



*The City of Auburn Hills*  
City Council Meeting  
Minutes

August 24, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McDaniel at 7:02 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, Deputy City Clerk Novak, Community Development Director Cohen, DPW Director Melchert, Manager of Municipal Properties King, Management Assistant Mariuz, Assistant Fire Chief Macias, Firefighter Shambeck, City Engineer Juidici, City Attorney Beckerleg, Public Safety Advisory Chair Coolman  
8 Guests

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4a. Regular City Council – August 10, 2015

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the August 10, 2015 Regular City Council meeting minutes.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.153**

**Motion Carried (7–0)**

4b. City Council Workshop – August 10, 2015

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Kittle.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the August 10, 2015 City Council Workshop meeting minutes as amended.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.154**

**Motion Carried (7–0)**

**5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5a. Motion – Appointment of Ronald Kobish to the Beautification Advisory Commission, term to expire December 31, 2015.

Mayor McDaniel explained Mr. Kobish moved to Auburn Hills from the west side of the State, where he served as a Council Member as well as on other boards and commissions. He thanked Mr. Kobish for his willingness to become involved in his new community.

Mr. Kobish thanked Council for the opportunity to serve.

It was confirmed for Mr. Kittle, the short term is fulfilling a vacancy on the Commission.

**Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To appoint Ronald Kobish to the Beautification Advisory Commission, term to expire December 31, 2015.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.155**

**Motion Carried (7–0)**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Annett McAvoy**, 3841 N. Briarvale, updated Council on Avondale School happenings, which include hiring some new school administrative staff and the updating of the social media. The school's website has also been revamped and can be viewed at [www.avondaleschools.org](http://www.avondaleschools.org) which includes links to both the City and library's websites.

Ms. McAvoy invited Council Members to contact her for a tour to see what is new in the schools.

Mr. Knight asked Ms. McAvoy to suggest extending open enrollment of the Avondale schools to all grades for those Auburn Hills' residents that reside in the north end of the City.

Responding to Ms. Hammond, Ms. McAvoy explained the Avondale theatre group has been invited back to Scotland and during a fund raiser, the students collected 90,000 cans and bottles resulting in a \$9,000 profit. Other fundraisers are being planned.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

### 7a. Board and Commission Minutes

- 7a.1. Planning Commission, July 21, 2015
- 7a.2. Tax Increment Finance Authority, August 11, 2015
- 7a.3. Downtown Development Authority, August 17, 2015

### 7b. Motion – Approve Contract Extension for Horticulture Services

**RESOLVED: To approve a one year contract extension to the Horticulture Services and Snow Removal Contract to Curbcoco Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$126,893.86.**

**Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Mitchell.**

**RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.156**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

## 8. OLD BUSINESS - none

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9a. Motion – Approve Site Plan/ Shield Material Handling

Mr. Cohen explained this request is for approval to construct a new 75,050 square foot North American headquarters, warehouse and distribution facility for Shield Material Handling on a 6.26 acre parcel located on the north side of North Atlantic Boulevard. The parcel is zoned I-1, Light Industrial district. Approximately 72,550 square feet of the building will be utilized for warehouse and distribution operations and 2,500 square feet for office space. The new facility will initially employ 45 people and is expected to provide ample room for the company to grow and expand its operations. Construction is expected to begin in September 2015 with completion in May 2016. Total investment for this project is estimated at \$5.7 million.

**Eugene Paik**, CEO and Owner, confirmed there would be no outside storage. He extended his appreciation to Council and Staff of having the opportunity to be a corporate resident of Auburn Hills.

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Site Plan for Shield Material Handling, subject to staff and consultants’ conditions.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.157**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

### 9b. Motion - Approve Purchase of a New Ambulance

Assistant Fire Chief Macias explained the Fire Department is in need of a new ambulance to meet the current and future needs of the community. Due to unrepairable body mounts that lost structural integrity due to corrosion, the Department is down one ambulance. The 2002 ambulance, with over 143,000 miles, was inspected by a local body shop for possible repair and there are no parts available.

Currently there is one frontline ambulance to respond to all medical emergencies. Rochester Hills Fire Department has loaned the City an ambulance to cover operations.

The Fire Department posted a request for the purchase of a new ambulance. The request was sent to more than 40 companies. Ambulance specifications covered several safety and operational aspects that are used on the current in-service ambulance. Delivery time is important, so specifications were written to draw proposals for ambulances that are currently built or in the process of being built. There were nine proposals received. The proposals ranged between \$142,926 and \$205,357. Bids were reviewed for compliance with specifications, manufacturer’s length of time in business and the number of ambulances built. Other agencies were contacted who have ambulances built by the companies represented in the proposals.

The Emergency Vehicles Plus (EVP) proposal is the bid that meets the majority of the requested specifications and will provide the the best working platform compared to the other proposals. While this proposal is not the lowest bid or earliest delivered, it offers the most occupant safety. This greatly reduces the need for the attendant to stand up while the ambulance is moving. This proposal also matches the layout of the current in-service ambulance. The consistency in layout is important as personnel are not assigned to one specific vehicle. The proposed ambulance allows personnel to carry firefighting gear which is important as personnel serve dual roles between fire suppression and EMS. The difference in delivery dates is a matter of weeks, and considering this vehicle will be used daily for a number of years, the long term benefit outweighs the short delay.

