officer and his patrol car before driving off.

The officer sustained non-life threatening injuries from the incident. He was transported to McLaren Oakland hospital in Pontiac where he was treated for his injuries and released.

“His is in good condition,” said Auburn Hills police Lt. Jill McDonnell.

The 37-year-old officer has been with the department for four years.

Police believe Smart was picked up at a nearby gas station and her vehicle was located a short distance away from the scene of the incident in a hotel parking lot.

Online reporter Brian Johnston contributed to this story.