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 Chief Olko Fire Chief Manning, Police Lt. Miarka, Police Lt. Gagnon, Assistant Fire Chief Macias, City Clerk Kowal, Manager of Business Development Carroll, City Assessor Lohmeier, Senior Director Adcock, Finance Director Schulz, Firefighter Wahl, Management Assistant Mariuz, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineer Juidici
17 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4a. Regular City Council Meeting – May 18, 2015
Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.
RESOLVED: To approve the May 18, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None
Motion Carried (7–0)

Resolution No. 15.06.106

4b. Goals & Objectives Meeting – June 1, 2015
Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Mitchell.
RESOLVED: To approve the June 1, 2015 Goals & Objectives meeting meeting minutes.
VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke
No: None
Motion Carried (7–0)

Resolution No. 15.06.107

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
Mayor McDaniel amended the Agenda, Item 8b. will take the place of 5c.
5a. Presentation – Auburn Hills Helping Hands Scholarship Award to Colby Tuck
Fire Fighter Dan Wahl explained how Helping Hands assists residents throughout the community. He continued explaining this evening the Dennis E. Deering Jr. Scholarship is being presented to Colby Tuck who has spent many hours, over 700, contributing to the the community. Colby will be attending Albion College in the fall and hopes to one day attend law school.

5b. Appointment and Issuing of Oath of Office - City Treasurer
Mr. Tanghe explained this past Friday, June 5, 2015, Nancy Buschmohle retired as City Treasurer of Auburn Hills. As with most open positions in the City, the vacant positions are evaluated to see if there is an opportunity for greater efficiency, such as combining positions. Other communities have a combined treasurer and finance director; Plante Moran reviewed the new position and deemed it appropriate. Internal controls will continue to be monitored, assuring an appropriate system of checks and balances.
Mr. Tanghe noted the Finance Director is appointed by the City Manager, the City Treasurer is appointed by City Council, as specified in the City Charter.
Ms. Mitchell appreciates staff looking at positions and combining where and when possible, and is comfortable with these two positions being combined. However, she isn't comfortable with the timing of this change. Ms. Schulz became the Finance Director less than a year ago and doing is a great job. The certifications and training needed to be a treasurer could be impacted as the City is moving into the budget season, she isn't convinced this is the best timing for this merger, and therefore will not support this appointment.
Ms. Schulz stated just as accepting the City Finance Director position, she will accept the City Treasurer position and give it her all. She has support of the City as well as great support of her staff.
Mr. Knight is in favor of the combing positions, it has been discussed many times over the years and believes Ms. Schulz is very capable of doing both jobs. Regarding checks and balances, the City auditors will continue to review procedures. Mayor McDaniel stated Plante Moran was contacted by the City to make sure there is no conflict of interest between the two positions.
Mr. Kittle agrees with Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Knight, and asked if the Charter could be changed to reflect an either/or situation with the treasurer and finance director.

Mr. Beckerleg stated the change can be made.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To appoint Michelle Schulz to the position of Finance Director/City Treasurer, effective June 8, 2015.

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

Motion Carried (6-1)

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Ms. Kowal administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Schulz for City Treasurer.

5c. Pontiac Youth Assistance Request for Funding

Ms. Adcock introduced representatives from Pontiac Youth Assistance, including current Chairman Melvin Lee, past Chairperson Dr. Turpin, and Mary Stewart, case worker.

Mr. Lee thanked the City Council for the continued support of the Pontiac Youth Assistance program, 26 years. He noted a fund raiser is held each year at Classic Lanes to raise additional funds for the program.

Ms. Verbeke explained she was trying to connect a resident with the Pontiac Youth Assistance and after talking with Ms. Stewart, she was told to contact another person, which after many attempts was unsuccessful. She asked what the procedure is for applying for the program and questioned how many other people may have also not been able to connect with anyone.

Ms. Stewart explained a Skill Building application must be completed for funding; the application is on the website, www.pontiacyouthassistance.org and if someone doesn’t have access to a computer forms are available in their office. Financial records must also be included in the application process; guidelines are strictly followed. The application and supporting documents can be mailed, hand delivered or faxed.

Mr. Burmeister noted last year Council requested a report of how the money was spent; the number of children, programs, and type of assistance; realizing the building was damaged.

Dr. Turpin stated pipes in the building had frozen and there was no access to the building.

Ms. Stewart gave Council a report, noting the report does not contain services provided in the last month. This report also reflects the Chrysler grant money, which was spent and exceeded the amount by $80. She also provided two other reports.

Mr. Tanghe stated the Community Foundation awarded additional funds to the Pontiac and Avondale Youth Assistance.

Ms. Stewart stated all of the block grant funds for the 2013/2014 year, has been spent. Since May, $795 has been spent, though there are no block grant funds available.

Mayor McDaniel noted the report reflects 18 children being served from January 1, 2015 through May 2015 for various activities and asked if any children were turned away.

Ms. Stewart stated no children were turned away that completed the application and followed the financial guidelines.

Mr. Knight stated several years ago he went to bat for Pontiac Youth Assistance and has asked for reports over the years. He is pleased to receive reports this evening and stressed the importance of receiving detailed reports in the future. There has been some hesitation on offering money because of the lack of reporting.

Mr. Lee assured Mr. Knight and Council, that moving forward, reports will be supplied.

