



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

March 23, 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, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kittle, Council Member Verbeke

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, City Clerk Kowal, DPW Deputy Director Herczeg, Roads & Fleet Manager Brisson, Finance Director Schulz, Assistant City Planner Keenan, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineer Juidici
18 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular Council Meeting – March 9, 2015

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the March 9, 2015 City Council regular meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5– 0)

Resolution No. 15.03.046

4b. Council Workshop – March 9, 2015

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the March 9, 2015 Council Workshop meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5– 0)

Resolution No. 15.03.047

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Appointment – Clinton Westover to the Elected Local Official's Compensation Commission

Clinton Westover introduced himself, noting he has been a resident of Auburn Hills for approximately 10.5 years. He is an engineer by trade and currently work with the United States Navy as a nuclear ballistic submarine technician; he enjoys serving his country anyway he can. He understands the duties and responsibilities of the Compensation Commission and takes his duties very seriously. This is another way for him to serve his community, in addition to the American Legion, school volunteer, and volunteering for the parades and floats.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Westover for his willingness to serve on this Committee, as well his volunteer activities and serving in the Armed Forces.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To confirm the Appointment of Clinton Westover to the Elected Local Official's Compensation Commission for a term ending July 31, 2022.

Mr. Knight stated he hopes Mr. Westover will volunteer in another capacity within the City, since this Commission only meets every other year.

Ms. Mitchell thanked Mr. Westover for his willingness to serve on the Commission.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5– 0)

Resolution No. 15.03.048

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Kobish, 165 S. Opdyke Road stated he and his wife moved from the west side of the State, to Auburn Hills six days ago. Mr. Kobish explained he enjoys being involved in the community he lives in; he has been on numerous boards and commissions and just recently resigned as a city council member. He asked how he and his wife can become involved in Auburn Hills, who he should contact.

Mayor McDaniel welcomed Mr. Kobish and his wife to Auburn Hills, on behalf of City Council and staff. Continuing, Mayor McDaniel stated he will contact Mr. Kobish with all of the happenings of the City and explain how he and his wife can get involved with the City.

Mike Green, 146 Rosetta Court, asked where he should submit an application regarding the Memorial Day Parade, noting the parade route will be the same as in the past.

Mayor McDaniel explained that information should be submitted to the Police Department and Police Chief Olko. Mayor McDaniel stated he will forward Mr. Green's information to the Chief.

Mr. Green explained this is a new venture for him and any help will be greatly appreciated. He hopes to do at least half as good a job as the late past coordinator, Vicki Poynter. Mr. Green also asked if Council will be purchasing the hotdogs and hamburgers for the picnic held after the parade.

Mayor McDaniel, stated yes, this has always been Council's commitment to provide hotdogs and hamburgers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Tax Increment Finance Authority – March 10, 2015

7a.2. Zoning Board of Appeals – March 12, 2015

7a.3. Planning Commission – March 17, 2015

7b. Motion – Approve Scope of Engineering Services for Pontiac Road

RESOLVED: To approve the Pontiac Road Rehabilitation and Water Main Improvement Scope of Engineering Services to OHM Engineering Advisors in the not-to-exceed amount of \$185,000.00 and the materials testing estimate of \$9,000.00 to Testing Engineers and Consultants. Funds to be paid proportionately by TIFA D (40%) \$77,600.00 from account 253-737-973.000 and the Water Fund (60%) \$116,400.00 from account 592-536-977.001.

7c. Motion – Accept Resolution Declaring March as Parent Awareness Month

RESOLVED: Declaring March 2015 as Parenting Awareness Month

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.049

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Public Hearing/Motion – Approve Liquor License Renewals

Police Chief Olko stated three more businesses have met their financial obligations to the City and an approval of the liquor license renewal is recommend for Ciccarelli's, Nick's Place aka Elwell's and Duffy's Irish Pub. There are three business that still have not met all the requirements for license renewal; Great Lakes Golf Center, Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill and the Hyatt Place Hotel.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. and hearing no comment closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the annual liquor licenses of those establishments who have now met the licensing requirements of the City: Ciccarelli's, Elwell's/Nick's Place, and Duffy's Irish Pub.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.050

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To adopt the resolutions objecting to renewal of liquor licenses based on outstanding financial obligations to the City: Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill, Great Lakes Golf Center and the Hyatt Place Hotel.