Wheeled Industries, Inc., an ISO 9001:2008 certified company, produced in excess of 1,000 completed units within the last 12 months. Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. is also a member in good standing of the Ambulance Manufacturers’ Division (AMD) of the National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA).

Emergency Vehicles Plus (EVP), is a Michigan sales representative for Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. EVP is a full service emergency vehicle dealership and is the dealership that coordinated the purchase of the new fire engine and remount of the crash damaged, current ambulance. The experience dealing with representatives from EVP has been excellent.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee held a special meeting to review the Fire Department's recommended ambulance proposal and approved the recommendation to accept the proposal from Emergency Vehicles Plus for a Wheeled Coach ambulance in the amount of \$163,910. The City's Fleet Division has \$180,000 budgeted for an ambulance in the 2015 budget.

Assistant Fire Chief Macias confirmed for Mr. Knight the new ambulance will work out of Station 2 and the older ambulance will be moved to Station 3 and that both ambulances are equally equipped.

Mr. Kittle asked the difference between the two proposals from EVP.

Assistant Fire Chief Macias explained the second proposal, though less expensive, is display model, a year older and would have a different setup.

Responding to Mr. Burmeister, Assistant Fire Chief Macias explained if repairs are necessary, there is a mobile unit sent to the station for repairs. If more repairs are required than what the mobile unit can provide, EVP has a garage located in South Lyon.

**Mark Genzink**, Emergency Vehicles Plus, explained there is better undercoating on the struts preventing less corrosion on the new models.

Mr. Kittle asked what will become of the old ambulance, if it can be resold or salvageable.

Assistant Fire Chief Macias explained the old ambulance is currently being housed at the DPW garage and will continue to be there until some of the useable equipment can be removed and put into the new ambulance.

Mr. Genzink stated the old ambulance likely will be scrapped because of its age.

**Moved by Knight; Seconded by Burmeister.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Fire Department's purchase of a Wheeled Coach Ambulance from Emergency Vehicles Plus as specified in proposal EVP+ #1 in the amount of \$163,910.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.158**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

## **10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Mitchell:

- Commended emergency services, both Police and Fire on handling **the condominium structure fire and asked for an update.**  
Fire Chief Manning stated the building has been condemned and will be demolished. The cause has yet to be determined; electrical and mechanical experts will be investigating this week. Arson is not suspected, but that aspect will also be investigated.
- She appreciated receiving a status report from the Planning Commission and suggested such a report be available for TIFA projects as well.
- The Library is accepting school supplies to distribute to area school children.
- Thanked Police Chief Olko for her annual school shopping trip with area students and asked for a report.  
Police Chief Olko explained she shopped with 11 area children at Meijer's for new school clothes. This opportunity is made possible through the Avondale Youth Assistance, Meijer's and Morning Optimist Club.
- The Community Center is hosting Social Security – The Choice of a Lifetime, a public seminar, August 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Knight:

- Thursday, the Morning Optimists will have State Representative Tim Griemel as their guest, and invited all to attend the breakfast.
- Confirmed for Mr. Kittle that Featherstone opened on Friday.
- The Squirrel Road project is moving along; the hill at Shimmons is being reduced and curbs have been added.
- Noted his friend purchased a 1972 Ladder fire truck for \$5,200 and drove it in the Woodward Cruise.

Mr. Kittle:

- He is very pleased to see Featherstone reopened.
- Asked for an update on the halt of construction for RALCO.

Mr. Tanghe explained he has met with the owners and has learned there is a dispute between the owners and contractor.

Mayor McDaniel:

- He too, wanted to commend the Fire Department for a job well done with the condominium fire; and how well the several responding fire departments worked together. He appreciated both Fire Chief Manning and Assistant Fire Chief Macias for their hard work at the fire; clearly leading by example.
- Thanked City Manager Tanghe and Assistant City Manager Grice for directly meeting with the Squirrel Road contractors one evening after 5:00 p.m., for addressing the many complaints of cleaning and clearing up the area.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT** - none

**12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Distributed a new flyer that advertises a fundraising campaign for the Amphitheater and Splash Pad at Riverside Park.
- Is gearing up for the Oakland University fall season to begin. Staff from the City will be attending the Grizz Fest which is welcome week and Go for the Gold, which is geared to perspective students.
- Wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Property Acquisition

**Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.**

**RESOLVED: To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.159**

**Motion Carried (7–0)**

*Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 8:11 p.m.*

13. Motion - Property Acquisition

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

**RESOLVED: To approve receipt donated property, parcel 02-14-26-351-014, with the understanding that the City will be responsible for the 2015 Summer Taxes in the amount of \$974.55, as well as the Winter Taxes in the amount of \$879.81 and further, authorize the City Manager to approve additional expenses including title insurance and well abandonment for a total receiving cost, including taxes, not-to-exceed \$3,000. Funds will be paid from account #101-901-970.000.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 15.08.160**

**Motion Carried (7–0)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

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Terri Kowal, City Clerk