Ms. Stewart confirmed for Ms. Mitchell the one report reflects only Auburn Hills’ students being assisted.

Ms. Verbeke recalled last year City Council gave Pontiac Youth Assistance $5,000.

Ms. Adcock explained there was a mandatory change on how the Youth Assistance program could be funded with CDBG funds. City Council awarded Avondale Youth Assistance with $5,000 for a two year contract and Pontiac Youth Assistance could come forward this year, 2015, for next year’s funding.

Ms. Verbeke asked if Pontiac Youth Assistance received other funds.

Ms. Adcock stated Pontiac Youth Assistance received $13,000 from the City, a line item. Both Youth Assistance programs received $13,000 from the City.

Mr. Knight explained there are close to the same number of students in each of the Avondale and Pontiac school districts from Auburn Hills. He isn’t sure if other communities help Pontiac Youth Assistance financially.

Ms. Adcock explained the $13,000 is not CDBG money and she has nothing to do with the reporting on that amount. She confirmed all of the block money has been spent, and agreed with Mr. Knight that in years past, that was not always the case of spending all the CDBG money.

Ms. Adcock confirmed for Mayor McDaniel that $13,000 is being given to each Youth Assistance program in addition to the CDBG funds.
Mr. Knight would like consideration taken to give $2,500 to Pontiac Youth Assistance, since they are not receiving any CDBG money at this point. The money could be taken from the general fund and be eligible for payments following the same guidelines as CDBG funds.

Ms. Verbeke agrees with Mr. Knight in giving $2,500 to Pontiac Youth Assistance. She would also like the history of when and why $13,000 was given to the programs.

Ms. Stewart explained the $13,000 from the City began in 2011 or 2012, as a sponsorship donation. That money is used for the secretary's salary, office expenses, and towards kid's activities. She apologized for not supply more detailed reports, but she was unaware Council wanted more detailed reports.

Mr. Burmeister asked why the prices vary for the students and the YMCA programs.

Ms. Stewart explained she advises the parents to go the YMCA and fill out their financial aid forms because YMCA has funding available, with the cost difference being picked up by the Youth Assistance program.

Dr. Turpin explained the County came in and commandeered some of the programs. The block grant money is being handled by the County; the block grant money was used for the demolition of some buildings. Mr. Lee has helped raise money through his fund raising abilities. All of the money available is being spent appropriately.

Mr. Kittles stated anyone doing this type of work should be commended for their volunteerism. He asked what the total annual budget is for the Pontiac Youth Assistance and what percentage does the $13,000 make of the total budget.

Ms. Stewart explained the skill building alone is $10,000, camp has increased to $5,000 up from $3,000; these numbers are for Pontiac students only. Funds received come from Auburn Hills, $13,000 and no funds are received from Pontiac. Pontiac schools offer space, supplies, and postage. Fund raising is close to $8,000.

Mr. Kittles suggested the report indicate the total number of children served and then broken down by city - Auburn Hills, Pontiac, and West Bloomfield. The $13,000 isn't necessarily only to be spent on Auburn Hills students and he asked what the other children do for fun. The total number of students is 138, with 15 of those being Auburn Hills' residents.

Ms. Stewart explained 138 students have been part of the program, but not necessarily for only fun times. Some of those students have been referred from police departments, parents, and school districts for behavioral problems, need to direct some of those students to a particular resource.

Mr. Kittles suggested an annual report of everything that is being done through Pontiac Youth Assistance including a pie-chart showing where the funds are going. A more detailed report may spawn more donations.

Mr. Lee appreciated Mr. Kittles’s suggestion and stated a more detailed annual report will be done.

Ms. Mitchell asked if reports have been received from either Youth Assistant group, breaking down how the $13,000 has been spent.

Mr. Tanghe isn't aware of any report from either Pontiac or Avondale regarding the $13,000. He stated the $13,000 comes from the general fund; the CDBG funds and Chrysler Foundation are separate funding sources.

Ms. Mitchell suggested Council create a template for both Youth Assistant programs that will outline how the $13,000 is spent, the specific information Council would like to see. Additional information can always be supplied, but there should be minimum reporting requirements.

Mr. Knight suggested prior to providing more funding, that receipts be turned in with all the appropriate documentation as required by CDBG grants.

Mr. Lee explained there is a trip to Huntsville, Alabama and the Youth Assistance portion will be approximately $400 per student; this trip is in conjunction with another group. Four youth and one chaperone will be attending from Pontiac Youth Assistance; in total there will be 50 youths.

Mayor McDaniel noted this $13,000 has been approved by City Council, as a budget item for 2015. He extended his appreciation and the passion of the volunteers for helping the students, regardless of the community. He just wanted a report of what the Pontiac Youth Assistance program is offering students. He appreciates the report supplied, noting it will be beneficial in spreading the word on the great work that is being done.

Ms. Stewart agreed, that a template of what Council would like to see in a report be done, especially for those who are new to the process.

Ms. Verbeke asked what will become of Pontiac Youth Assistance if the school district is dissolved.

Dr. Turpin stated the Pontiac Youth Assistance will not go away, it is a central part of what goes on in the community. Pontiac Schools are a sponsor of Pontiac Youth Assistance, they are two separate entities. The Board is made up of volunteers, the bookkeeping is done by a Board Member, not accountants. A computer program is now being used to track the finances and the steps are leading to producing more detailed spreadsheets.