Mayor McDaniel stated he knows there will not be a representative from Great Lakes Golf Center at this evening's meeting and asked Chief Olko if she knew if there are representatives from the other establishments.

She didn't believe anyone was in the audience, noting letters were sent via certified mail to each by the Clerk's Office and a hand delivered letter by a Police Officer, for those not in compliance.

Mr. Knight explained if any of the establishments meet the financial obligations after this evening, they will then have to wait until the next Council meeting to get approval for a license renewal. He asked if it was certain these three establishments were aware of this evening's meeting.

Police Chief Olko assured Mr. Knight, each establishment is aware of this evening's meeting and recommendation.

Mayor McDaniel confirmed the establishments were notified, explaining one of the establishments has already responded via email.

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.051

8b. Motion – Approve Street Markings

Mr. Brisson explained the annual street marking program has historically been inventoried in early summer, followed by Council approval in late summer and work performed in the fall. For the past two years, work requests submitted late in the fall have resulted in unfinished intersection markings due to end-of-season demand from many municipalities and road agencies seeking pavement marking as large-scale road projects are completed. He met with PK Contracting and an early spring work request is preferred to assure enough time to meet the street marking needs.

The budgeted amount for the street marking is \$82,000. Only one bid was submitted, that being PK Contracting, the only contractor in this area doing this type of work. The other contractor doing this type of work is on the western side of the State, and even though there was a phone conversation and an email with an invitation to bid, that company, RS Contracting, did not submit a bid.

PK Contracting has continued the same pricing from the previous three years; this is a one year contract with an option to renew at the same price for an additional two years.

Mr. Knight asked if this contract will include striping downtown at least twice in a year; the current striping is very difficult to see. He would be willing to increase the budget if additional striping can be done, possibly once now and again in the fall.

Mr. Brisson is confident the budget will allow additional striping if necessary.

Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. Brisson if there has been any decision if a reflective paint can be used in the downtown area where there has been many complaints of the difficulty seeing the street markings.

Mr. Brisson stated reflective markings for intersections are available, but he isn't sure about the long street markings, and will investigate.

Mr. Knight stated the Auburn Road left turn lane needs better marking from South Squirrel Road, extended beyond Cherryland.

Ms. Mitchell noted Council is budget conscious, but the street markings downtown are very important and need improving. She asked Mr. Brisson to please bring this matter back to Council if better marking or multiple markings will cost more than what is currently budgeted.

Mr. Brisson stated he will speak with PK Contracting to see if there are options, and if there is a cost adjustment, he will bring the new information to City Council.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve PK Contracting, 1965 Barrett, Troy, Michigan 48084 to perform Street Marking Services for the not-to-exceed cost of \$82,000.00. Funding is provided from Major Streets (202-452-935.100) and Local Streets (203-453-935.100).

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.052

8c. Motion – Accept Oakland Heights Development Landfill Report / Third and Fourth Quarter Summaries

Andy Foerg, Environmental Consulting Solutions noted all is very quiet at the landfill, the quietest it has been in the 15 or so years he has been doing the monitoring. Attention is being kept on a couple of issues from last year; the staff gauge and sedimentation pond in relation to MW31-SR, this is long term, but not crucial. The construction of the new Cell has decreased the flow rate of exceedances in Cell F. He will continue to monitor the secondary collection system, as he has been doing.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To accept the Third and Fourth Quarter Y2014 Monitoring Network Review Summaries and 2014 Annual Monitoring Network Review Summary prepared by Environmental Consulting Solutions for the Oakland Heights Development Landfill.

Mr. Knight asked Mr. Dolson of Oakland Heights Management if the first Cell has been capped and is no longer being used.

Bill Dolson explained the south side of Cell A, the east sides of Cell B and part of Cell C have been capped thus far. More trash will be put on top, because of the sinking. The height limit has not been reached and will continue making a peak allowing rain water and snow melt to run off and not pool on top.

Mr. Knight noted Mr. Dolson is contemplating retirement and wished him well in the event this is his last time meeting with City Council.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Mr. Dolson for his work and the updates he has provided City Council.

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.053

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approve Special Land Use Permit / Genesis Christian Church

Mr. Keenan explained this request is to convert the existing 5,046 square foot building and former home of the Santa Fe Authentic Mexican Restaurant into a church. The property is located at 2655 Lapeer Road, which is on the north side of Lapeer Road between Zelma Drive and Glenrose and is zoned B-2, General Business district.

