



# The City of Auburn Hills

## City Council Meeting

### Minutes

February 9, 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 (Arrived at 7:08)

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, City Clerk Kowal, DPW Director Melchert, Manager of Public Utilities Michling, Lt. Miarka, Business Development Manager Carroll, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineers Juidici and Stevens

6 Guests

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – January 26, 2015

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the January 26, 2015 City Council regular meeting minutes.**

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (6– 0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.022**

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS - none

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Public Safety Advisory Committee – January 27, 2015

##### 7b. Motion – Accept Traffic Control Order SS-15 Updates Stop Sign TCO; Revise Yield Sign TCO

**RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SS-15 making it permanent and approve revised YS-15 to remove the Yield signs on Quebec at Alberta and replace them with Stop signs.**

##### 7c. Motion – Accept Traffic Control Order Private Property SS-2015, Oakland Estates Stop Signs

**RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order Private Property SS-2015, Oakland Estates.**

##### 7d. Motion – Approve Purchase of Eight New Mobile Computers

**RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of eight (8) Dell 6430ATG Mobile Workstations from Dell under the Oakland County Bid at a cost of \$17,042.32 and authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order.**

##### 7e. Motion – Approve Purchase of 27 New Taser Weapons

**RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of twenty seven (27) Taser X26P's and associated equipment by the Auburn Hills Police Department and authorized the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order in the amount of \$27,598.14.**

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

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

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (6-0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.023**

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Mitchell.**

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

*Council Member Verbeke arrived.*

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.024**

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

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

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

**Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Kittle.**

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

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.025**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

Lt. Miarka stated Detective Martin and Sergeant Eftink have been trained in working with this system; future plans include having other officers trained. Both Detective Martin and Sergeant Eftink have certification from the District Court as expert witnesses and Detective Martin has certification of the Circuit Court as well. This system has also been certified by the local courts for use.

This current system does not allow enhancing high definition videos and this new upgrade will make that allowance. The upgrade will replace the software and include a storage capacity, doubling the existing capacity, and an USB that can download a business's video on site.

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

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

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.**

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

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.026**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Resolution Accepting Rabeeh Drive, Zaher Drive, and Ramzi Lane as Public Roadway.**

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

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.027**

**10. COMMENTS AND MOTION FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Hammond:

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

Mr. Knight:

- The road markings downtown are very difficult to see; he would like to see if iridescent paint could be used or reflectors. He understands nothing can be done now, but when the weather gets a little warmer.
- There are 1,506 Auburn Hills' students in the Avondale School District, or 44.8% of the student population. The other communities are Rochester Hills with 1,256 students or 37.4%; Troy has 465 students or 13.8%; and Bloomfield Hills 132 students, 3.9%.
- On behalf of the Avondale Youth Assistance Association, support from the City is greatly appreciated; he distributed to Council the annual report. The volunteer's appreciation program was attended by Fire Chief Manning, Senior Director Karen Adcock, and Recreation Director Brian Marzolf.
- Is asking for comments or suggestions from the residents regarding a ZBA petitioner who is seeking approval to allow the installation of an electric fence on a commercial business.  
City Attorney Beckerleg has indicated that electric fences are not expressly allowed in the zoning districts and case law indicates that if a zoning ordinance does not expressly provide for a specific structure or use, the said structure is not allowed.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Asked how the snow removal from the street corners, creating blind spots, is coming along.

Mr. Melchert explained the piles are worked on every day, he isn't sure of what percentage is completed. Work will continue until all is cleared.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Congratulated Senior Director Adcock for being appointed to the Oakland County Community Development Advisory Board.
- Is passing along a compliment to City Council she received from an Avondale school staff member and resident, that Council cares deeply for the community and conduct themselves in a very professional manner.
- Expressed her appreciation to DPW for their response to the big snowstorm; there is always room for improvement, but she appreciates the effort. She noted residents can help by removing their vehicles from the streets when a Snow Emergency is declared.
- Nominations are opened for the Pontiac Youth Assistance Recognition Awards, through April 15th. This is for students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, attending public, private or parochial schools within the Pontiac district or reside within the Pontiac school district. There are three categories: Students who perform personal acts of heroism; students who perform outstanding volunteer work; and students who have personal achievements, such as overcoming a significant obstacle in their life. Nominations are being accepted at [www.pontiacyouthassistance.org](http://www.pontiacyouthassistance.org).
- Recognized Police Chief Olko and members of the Police Department who were recognized at the annual breakfast.
- Saw the blog from the Police Department regarding accepting donations for children's safety seats and asked for more specific information.

Police Chief Olko explained the Department has run out of child safety car seats. The Department gives seats to those that can't afford one, generally when the driver has been pulled over. Donations must be new and in sealed boxes; needed are the convertible car seats and booster seats.

Mayor McDaniel:

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

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

#### 12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

#### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Labor Negotiations IAFF

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Verbeke.

**RESOLVED: To adjourn to Executive Session.**

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

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.028**

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

**Moved by Burmeister: Seconded by Mitchell.**

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

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

No: Kittle

**Motion Carried (6-1)**

**Resolution No. 15.02.029**

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

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Terri Kowal, City Clerk