Kay Sendegas, Avondale Youth Assistance member, explained Tim Horton’s has a beautiful camp for children. She wishes the Pontiac Youth Assistance would look into the camp and file the necessary paperwork that would allow children from the Pontiac Youth Assistance the opportunity to attend the camp.
Ms. Stewart, following up on Ms. Sendegas’ comments, stated Pontiac Youth Assistance has filed paperwork with Tim Horton’s and last year sent three children to camp, though none this year. Finding scholarships for kids to attend the Tim Horton camps is not as easy as Ms. Sendegas makes it sound, there is a limited amount.

Mr. Kittle noted he just looked through the Pontiac Youth Assistance website, and the one thing that is significantly missing from the website is pictures of kids. He suggested having a high school youth help to be more creative with the website, including setting up a link to a Pay-Pal account so donations could be made directly from the website.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Ms. Stewart, Dr. Turpin and Mr. Lee for bring the information to Council and answering the many questions. The work that they do is very much appreciated and the City looks forward to continuing their support for such a good cause.

Mayor McDaniel stated he is comfortable with the issuance of the $13,000 to Pontiac Youth Assistance, as budgeted and asked if any Council Members felt differently.

Ms. Verbeke stated she would like to see a more detailed report and breakdown of how the money is spent.

Mayor McDaniel explained the money is already budgeted and from this point forward he too, would like to see a more detailed report.

Ms. Verbeke would like to see a report prior to agreeing to give the $13,000 to Pontiac Youth Assistance.

Mr. Kittle didn’t realize this was a year-after-year rubber stamped item and suggested next year’s approval will be under much more scrutiny.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the release of $13,000 budgeted, for general operation of Pontiac Youth Assistance, with the admonition, that greater, detailed information be provided to the City prior to the consideration of financial assistance for the next budget year 2016.

Mr. Burmeister asked for clarification, that the information provided by Pontiac Youth Assistance be available to City Council prior to September 2015, when the City’s annual budget discussions and approvals are made.

Mr. Knight stated that is correct.

Mr. Kittle asked if a 501c organization of this size, must have a 990 for federal tax reporting.

Mr. Knight stated he completes a 990 every year for Avondale Youth Assistance.

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

Motion Carried (6-1)

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Verbeke and Mr. Knight requested Item 7c. Traffic Control Orders be removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes
   7a.1. Pension Board – May 13, 2015
   7a.2. Retiree Health Care – May 13, 2015
   7a.3. Public Safety Advisory Committee – May 26, 2015

7b. Motion – Approve to Fund Designations – GASB 54

   RESOLVED: To approve the recommendation and the attached resolution to designate the subsequent year’s adopted budget of the Storm Water Management department’s debt obligations as committed funds on the City’s audited financial statements. Further, this approval removes the committed designation previously assigned to the Storm Water Management, Street Improvement, and Sidewalk departments of the General fund.

7d. Motion – Award Contract for Fire Uniforms

   RESOLVED: To approve the Fire Department enter into an agreement with NYE Uniforms to supply uniforms for two years at the pricing listed in the uniform proposal, with an option to extend the contracted price for one additional year.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda Items 7a., 7b., and 7d.

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

Motion Carried (7– 0)

Resolution No. 15.06.109

7c. Traffic Control Orders
   7c.1. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Establish Collier Road Speed Limit
   7c.2. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Establish Dexter Road Speed Limit
   7c.3. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Paramount Estates Update Speed Limit
   7c.4. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Establish Taylor Road Speed Limit

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

Motion Carried (7-0)
Ms. Verbeke was shocked when reading the Traffic Control Orders referring to State law to raise the speed limits on streets. She has complained for years of not enough police patrolling the streets and now because of the lack of enforcement the current speed limits will be raised. She is not in favor of the speed increases and would like to know if the residents of the streets involved were notified of the change. She knows some residents would have liked to speak on this topic, but weren't available to attend this evening's meeting. She noted half of Collier Road is residential, all of Dexter is residential, and part of Taylor Road is residential. She has no complaints for the speed limit in Paramount Estates. She recalled the residents on Taylor Road were not happy when commercial business were allowed on their street and now the speed limit increase is concerning. She would also like to know the number of speeding tickets written to deter speeding on these streets.

Lt. Gagnon noted a City Council workshop was held discussing speed limits and how the speed limits are determined. The Direct Patrol Unit does site surveys of the area, traffic studies are conducted that include vehicle count and speed of vehicles. Speed limits are determined through Public Act 85 of 2006 which defines how speed limits are set. For roads not defined as highways, the following criteria are used to determine the speed limit of a road: prima facie or statutorily; the number of access points along the road; or a traffic and engineering investigation. This law states that if these criteria are not used the speed limit is not valid and enforcement action is unlawful.

Part of the law states the 85th percentile of motorists driving these roads sets the speed, as if there were no speed limit signs. The strips that are placed on the road provide information that is included in the traffic study report. The State law also takes into consider the vehicular access points and the number of driveways as noted:

- 25 miles per hour on a highway segment with 60 or more vehicular access points within 1/2 mile
- 35 miles per hour on a highway segment with not less than 45 vehicular access points but no more than 59 vehicular access points within 1/2 mile
- 45 miles per hour on a highway segment with not less than 30 vehicular access points but no more than 44 vehicular access points within 1/2 mile

In the fall of 2014, the Auburn Hills Police Department received a complaint regarding vehicles speeding on Collier Road between Joslyn Road and 750 Collier Road. The current speed limit is 25 mph. That section of Collier Road is a Class B road and has a Traffic Control Order that has commercial truck traffic restricted to local deliveries only.