Genesis Christian Church currently has approximately 100 members. The proposed seating allows the church to hold up to 132 people per service. Based on the number of seats, 44 parking spaces are required. The site plan identifies 83 on-site parking spaces, which will allow for the further growth. Because this church will be located in a B-2, General Business district, the Genesis Christian Church has submitted a letter of understanding, stating “Genesis Christian Church, and its successors, will not object to the issuance of any liquor license for businesses at adjoining properties within 500 feet of our property, provided such projects have received approval from the City of Auburn Hills.” This letter of understanding is similar to other churches that are located in other than residential zoning districts.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$10,000 and has been approved by the City’s Administrative Site Plan Review Team; the Planning Commission recommends approval of the project.

William Bell, Jr., Pastor of Genesis Christian Church, noted how excited he and the congregation are to be part of the Auburn Hills community. He would like to meet with the Mayor and hear what the community expects of him and his church, as being part of the community.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Pastor Bell, and welcomed him and his church on behalf of City Council and staff.

Mr. Knight noted what a great community consideration it is to have the church submit a letter of understanding. He feels it is a win-win situation; a community can never have too many churches.

Ms. Hammond asked how long the renovation will take before the church can move in.

Pastor Bell stated it shouldn’t take too long, most of the renovations are cosmetic.

Mr. Burmeister asked if the church isn’t limiting itself from a big congregation expansion, due to the building size.

Pastor Bell explained there can be multiple service times, until a time and when property becomes available to expand to meet the congregational needs.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Special Land Use Permit for Genesis Christian Church located at 2655 Lapeer Road subject to the condition that Genesis Christian Church, and its successors, will not object to the issuance of any liquor license for businesses at adjoining properties within 500 feet of their property, provided projects have received approval from the City of Auburn Hills.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.054

9b. Motion – Approve Combined Planned Unit Development: Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Mosaic of Auburn Hills

Mr. Keenan explained this is a request from Sky Cap Ventures, requesting to construct an 81 unit residential development on a 20 acre parcel of land located at the southeast corner of Baldwin and Collier Roads. The parcel is zoned RM-2, Multiple Family Residential district. In 2005, City Council approved a 90 unit development on this site. The Planned Unit Development (PUD) process was suggested because of the site challenges, which include wetlands, slopes, bad soils, and flood plains.

The proposed PUD will consist of three, 12-unit townhouse style apartments and three, 15-unit modern style apartments. All six buildings will be two stories tall and have shingled peaked roof. Each unit will have a one car garage with a driveway. All will be renter occupied.

Mr. Keenan showed some renderings of the buildings on the projection screen.

Mr. Keenan noted there are three deviations from the zoning district:

1. Frontage Tree Plantings – 48 tree are required along the streets; however, the developer has agreed to plant the 21 trees throughout the site to meet the overall tree density requirements.
2. Building Length in the RM District – the building length allowed is 180 feet; the proposed 15 unit buildings are 193 feet long and the 12 unit buildings are proposed at 234.5 feet long, 54 feet longer than allowed.
3. Wetland Buffer – the detention pond buffer is five feet shorter than the required 25 feet. Speaking with MDEQ, they agreed the 20 foot wetland buffer will be sufficient.

Continuing, Mr. Keenan noted all the garages will be prepped for electric vehicle charging stations, the site is designed to be a walkable community and the modern style apartments have nine unique floor plans from ranch style in the 15 unit

buildings, for age friendly living, to split style and colonial style living. There are also two passive parks, as well as extensive wetland preservation. All wetlands on the site will be preserved as opposed to the previous plan which would have filled 1.5 acres of wetland.

The projected starting time is spring, with a completion in late 2016, with the total cost estimated at \$9 million.

At the Planning Commission meeting three concerns were raised by the Lake Angelus Environmental Review Board:

1. *The reduced buffer width will negatively affect the wetlands -*

The DEQ has confirmed the proposed buffer will protect the wetlands.

2. *The additional storm water runoff generated from the site will impact Lake Angelus wetlands located on the west side of Baldwin Road -*

A discussion with the Oakland County Resource Commission as well as the City's engineers, determined there will be no impact from storm water runoff for Lake Angelus. There is a culvert under Baldwin Road with the water flowing from Lake Angelus to Auburn Hills, from west to east.