The study was conducted from October 1 – 8, 2014, and there were 9,945 vehicles. Of those vehicles the 85th percentile were traveling at 43.4 mph and 80.1% of the vehicles were exceeding the speed limit by over 5 mph. The commercial vehicles 85th percentile were traveling at 39.6 mph, with 96.7% traveling above 25 mph limit.

Crash data is also looked at, there were four crashes since 2011 and none of those involved speeding vehicles.

An engineer from the Michigan Traffic Association has also surveyed each of these locations and provided their recommendations based on all the data collected. The recommendation for this location is 35 mph, Collier Road between Joslyn and Baldwin Roads. This is not a platted subdivision, and by law, platted subdivisions must have a 25 mph speed limit. As in the case with Paramount Estates, because it is a platted subdivision, the speed limit cannot be higher or lower than 25 mph.

Ms. Verbeke questioned the argument that it doesn’t matter what the posted speed limit is, people are going to travel the speed they feel most comfortable with.

Lt. Gagnon said keeping the speed limit at 25 mph or lowering it to 15 mph, will not reduce the speed of normal traffic at that location. Increasing the speed limit to 35 mph will not slow the traffic; it is what 85% of the drivers on the road, regardless of the posted speed limit, is what people will drive.

Ms. Verbeke argued if people know the speed limit is 25 mph, then people will slow down so they won’t get a ticket. But if the police aren’t there to enforce the speed, then no one will slow down because they don’t have to worry about getting a ticket.

Lt. Gagnon agreed it is a true statement, however, police resources have to be used efficiently and can’t be sitting at a location all the time.

Ms. Verbeke agreed it is a mixed use neighborhood, but she doesn’t agree to raise the speed limit.

Lt. Gagnon explained by not raising the speed limit to 35 mph, as in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Code, the 25 mph is unlawful.

Lt. Gagnon confirmed Mayor McDaniel’s statement that if a driver is driving 45 mph, as an example, and the speed limit is posted at 25 mph, the police cannot issue a ticket because the 25 mph is unlawful.

Mayor McDaniel stated he isn’t happy with increasing the speed limit to 35 mph regardless of the number of residential homes on a street, but by conforming to State law, the police will be able to ticket those drivers who violate the speed limit. Without the speed increase, the police will not be able to issue any speeding tickets and control speed on the streets.

Police Chief Olko explained many of the speed limits were established before the State law changed. The State has taken away the discretion from the communities and has set the rules on how to determine a speed limit. The 85th percentile is an engineering standard for traffic engineering. Without changing the speed limit, conforming to State law, it becomes unlawful for the police to issue speeding tickets.

Responding to Ms. Verbeke, Lt. Gagnon stated he didn’t have readily available the number of tickets that have been written for speeders on Collier Road. He also stated that issuing speeding tickets does not slow traffic. If a patrol officer was
always sitting on Collier Road issuing tickets, then yes people will not speed; however, an officer cannot always be there and therefore people will continue speeding.

Mr. Burmeister asked about other City streets, such as Grey Road or Pontiac Road, and if those are platted subdivisions.

Lt. Gagnon stated Pontiac Road is posted at 45 mph.

Mr. Burmeister asked if that speed limit will be increased because people drive 55 mph.

Lt. Gagnon explained that will remain 45 mph, but the Taylor Road speed limit should be increased from 35 mph to 45 mph, noting Taylor Road is wider than Pontiac Road. The access points on Pontiac Road does not fall within the standards for 55 mph.

Mayor McDaniel noted speed limits are continuously being monitored, it is an ongoing process.

Lt. Gagnon stated there was a complaint of speeding on Ashburnham, so a speed study was initiated; the results will show the speed, the number of vehicles, and the time when most speeding occurs. The information determines when a patrol officer is needed in the area.

Mr. Kittel agrees with posting a 25 mph speed limit in Paramount Estates and increasing the speed limit on Taylor Road in front of the golf course to 45 mph.

Lt. Gagnon stated the Taylor Road speed limit location is between Giddings Road and Joslyn Road, where there is both residential and commercial. The residential is a non-platted subdivision.

Lt. Gagnon noted the section of Collier Road in Pontiac has a 25 mph speed limit and the City will advise Pontiac of the speed limit change in Auburn Hills, if approved by Council.

Ms. Verbeke asked to be notified when the new speed limit signs go up, because she wants to take note of all the cut through traffic which may increase due to the increased speed limit.

Lt. Gagnon agreed with Ms. Verbeke on the sight distance traveling east on Collier Road; the engineers did take that into consideration. A recommendation is to include a sign alerting drivers to limited sight distance ahead on the hill.

Lt. Gagnon noted the section of Collier Road in Pontiac has a 25 mph speed limit and the City will advise Pontiac of the speed limit change in Auburn Hills, if approved by Council.

Ms. Verbeke asked to be notified when the new speed limit signs go up, because she wants to take note of all the cut through traffic which may increase due to the increased speed limit.

Lt. Gagnon said another study can be done, by putting out the strips across the roadway to get a traffic count, various time of day counts and speed traveled. He can then report the findings back to Council.

Ms. Verbeke explained a neighbor told her police officers used to park in her driveway and monitor the traffic, but she hasn’t seen one in nearly two years and asked why.

Lt. Gagnon believes because the Department has been short staffed, there isn’t the opportunity to allow an officer to park in a driveway and monitor traffic.

Mr. Kittel asked if there is another speed study done on Collier Road, can the residents be informed prior to the study, possibly with a note in the water bill explaining what type of information is gathered from the strips on the road.

Lt. Gagnon noted that can be done.

Mayor McDaniel suggested by alerting the public to a study being done, may possibly result in a false report. Everyone seems to obey the law when told in advance that police will be in the area and are looking for violators.

Lt. Gagnon noted the Department finds it important to notify the residents of changes that will directly impact them and why the changes are being made. He stated with the changes, the police will continue to investigate complaints and issue tickets if necessary.
Mayor McDaniel understands Ms. Verbeke’s concerns and it isn’t pleased having to increase the speed limit in a residential area, but in order to enforce speed laws the speed limit must be changed. A disservice would be done for the residents if these proposed changes are not approved.

Ms. Hammond agrees with Mayor McDaniel, and noted the same concerns were discussed when the speed limit on Tienken Road was increased.

Lt. Gagnon stated crash data is also included in the speed limit determinations; there were very few crashes on any of the streets in tonight’s discussion and none of those were due to speed. Most of the crashes are a single vehicle and generally due to snowy conditions.

Ms. Verbeke stated people on her street drive way too fast, it is shocking how fast. She will not support the change.

Mayor McDaniel stated that is exactly why this change has to be supported to meet the State mandates so the police can issue tickets to those who speed.

**Mayor McDaniel asked for any more comments for Collier Road; hearing non he asked Lt. Gagnon to proceed with the Dexter Road presentation.**

Lt. Gagnon proceeded with Dexter Road, explaining the current speed limit is 25 mph. There was a citizen complaint; Dexter Road is a Class B road with weight restrictions. Oakland Geographic Information System shows Dexter from Walton Boulevard to Shimmons is on the border of various platted subdivisions and not within the subdivisions. Dexter is .6 miles long and has 22 access points which is equivalent to approximately 18 access points per ½ mile. There must be 60 or more access points to have a 25 mph speed limit; if only uses access points to determine speed, the limit could be 55 mph.

June 16th – 24th, 2014 a study was conducted and resulted in 23,091 vehicles, with the 85th percentile speed being 37.1 mph and 60.6% of vehicles were going 30 mph and above. These results were after school had recessed for the summer, so another study was conducted when school was in session. The results from September 16th -24th, 2014, showed 28,520 vehicles, and the 85th percentile speed went up to 39.6 mph and 60.5% of vehicles going 30 mph.

Since 2011, there have been 10 crashes and only one of those due to speed. The crashes usually occur at Walton Boulevard, with many being rear-end crashes.

The recommendation is 35 mph, except for school hours which will be 25 mph during school hours. School zone speed limits can be from 30 to 60 minutes before and after school, and also during a lunch period if students are allowed to leave. The school zone signs would be posted near Elstead. The TIA concurs with the recommendation.

**Mayor McDaniel asked for any comments for Dexter Road; hearing non he asked Lt. Gagnon to proceed with the Paramount Estates.**

Both Ms. Verbeke and Mr. Knight, who both asked this item be removed from the Consent Agenda agreed there is no reason for discussion on this item.

**Mayor McDaniel asked Lt. Gagnon to proceed with the Taylor Road.**

Lt. Gagnon explained there was a speed complaint which is currently posted 35 mph. The road is 37 feet wide with a three lane cross section and is a Class A road increasing load weight to 18,000-32,000. Taylor Road is residential to the south and commercial to the north. The access points don’t warrant a 25 or 35 mph speed limit.

During construction last year, the study revealed 10,647 vehicles, the 85th percentile was 51.7 mph and 44% of vehicles were going 40 mph and above. A week later, still during construction, there were 11,552 vehicles, the 85th percentile was 46.1 mph westbound and 45.9 mph eastbound, and 54% of vehicles were going 40 mph and above. After construction another study was done, resulting in 17,848 vehicles, the 85th percentile was 46.8 both directions and 59% of vehicles going 40 mph and above. There have been three crashes since 2011, and none because of speed.

Just recently a comparison was done out of curiosity for Pontiac Road, which is much more narrow than Taylor Road, from University Drive to Opdyke Road. The posted speed limit is 45 mph. There were 25,391 vehicles and the 85th percentile was 45.9 mph. There have been 12 crashes on Pontiac Road since 2011, none speed related and there are more access points on Pontiac Road.

TIA conducted an independent study and concurs with the Police Department that the speed limit should be raised to 45 mph from Giddings Road to Joslyn Road.

Ms. Verbeke noticed all of these speed limit studies were initiated through a citizen complaint. She believes the residents who made the complaint would be furious to know their legitimate complaints of speeding vehicles and asking for police help, resulted in raising the speed limits.

Lt. Gagnon stated each complaint is looked at and each aspect of the law has to also be taken into consideration if the posted speed limit meets the State’s requirements.

Mayor McDaniel agreed with Ms. Verbeke if that were the case, but there is a lot of investigation and criteria that goes into making a decision to raise a speed limit. The City has to make sure it is possible to issue tickets that will stick, because the State law, criteria, is being met to allow the issuance of that ticket. The public will be educated on the rationale of the speed limit change as noted by Lt. Gagnon earlier.