3. *Additional traffic from this development -*

The City engineers nor the Police Department found any concern with the additional traffic.

This project has been reviewed by the City's Administrative Site Plan Review Team; the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mr. Knight asked if the electrical charging stations will be a 110 or a 220 line; the 110 works fine, but charges slower.

Mr. Keenan explained details on what service will be provided, have not yet been discussed.

Mr. Knight noted the boulevard entrance could pose an access problem if a vehicle blocks it and suggested an emergency break-away gate located in the northeast corner of the site, where the parking lot is located.

Joseph Caradonna, developer, thanked the staff for the experience; he's been doing this for 15 years and working in this community has been one of the best experiences he has had. There has been some discussion about future building opportunities in the City. This project fell in their lap when the other developer was unable to proceed with the project. He hopes to begin as soon as possible.

Mayor McDaniel stated the public hearing was held at the Planning Commission, but asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on this matter, noting for comments only, there will be no discussion.

Pat McNew, 520 Gallogly Road, Lake Angelus, is concerned that the ingress/egress for this development solely accesses Baldwin Road; he believes RCOC should be involved and to do a traffic study. Regarding the wetland buffer, he questioned if the impact has been reviewed by a certified wetland consultant. Pertaining to the drainage flow, he believes that too should be further investigated.

Mayor McDaniel extended his appreciation to staff, Planning Chairman Ouellette, and the entire Planning Commission for their work on this project; there have been many questions and concerns raised. He knows all members and departments of the Site Plan Review Team worked diligently and timely on this project. He is comfortable with the staff recommendation to approve this project, based on all the professional opinions provided. Included opinions are those professionals from outside sources, including the MDEQ and Oakland County Water Resources.

Mayor McDaniel also thanked Mr. Caradonna for bringing this wonderful \$9 million project to the City.

Mr. Knight asked if there are any comments to Mr. McNew's concerns.

Mr. Keenan explained the wetlands are flagged by a wetland consultant, the water flows of the culvert were identified by the Oakland County Resources Commissioner, flows west to east. The water from this development will not flow into Lake Angelus. The Sinking Bridge Drain is under Oakland County's jurisdiction.

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for Mosaic of Auburn Hills PUD, subject to staff and consultants' conditions.

Mr. Knight listened to comments and stated the emergency entrance is a judgement call.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.055

9c. Motion – Approve North Oakland Water Authority Engineer Contract

Mr. Herczeg explained this if for the shared engineering services for the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA). Bids were opened and scored by representatives from each of the participating communities; OHM Engineering tallied the highest score. OHM was integral in the engineering of NOCWA and played a major role in creation of the water authority. The decision was unanimous by the NOCWA Board to retain the engineering services of OHM. NOCWA was awarded a

Competitive Grant Assistance (CGAP grant) by the State, to assist with funding to establish this Authority. This money can be used directly towards engineering services.

As part of the NOCWA by-laws, it is necessary to seek each participating community's council or board approval when entering into contacts.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the contract to OHM Advisors, Livonia, Michigan for engineering services to NOCWA in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 per year or \$30,000 for a three year period to expire on March 31, 2018. Funding is available in the 2015 Approved Budget, as well as the projected budgets for 2016-2019, Water Fund GL# 592-536-817.000 for consultant services.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.056

9d. Motion – Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Ms. Schulz explained she invited George Vitta of Asset Strategies to discuss the City's Growth and Performance portfolio, currently with a market value of \$53 million.

George Vitta explained for the period ending 12/2014 he is pleased to report very positive results for growth and investments as well as income earned. The City's portfolio is managed in part by the Treasurer's Office, primarily in CD's, which is 4% of the total assets or \$2 million. The bulk of the City's portfolio is professionally managed by Cutwater Asset Management. Interest income earned for the last quarter was \$250,000 and for the 2014 calendar year was \$710,000. Since the five years of using an outside investment and management team for the City's portfolio, the results are ahead of the established goals and expectations.

Mr. Knight asked how long it takes for Cutwater to shift the investments from Ambassador to Cutwater.

Mr. Vitta explained Cutwater officially took over the Ambassador portion of the portfolio in January, with all those funds now with Cutwater.

Mr. Knight asked for clarification for the cumulative interest income earned, how the \$710,000 figure was calculated.

Ms. Schulz explained the top portion of the report is quarterly, the bottom portion shows the year to date totals.