Mr. Beckerleg confirmed that Lt. Gagnon is absolutely correct in the approach the Police Department has taken.
Lt. Gagnon explained the speed limit on Taylor Road, east of Giddings Road, is 35 mph because of the sight distance, there are many curves in that section of the road. That section of the road was studied and TIA agreed to keep the speed limit at 35 mph.

7c.1. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Establish Collier Road Speed Limit

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Knight.
RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SL-04, setting the speed limit on Collier Road at 35 miles per hour.

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

Motion Carried (4-3)

Resolution No. 15.06.110

7c.2. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Establish Dexter Road Speed Limit

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.
RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SL-04, setting the speed limit on Dexter Road from Walton Blvd. to Shimmons Road at 35 miles per hour with a 25 MPH school zone adjacent to Will Rogers Elementary School property.

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

Motion Carried (5-2)

Resolution No. 15.06.111

7c.3. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Paramount Estates Update Speed Limit

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.
RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SL-04 setting a 25 mph speed limit on Oxford West, Paramount Ln., and Lujah Park.

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

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.06.112

7c.4. Traffic Control Order SL-04 – Establish Taylor Road Speed Limit

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.
RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order SL-04, setting the speed limit on Taylor Road from Joslyn Road to Giddings Road at 45 miles per hour.

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

Motion Carried (4-3)

Resolution No. 15.06.113

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Public Hearing/Motion – Brownfield Plan, 3507 Auburn Road (former Mound Steel)

Ms. Carroll explained this is a Brownfield Plan for 3507 Auburn Road, which is the former Mound Steel site and recommended for the Mayor to open the public hearing. Upon closing the public hearing, it is recommended City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for 3507 Auburn Road.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 8:54 p.m. Hearing no comment the public hearing was closed at 8:54 p.m.

Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Knight.
RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution approving a Brownfield Plan for the 3507 Auburn Road Development Project (Attachment A).

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

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.06.114

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion – New IFEC for Hydra-Zorb Co

Mr. Lohmeier explained an application has been filed for real property that is currently a vacant parcel, 1751 Summit Drive. The total project investment is projected at $4,525,244 for real property and zero dollars for personal property. The real property consists of a 51,000 square foot new manufacturing facility and will generate 30 new jobs. The applicant executed a ten year lease. This is a lease of convenience; Hydra-Zorb Company owns the building as well as being the lessee for application purposes. The applicant is requesting an eight year abatement, and has signed the City’s agreement which requires an additional two years of business residence after the certificate expires. The tax savings for the company is approximately $395,000 and the tax revenue for the City will be approximately $96,000. There are no other abatements within the City and there are no pending appeals with the applicant or the property.

The Tax Incentive Review Committee has reviewed this application and has recommended approval of the amount and eight year abatement to City Council.

Robert Dodge, President for Hydra-Zorb, explained the company has been in business since 1972. His stepfather invented a plastic bushing that began the business 50 years ago. The first location was on Doris Road. He is looking forward to the
new building. It has been great to work with Steve Cohen, Shawn Keenan and Michael Lohmeier, and another reason for building and remaining in the City. Three new jobs have already been created and they haven’t starting building yet, a sign of good things to come.

Hearing no comments, Mayor McDaniel opened and closed the public hearing at 8:57 p.m.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the request for an 8-year IFEC pertaining to new real property and personal property for Hydra-Zorb Co. with a real property investment of $4,525,244 by adopting the attached resolution (Attachment B).

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

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.06.115

9b. Motion – Award Contract for Replacement of Interview Room Recording Equipment

Lt. Miarka explained some of the audio-visual recording equipment has been in the building since it was constructed in 2001, including all four cameras. The main components of the system were upgraded in 2007, and as it gets older there are more problems.

Each of the four interview rooms currently have one camera, which only shows an overview of the room. Over the last three months there have been multiple failures in the system and lost important interrogations. The lost interrogations include interviewing armed suspects who were wanted by other departments.

Public Act 479 of 2012 now requires law enforcement agencies to make a time-stamped, audiovisual recording major felony cases. The audio portion of the recording must be done using equipment that will not allow any alterations to be made to the recording.

Juries also receive instruction that if a law enforcement agency does not have a recorded interview interrogation, a jury may consider the absence of that recording as evidence relating to the subjects statements.

The law further states that the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) to set quality standards for the recording systems. The standard includes being able to play a recording on a universal system, record 24 frames per second, and record a minimum of six hours without interruption. The recording must be in color and the entire room must be visible while recording. The recording, microphone and audio must be recorded simultaneously with the system.

A second camera is recommended to be dedicated to the location of the interviewee to provide the jury the best image of the interviewee’s posture, facial expressions and body language. It is also recommended to have an external switch installed outside the interrogation room, which would allow the interviewer to flip the switch on their way into the room, beginning the recording immediately.

The bid was posted on the MITN system and a meeting with the bidders was held at the Police Department. The proposal included having an interview room in the lobby area; having the ability to record an interview in the lobby area makes it clear that the rules of non-custody interviews apply for victims or witnesses.

The storage system should provide backup of the interviews.