Mr. Knight stated he would be interested in knowing the total annual amounts for each Cutwater and Ambassador.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To accept the 12/31/2014 Investment Performance Report.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.057

9e. Motion – Approve Taylor Road Scope of Engineering Services

Mr. Herczeg explained this is a result of a discussion that began at a Council workshop. There are two options available; one (options A* & C*) for a reconfiguration of Taylor Road, \$1.6 million and the other, a reconstruct of the existing footprint (options A* & B*) is estimated at \$1.133 million. In order to accommodate the current development and stay within budgetary restraints, the original realignment option (A & B) is the staff recommendation.

(*Option A: R&R Existing Concrete/*Option B: Taylor Road Extension (Existing Alignment)/*Option C: Taylor Road - New Alignment)

City staff worked diligently and was successful in acquiring \$843,000 from the Michigan Transportation Economic and Development Fund (MTEDF) based on development and growth to the region.

DPW is seeking approval for the scope of engineering services, for the Taylor Road Rehabilitation.

Mr. Herczeg assured Mr. Knight this is only for the scope of design for the project and a design will be brought back to Council for approval.

Ms. Hammond is pleased that this project is finally moving forward, which will make getting to Fieldstone Golf Club much better.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Taylor Road Rehabilitation and Extension Scope of Engineering Services to OHM Advisors in the not-to-exceed amount of \$76,000.00 and the materials testing to Testing Engineers and Consultants for the estimate of \$4,000.00. Funds to be paid from the Local Roads account 203-453-935.000.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

Resolution No. 15.03.058

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond:

- Noted personal information on the application for Mr. Westover was not redacted.
- Talked with Mr. Keenan about receiving copies of the paper site plans, she prefers them to the electronic versions.
- Saw the City's drone video on face book and noted the comments about the invasion of privacy; Mr. Tanghe will be talking about this in his report.

Mr. Knight:

- Was disappointed the notice in the newspaper regarding grass height didn't have a title, he would prefer from now on a title be included in any notices.
- Auburn Road in front of the concrete crushing plant is covered in dirt, particularly the center lane; it needs to be cleaned up. The company needs to clean up the dirt and keep the roadway clean.
- The Boys and Girls Club is having their annual fund raiser, the Steak and Burger Dinner. OHM has contributed again and will host City Council, but he would like City Council to purchase their own table, by each pitching in, like was done years ago.

Ms. Mitchell:

- She was very pleased to see the support of the City Clerk's office at the Auburn Hills' Campus of OCC, helping students registering to vote.
- Earlier this month, she and Mayor McDaniel attended a five year anniversary service for Community Impact Church; she wants to extend her congratulations.
- She thanked staff for the additional data she requested, and especially thanked Assistant City Manager Grice for his help.
- Fourteen months ago she requested that the Planning Commission receive electronic packets, and she is happy to report that there are now electronic packets. She thanked Mr. Cohen and Mr. Cagle in this effort.

Mayor McDaniel:

- He wanted to be the first, and on behalf of Council to wish Mr. Knight a happy 84th birthday, which is Tuesday.
- Thanked the American Legion for donating every year to the Easter Egg Hunt.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Wished Mr. Knight a happy birthday.
- Last Thursday the City hosted MDOT Transportation Commission; this is a board that travels around the State visiting communities.
- The Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Denise Asker, has accepted another position and hopefully within the next few weeks a new Director will be hired.
- Regarding the drone, this is a video drone that will replace the Media Consultant from taking dangerous chances at getting video footage from high places. The video is exhibiting what Auburn Hills has to offer and is not used for invading anyone's privacy. There are rules for the use of the drone; the drone will be used by the Media Consultant or someone else in the event the Media Consultant is directing the video. The purpose of the drone is to promote the City; examples are the State of the Community address, before and after pictures of conditions or the DDI's progress.

Mayor McDaniel noted Auburn Hills has always prided itself on being innovative, so this is another great example of thinking ahead of the curve. Any tools used by the City and/or employees can always be misused; however, the City always has policies and procedures in place to make sure misuses don't occur.

Mr. Knight noted there are some police and fire instances where this drone would be a very beneficial tool, such as an accident or a lost child or in certain emergency situations. He would like some criteria in place so other departments may have use of the drone, if needed.

Mayor McDaniel suggested checking the water tower with the drone, as opposed to workers putting on the harnesses and climbing hundreds of feet into the air.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.