The system that met all the requirements is the Cardinal Peak Case Cracker, used by the Royal Oak, Oakland County Sherriff’s Department, West Bloomfield, U.S. Capital police and many others. Each agency that was contacted stated there has not been any failure with the system and the system has done what it’s supposed to and meets all the requirements. Options include a bookmarking tool, so a particular location(s) on the recording can be easily found, as well as a five year warranty for the software and hardware.

In the 2015 Approved Budget Council approved $22,000 to replace the current interview recording management system (IRMS), however the bid came in at of $39,013.00. The funds to be used for the system will be taken from the forfeiture proceeds which are restricted funds used only for law enforcement activities and equipment.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Lt. Miarka stated the vendor believes the system can be up and running in three weeks.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of Cardinal Peak’s CaseCracker interview recording management system from Absolute Sales International at a cost of $39,013.00 and authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order.

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

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 15.06.116

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Verbeke:

- Reminded everyone of Summerfest is June 19th & 20th, and City Council will be scooping ice cream Friday evening between 6:00 and 8:00. The Beautification Advisory Commission will be hosting a craft item near the tent.
The Beautification Advisory Commission did a road side clean up on Baldwin Road, just south of the mall this past Saturday morning.

The Pontiac School District is proposing a bond issue in August; the same bond proposal that was turned down in May. Anyone interested in defeating the bond is welcomed to contact her.

Thanked everyone for support and kindness the last couple of weeks.

Mr. Burmeister:
- Asked for an update on the Opdyke Road streetscape looking shabby that he mentioned a few meetings ago.
  - Mr. Grice stated he contacted DPW the next day and work was being done. He has not contacted DPW since and assumed the issues were resolved.
- Asked Mr. Juidici for information regarding the slurry seal, cracks and bumps for Mattie Lu and Philips.
  - Mr. Juidici explained he investigated the issues, and the same contractor will be working in the City and will be fixing the problem areas.
- He noticed on Allerton Road furniture has been left curbside for pickup but has been sitting there for a number of weeks.
  - Ms. Carroll stated she will contact Mr. Greve at Waste Management and alert him to the situation.

Ms. Mitchell:
- She was pleased to see the local news coverage for Paddlepalooza.
- The summer reading program begins June 15th at the library, with a kick-off party June 11th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- She's excited about the ‘Summer Thrills in Auburn Hills’ communication campaign, she has been tweeting like crazy.
- June 13th is the Fishing Derby.
- She liked the revised format that was done for the Goals and Objectives workshop. She enjoyed having the workshop on a weekday night, it seemed more efficient.
- The Nerd Wallet, who identify themselves as a list of truth for all life’s financial decisions, listed Auburn Hills as the best place to start a small business in Michigan. The metric used was the average revenue per business.

Ms. Hammond:
- Is there an update on the clock and when it will be fixed?
  - Mr. Grice stated he will do a follow up; the part ordered was on back order, he’ll check on the status.
  - Mr. Tanghe stated he will follow up and send City Council an email with the information.

Mr. Knight:
- In response to Mr. Kittle, the Charter can be changed at the November election and because it is a minor change a Charter Commission is not required.
  - Mr. Beckerleg concurred with Mr. Knight’s statement.
- Would like to see supporting documentation from the Pontiac Youth Assistance for the expenditures.
- Complimented everyone for the opening of Featherstone; a good public relations for opening the road sooner than anticipated.
- He is very pleased with the plan that he and Ms. Hammond came up with for the road striping downtown. It will include a left turn lane for the bank; the cost was losing two parking spaces.
- Would like to discuss tax abatements.
- Saturday at Paddlepalooza, Jim Stevens and Mayor McDaniel won the trophy for defeating Rochester Hills.
- The Fishing Derby will begin at 7:30 a.m., Saturday morning, June 13th.
- Asked what happened to the trees at Riverside Park; he noticed their condition while attending the Friday Nights Downtown Music concert. The concert was well attended, especially for how cool the evening was.
  - Mr. Tanghe stated he will check with DPW tomorrow and forward an answer.

Mr. Kittle:
- Is happy to hear Featherstone is open, because he has heard from some Chrysler employees about how poor traffic is moving. He asked if the traffic issue could be looked into.
- Regarding the back-flow inspections that are being mandated by the MDEQ, annually, he asked if it would be in the best interest of residents for the City to possibly choose three, from quite a long list of vendors, with an
established negotiated fee and post them on the City’s website. Currently there are approximately 300 qualified vendors with rates ranging from $95 to $300.

Mayor McDaniel asked if this is something that will be enforced by EPA or is it the City’s responsibility to enforce.

Mr. Kittle stated it is the City’s water department that enforces the testing.

Mayor McDaniel thought it is a good idea, generally better rates can be had when doing a number of residences in the same immediate area, at the same time, like home owner associations do many times.

Mr. Kittle noted not every homeowner is aware of the back flow mandated tests.

Mayor McDaniel:

- The 12th Annual Fishing Derby will be held June 13th and he has been asked if the petroleum spill in the Clinton River will have any impact.

Mr. Grice stated the all-clear has been received from the EPA and no lingering effects are anticipated.

- The Mayor’s Cup, from Paddlepaloozas will remain in Auburn Hills.

- Southbound Squirrel Road is closed and check the City’s website for information, www.auburnhills.org. The website will be updated frequently with all the road construction information.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT - none

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- The City, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce is providing education on work place violence prevention and active shooter training. The two classes were sold out, so a third class was added, and it too has sold out. The first lunch and learn will take place this week with 36 participants.

- Last Monday’s Goals and Objectives workshop took place, establishing goals for next year, 2016. Goals are established ahead of starting the 2016 budgeting process. The four main Goals adopted by City Council are – Focus Relentlessly on Fiscal Sustainability, Deliver Outstanding City Services, Drive Smart Community Development, and Enhance Academic & Age Friendly Community Initiatives. There are a number of objectives that need to be met within each of the major goals and staff will work towards those goals as part of their performance expectations.

- This past Saturday, he, Mayor McDaniel, and Council Member Knight, attended the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Rochester Soccer Club’s new facility on Dutton Road. There are over 3,000 members of the Club, the largest of its kind in Michigan.

- Last week two public meetings were held regarding the construction on Squirrel Road. The road is open to northbound traffic only from Walton Boulevard to Dutton Road. The main page of the City’s website, www.auburnhills.org has a large block ‘2015 Road Projects’ which will take the viewer to links that are continuously updated to keep the public informed of the activity.

- Making good progress on hiring for the Police Department, just a few people shy of filling all of the patrol division positions.

- Congratulated City Treasurer Nancy Buschmohle on her retirement.

Clarence Bennett, Tienken Road, believes more than 15% of the drivers exceed the posted speed limit. He heard on public television that driving 10 miles over the speed limit is allowed, and he believes others have heard that comment as well.

Mayor McDaniel stated that is false, and Police Chief Olko confirmed that is a false statement.

Mr. Bennett stated he is tempted to move back to Ohio where the posted speed limit is the law and not a suggestion.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8: 40 p.m.
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION 15.06.114
APPROVING BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR
3507 AUBURN ROAD

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chamber at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 at 7:00 pm. On the 8th day of June, 2015.

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Hammond and supported by Council Member Knight:

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills (the City) has created a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the Authority) pursuant to PA 381 of 1996, as amended (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Authority met and considered the Brownfield plan submitted by City of Auburn Hills for the property consisting of parcel with Sidwell Number 02-14-25-451-008; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has reviewed the Brownfield plan in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, following review of the plan, unanimously approve the same and recommended approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the notices required by the Act have been given; and

WHEREAS, The City Council, in accordance with the Act, met and conducted a public hearing on June 8, 2015, in order to review the plan; and

WHEREAS, during the public hearing conducted by the City Council on June 8, 2015, all persons, including the affected taxing jurisdictions, were allowed an opportunity to comment on the brownfield plan and present their view and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Auburn Hills City Council that:

The City Council of the City of Auburn Hills hereby approves the Plan and determines that the Plan, in accordance with the Act constitutes a public purpose.

Furthermore, the Plan meets the requirements of Section 13 of the Act.

Furthermore, that the costs of eligible activities proposed are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

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

Resolution 15.06.114 Adopted (7-0)

STATE OF MICHIGAN) )SS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 8th day of June, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 9th day of June, 2015.

____________________________________
Terri Kowal, City Clerk
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION 15.06.115
APPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
FOR HYDRA-ZORB CO.

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 8th day of June, 2015.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Knight and supported by Councilperson Burmeister

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198, 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on the 21st day of October, 1985, the City of Auburn Hills established an Industrial Development District, commonly referred to as the Anirjot Investment Company Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, Hydra-Zorb has filed an application for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate with the Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills with respect to proposed new real property within the Anirjot Investment Company Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Council of Auburn Hills held a hearing on the 8th day of June, 2015 at a regularly scheduled meeting, prior to which the applicant, the assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility did not begin earlier than six (6) months before 22nd day of April, 2015, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the real property is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Auburn Hills; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Auburn Hills, after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of Auburn Hills that:

1. The City Council of Auburn Hills finds and determines that the granting of this Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, together with the aggregate amount of the certificates previously granted and currently in force, under PA 198 of 1974, and PA 225 of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Auburn Hills, or of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Auburn Hills.

2. The application from Hydra-Zorb Co. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a New Facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Anirjot Investment Company Industrial Development District; to wit;

   The real property parcel the facility is located on is identified as tax parcel 02-14-03-100-051, having an address 1751 Summit Drive, City of Auburn Hills, MI 48326, including:

   T3N, R10E, SEC 3 PART OF NW 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST S 02-45-48 E 1493.23 FT FROM N 1/4 COR, TH S 02-45-48 E 339.09 FT, TH S 87-14-12 W 110 FT, TH S 75-08-31 W 71.59 FT, TH S 87-14-12 W 508.82 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 56.67 FT, CHORD BEARS N 72-12-26 W 39.79 FT, DIST OF 40.66 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO LEFT, RAD 65 FT, CHORD BEARS N 72-12-26 W 45.65 FT, DIST OF 46.64 FT, TH N 02-45-48 W 323.51 FT, TH N 87-11-39 E 768.82 FT TO BEG 6.17 A11-10-04 FR 044 & 045

   Is hereby approved for real property improvements.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall remain in force and effect for a period of eight (8) years, and the starting date for the certificate is December 31, 2015 and the ending date is December 30, 2023.

4. The total project investment approved is $4,525,244.

5. Hydra-Zorb Co. agrees to operate the facility for which the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate is granted for the term of the certificate, plus an additional two years after the date of the certificate’s expiration.
AYES: Mayor McDaniel, Mayor Pro Tem Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION 15.06.115 ADOPTED (7-0)

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